

**Minutes  
Town of Clifton  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
August 13, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present**

Felix Callicotte, Mayor  
Luis Montoya, Vice Mayor  
Barbara Ahmann, Council Member  
Ray Lorenzo, Council Member  
Roy Tyler, Council Member  
B. Waddell Reyes, Council Member  
Ray West, Council Member

A quorum was present.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Felix Callicotte followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to the Public:** Quinn Street resident, Daniel Cervantez stated that he had attended the “Neighborhood Community Watch Program for Senior’s” led by Clifton Police Chief, Omar Negrete. He commended town staff for their continued efforts in supporting this program.

**Council Reports:** Council member Ray West reported that he had recently attended the Rural Policy Conference and found it very informative.

Council members Lorenzo and Callicotte both mentioned the efforts/progress of the Public Works Department to clean up the Ward Canyon Cemetery. Mayor Callicotte hoped that the local newspaper would reach out to families who have loved ones interred in the cemetery and encourage them to do a little maintenance to their family gravesites.

**Consent Agenda:** Council member Ray West made a motion to accept the following items as listed with the exception of the July 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as they were incomplete:

1. ~~Approval of the July 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes;~~ July 14, 2015 Special Session Minutes; July 21, 2015 Public Hearing and Special Session Minutes; July 27, 2015 Special Session and Work Session Minutes; and August 4, 2015 Special Session Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of July 2015 Demands.

Second to the motion was made by Vice Mayor Luis Montoya.

Council members requested revisions to the new Police Report format.

Motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **Presentation by Gila Watershed Partnership regarding a Scenario Planning Presentation:**

Representing the Water Resources Research Center was Christopher Fullerton. He provided information on the results of issues presented by the local group of Upper Gila Valley agricultural representatives which are knowledgeable in the Upper Gila Watershed to manage the future of the Gila Valley. The goal was to help community's secure future water supplies for residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural demands with water needs of the natural environment.

**Presentation by Lex Harrington regarding the potential expansion of Go-Go Gas:** Mr. Harrington explained to members of the Council of his plan to install diesel fuel bays at his establishment. However, in order to accomplish this additional service, he is asking the town to consider leasing the adjacent property along Riverside Dr. which is owned by the town to allow for semi-trucks to access the pumps from the town's vacant lot. Mr. Harrington also provided his future plans to improve the facility to include a possible Subway franchise, pending financing.

Town Manager, Ian McGaughey reported that although he will have to address the lease issue with the town's legal counsel, he invited Mr. Harrington to present his proposal to the Council.

**Discussion and/or action to adopt the Primary Property Tax Levy for FY 2015-2016 pursuant to A.R.S. 42-17107 A.4.:** Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to adopt the primary property tax rate at 3.6899 for FY 2016. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members' Montoya, West, Tyler, Ahmann, Lorenzo, Waddell and Callicotte.

There was no opposition to the motion.

Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2015-04: Adoption of the Budget for FY 2015-2016:** Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-04 was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Second to the motion was made by Council member Roy Tyler.

Final budget adopted amount is \$5,055,410.00

Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to appoint Debbie Marin as member of the Historic Preservation Commission:** Vice Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to appoint Debbie Marin/Madrid as a member of the town's Historic Preservation Commission. Second to the motion was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action regarding the ICMA 2015 Conference and Scholarship Awarded to Ian McGaughey:** Town Manager, Ian McGaughey reported that he had been awarded up to \$1000 in travel expenses and up to \$500 to cover ICMA membership dues. The conference will be held in Seattle, WA.

Vice-Mayor Montoya made a motion to authorize the Town Manager's attendance to the 2015 ICMA Conference in Seattle, WA. Second to the motion was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Motion carried.

**Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2015-03 to amend the policy prescribing procedures for purchasing from the Mayor and any member of the Council:** Town Manager, Ian McGaughey explained that Council member Tyler had requested to re-visit the policy, but after discussing the issue with the town's legal counsel, discovered that there is a state statute that specifically provides for limits on purchasing from the Mayor and any member of the Council. That limit is \$300 per transaction or an annual limit not to exceed \$1,000.00

The item was tabled and will have to be addressed with the correct limits at the next meeting.

**Discussion and/or action regarding the FMI Greenlee County Community Investment Fund Grant Application:** Mr. McGaughey reported that there will be \$300,000 available for distribution. Mr. McGaughey recommended applying to continue with the town's recreational plans for the soccer field. He explained that the town had already been awarded \$25,000 towards the soccer field development from a Cenpatico Grant and could use this as matching funds.

Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to direct the Town Manager to apply for the grant funds with the expansion of the soccer field as the project. Second to the motion was made by Council member Barbara Ahmann. Motion carried.

**Town Manager's Report:** Mr. McGaughey, provided updates and status reports on some of the projects he has been working this past month:

\*He prepared and presented a power point presentation on the town's new Splash Pad to the FMI Greenlee County Community Investment Grant Committee.

\*Also attended the Rural Policy Conference in Clarkdale, AZ.

\*Visited Zorilla St. Bridge site together with ADOT representatives relating to the PARA Grant.

\*Participated in the discussion with FMI regarding the town's grant application with WIFA to obtain funds for planning and technical assistance to abandon the town's wastewater treatment plant with future plans to join the waste water treatment processing by FMI.

\*Working on the forthcoming franchise agreement document with South West Gas.

\*Provided an update on a request from Jones Outdoor to install a billboard in town. Requested locations are not allowed due to flood property conveyance deeds.

\*Reported that the Splash Pad benches order had been delivered.

\*Provided an update on the Hill Climb Event

\*Referred members of the council to the information brochure relating to building permits.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes. Second to the motion was made by Council member Roy Tyler. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 p.m.