

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Regular Town Council Meeting
September 10, 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: Daniel Cervantez thanked the Council for their support and efforts towards the return of the Hill Climb event.

Jerry Asher, representing the Tucson Electric Car Association briefly explained his recent trips to the area in an electric car.

Steve Ahmann provided members of the council with an update on the relocation efforts of the Community Garden.

Council Reports: The Vice-Mayor expressed his gratitude to the town's Public Works Department regarding the Ward Canyon Cemetery clean-up project.

Council member Lorenzo provided a report on his recent attendance to the annual Arizona League of Cities and Towns Conference. He noted that the conference was beneficial to small towns.

With regards to the Hill Climb Event, Mayor Callicotte reported that the Mayor's Award was presented to Ian McGaughey by the SCCA.

Consent Agenda: Council member Ray Lorenzo made a motion to accept the following items as presented under the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the July 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes; August 4, 2015 Work Session Minutes; August 13, 2015 Public Hearing/Truth In Taxation Minutes; August 13, 2015 Public Hearing/Budget Hearing FY 2016 and August 13, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes;
2. Receive Department Reports;
3. Approval of August 2015 Demands.

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

Old Business

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: Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-03 as presented. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West. Motion carried.

New Business

Special Presentation of 12 Year Service Award – League of Arizona Cities & Town's: Council member Ray Lorenzo presented Mayor Felix Callicotte with the 12 Year Service Award and expressed gratitude on behalf of the town's citizens for his public service.

Discussion on graffiti and vandalism: Town Manager, Ian McGaughey reported that the town is taking steps to combat this problem. He invited the town's Chief of Police and the County's Chief Probation Officer to explain their role to help address this problem. Other efforts include increased lighting at the shovel display, which seems to be one of the targeted locations and the installation of security cameras.

Chief Negrete explained that this problem is difficult to address through law enforcement. Witnesses are key to initiate the citation process. Chief Probation Officer, John Armstrong reviewed the juvenile diversion process handled in his office in cases that are successfully referred to their office. Mr. Armstrong suggested that the town utilize Community Work Restitution program supervised by Letty Munoz. Her program has done graffiti cleanup before and is well prepared with the necessary equipment to handle the job.

Discussion and/or action to appoint members to the town's personnel committee: Mr. McGaughey reported that the last personnel committee consisted of the following five representatives: two council members; 1 staff member; 1 department supervisor and 1 member from the public. He has published the notice in the local newspaper seeking the member from the public.

Mayor Callicotte suggested that any members from the Council who were interested in participating in the town's personnel committee should let him know.

The item was tabled until a list of names could be provided for approval.

Discussion and/or action amend Personnel Policy; Rule XX.; Reimbursable Expenses:

Town Manager, Ian McGaughey reported that the town's travel policy is outdated. He provided three recommendations for consideration. The options include adopting the US General Services Administration/IRS rates so the rates are automatically updated each year; set a one-time change and revisit the issue as needed or do nothing and keep the rates as they are.

Vice-Mayor Luis Montoya explained that the SEAGO Executive Board had recently considered the same matter but the rates were provided by the State of Arizona. He questioned whether the town was required to consider the same rate tables provided by the State of Arizona.

Mr. McGaughey was not sure of the requirement but would research the matter.

The item was tabled until the question was resolved.

Discussion regarding the location of the Community Garden: The Town Manager explained that although he had provided a proposed location site along Riverside Dr., it was later determined that the area is not suited for a garden. He continued to explain that FMI has asked that the Community Garden relocate their program off the current site due to company regulations.

Representatives of the Community Garden explained that they are looking for a "long-term" location since their plans include establishing an orchard. The representatives also explained that the Community Garden members will be responsible for the facility and it is used for educational purposes.

Vice-Mayor Montoya suggested that the group seek assistance from Greenlee County as well in their efforts to find a new location.

Discussion and/or action to provide financial support towards the Colors of Copper Event:

Mr. Akos Kovach addressed the Council on behalf of the Business Association of Clifton Arizona (BACA). He provided information on the event and the economic benefits to the town. He explained that the financial support would fund the event's color brochure/guide which is beneficial in advertising the event. BACA is asked for \$1,500.00 and police/security for 1 day of the event.

Town Manager, Ian McGaughey explained that the Mayor and Council's budget had available funds in the travel expense line item, since only one Council member had attended the League Conference.

Council member Ahmann requested the organization's financial report and asked for a projection on when the event would become profitable?

Mr. Kovach explained that the request for financial support is a reinvestment to the whole community and estimates the event could become profitable in 3-5 years.

Prior to council consideration, Council member Ray West recused himself from any discussion and vote.

Council member Ray Lorenzo made a motion to donate \$1,500.00 towards the Colors of Copper Event. 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:

- Finalized and submitted the Community Investment Grant/FMI for supplemental funds for the Soccer Field.
- Participated in an onsite tour of the recently completed restroom facility with ADEQ/Gila Watershed at Patterson's Addition.
- Participated in a web-conference relating to Domestic Violence Public Information/Education
- Reported that the field work for the annual audit of the town's financial statements had just been completed and final reports should be provided soon by Clifton Larson Allen. Ltd.
- Notified the Council that the town's flood gates will be tested on Wednesday, October 7 at 11:00 a.m.
- Notified the Council that the Ward Canyon Cemetery Family Clean-up week is scheduled for October 10 – 19th

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Council member Ray Lorenzo Second to the motion was made by Council member B. Waddell Reyes Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.