

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2011, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS BUILDING, 826 NORTH MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Joens called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Joens, Mayor
Karen Pfeifer, Vice Mayor
Tim Elinski, Council Member
Duane Kirby, Council Member
Terence Pratt, Council Member
Darold Smith, Council Member

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Norman, Council Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bartosh, City Manager
Matt McLean, Deputy Clerk
Steve Horton, City Attorney
Mike Casson, Fire Chief
Casey Rooney, Economic Development

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Helen Killebrew, Director of the Clemenceau Heritage Museum.

PROCLAMATION—RED CROSS MONTH

Mayor Jones declared the month of March as Red Cross Month.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS BY MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND/OR CITY MANAGER--THE PUBLIC BODY DOES NOT PROPOSE, DISCUSS, DELIBERATE OR TAKE LEGAL ACTION ON ANY MATTER BROUGHT UP DURING THIS SUMMARY UNLESS THE SPECIFIC MATTER IS PROPERLY NOTICED FOR LEGAL ACTION

Mr. Bartosh announced:

- Last weekend was the Ice Bowl Disc Golf Tournament
- March 4 from 1-6 p.m. the volunteer and employee appreciation pot luck was held at the recreation center
- The bid opening for the design/build for the reclamation plant was earlier today and they received 13 submittals.

Council Member Elinski stated last Wednesday the Historic Preservation Committee met for their first meeting and they made a strategic plan for the year. One of their concerns was about the Old Town Jail restoration and whether doing any kind of work on it would forfeit its opportunity to be placed on the National Register.

Mayor Joens stated:

- On February 3 she attended the Technical Water Group meeting for the ongoing Bureau of Reclamation Study.
- On February 8 she attended the Republican forum for City Council candidates who were not incumbents.
- Later in the day she and staff meet with State Parks to discuss a collaborative opportunity between State Parks and the city.
- February 10 she participated in a phone call from Dennis Chandler, a coordinator for the Resource, Conservation and Development. They are discussing ways of trying to rehabilitate Cocopai RC&D, as participation has been low.
- February 11 she attended the League of Cities and Towns executive committee meeting.
- Last Saturday the Stewards of Public Lands did two cleanups; one in the Greengate area of Cornville and one at Ogden Ranch and Old 179.
- Monday she attended a League of Women Voters luncheon and Supervisor Chip Davis and Julie Ayers gave a presentation regarding the re-districting for the county.
- The Cottonwood Community Garden in Riverfront Park had a memorial tree planting yesterday.
- Last evening she gave a short welcome to the Verde Food Council who was hosting a forum over at Mingus High School and the name of the forum is We Love Our Farmers.
- She also reminded everyone that on March 19 there will be a March a Mile for Meals at the Senior Center.

PRESENTATION BY HELEN KILLEBREW & CONNIE PHILLIPS FROM THE CLEMENCEAU HERITAGE MUSEUM REGARDING ACTIVITIES THE MUSEUM IS PLANNING TO CELEBRATE THE STATE OF ARIZONA'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Helen Killebrew, Director of the Clemenceau Museum, stated they wanted everybody to know that Arizona was going to celebrate its centennial birthday. The Museum is going to dedicate the entire year to the centennial celebration next year, and at the end of that they were going to have a birthday party at the Museum for Arizona. One of the things they had was a special display they were getting together that would focus on the years 1912-2012. She started a book the first of the year that contained photos and poems to say happy birthday and put it in the archives at the end of the year. If you plant a tree in honor of Arizona's 100th anniversary, take a picture and put it in the book. Or if you had something special going on you could dedicate that to Arizona, document it, and give it to them and they would put it in the book.

PRESENTATION BY ERIK GLEN FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA REGARDING THE WINE INDUSTRY ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Erik Glen, from the University of Arizona, stated he had been doing a study of the economic value of the wine industry of the Verde Valley. The final report was almost done and will be given to the Verde Valley Wine Consortium. Our wineries, vineyards and tasting rooms here in the valley have a huge impact on our local economy as well as on the state economy. They contribute economically in a variety of ways. They spend money with private businesses; both here in the valley, statewide and nationally. They employ people and almost all of their employees reside in the Verde Valley, so they are getting paid and spending their pay checks here locally and that money circulates in the economy. The grapes and the vineyards we have are almost 80 acres under cultivation here in the valley and that includes the new acre at Yavapai College. Tourism is huge and people that are coming to the Verde Valley, whether they are staying in Sedona or driving up from Phoenix for the day, are spending a lot of money on all tourist related activities, but wine tourism is a huge piece of that and it's growing. As these wineries and tasting rooms keep expanding this number is going to go up. Statewide over \$40,000,000 can be attributed directly to the Verde Valley winemakers.

Council Member Pratt stated wine is a heart healthy drink so that was another benefit. Casey Rooney should be really commended for his work with the wine consortium and the different wineries, as he has really developed a partnership and relationship with them that has really helped Old Town. The folks we're attracting tend to have more disposable income than other people. He also thought it had helped create a sense of place here.

Mayor Joens stated the study does show that it is a great economic engine for Cottonwood and the Verde Valley.

Mr. Bartosh stated in asking Erik to come here tonight it was a way to show the Council why wine making or why the vineyards are so important to our local economy.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—Regular Meeting of February 1, 2011.

Council Member Kirby moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Elinski, and carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—NONE.

CONSENT AGENDA—The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member or a citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF PREMISES PERMIT SUBMITTED BY KATHERINE WOODS,
LICENSEE FOR CACTUS KATE'S LOCATED AT 929 NORTH MAIN STREET.

Council Member Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Elinski, and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FROM YAVAPAI COUNTY TO WAIVER THE CITY'S WATER AND WASTEWATER IMPACT
FEES FOR THE NEW COUNTY HEALTH CLINIC BUILDING LOCATED IN COTTONWOOD.

Mr. Bartosh requested the Council table this item, as staff was working on an agreement with county Supervisor Chip Davis regarding the fees.

Mr. Horton stated when these fees were adopted this was a fairly structured and restrictive process. The reason for that is these fees are supposed to be elected and recorded for the purpose for which they are levied, which might not prohibit but constrain the way the city is going to be able to go about doing this. The Council probably knows these are funds that have already been remitted to the city and these are essentially closed funds. Funds that are assessed in respect of wastewater impact fees are supposed to be used to offset the cost to the wastewater system of that new development. What will have to happen essentially is there will need to be an offset from other city funds. There has been some discussion about a possible exchange of value in the county and he believes staff will be able to work it out, but they need to know there are some constraints on that because of the way impact fees are authorized and assessed.

Mayor Joens asked would it be possible to go ahead, if the Council so desires, and work with the code because obviously it's not what it should be.

Mr. Horton answered yes, but thought that was a separate issue. When we look at what our code says and we look at what the statute says if the statute says we're not supposed to be able to do something and we might be able to read the code as allowing, the answer is we can't do that. What we should do is make sure the code is perfectly congruent and consistent with what state law says. One thing state law says is that if we are going to have development impact fees they must be meet the test in a non-discriminatory manner. You can't treat people who came before and paid impact fees differently that people who are coming to you now. As long as the fee is in place you can't treat people at the same time similarly situated differently. The whole idea behind this is we're supposed to be using these monies to offset the cost to the system of building up the system to serve the new development.

Council Member Elinski asked if the city was going to work out an agreement, where would that money come from. The impact fee still has to be paid.

Mr. Horton stated the safest consensus approach is that ultimately money that would be

used to create a waiver of impact fees would need to be paid for by the city's general fund.

Mayor Joens asked at this time of year it was not budgeted, so what do you do for these types of requests when you have no money in the budget to do that.

Mr. Bartosh stated we'd probably still need to work out the legalities. In past years the Council has waived fees. For example, the Council waived about \$10,000 in impact fees and the developer put in about \$32,000 worth of sewer line to the building. So the question would be are there values that can compliment the utilities services that we can make an exchange for.

After further discussion regarding the waiving of the fees, Mayor Joens moved to table this issue. The motion was seconded by Vice mayor Pfeifer, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 570--AMENDING SECTION 11 LEAVE, OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD EMPLOYEE MANUAL 2007 EDITION, REVISION NUMBER I., BY DELETING SECTION 11. b. 5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITH PAY, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 11. 14., LEAVE SHARING PROGRAM; FIRST READING

Mr. Bartosh stated since he had been here he had this request a couple of different times from employees. When employees are ill for an extended period of time they run out of time (accrued sick and vacation time). They are good employees and you want to see them come back, but they may or may not be eligible for workers comp or some other short-term disability pay. This gives other employees the opportunity to support that employee by donating time. There is really no cost to the city other than converting that time and tracking it. He asked Rudy and Iris to get together and come up with a policy that would allow fellow employees to help out other employees during a real time of need.

Mr. Rodriguez stated this was a little bit different than what they had presented awhile back to the employees. This particular program was used to assist City of Cottonwood employees who were experiencing personal family catastrophic illness. The program itself is basically to allow employees to trade in hours, convert them into dollars, and then be able to use them for employees that are in need that have exhausted all their vacation, sick leave, comp time and so forth, but the city still wants to keep them on board because they are valuable employees. He reviewed the policy which in part stated, "The leave sharing program is intended to assist programs including those that are receiving short-term disability benefits and workman's compensation programs." Currently if you are on workman's comp or being assisted through our short-term disability program, those programs pay two-thirds and usually we will cover the other third through vacation or sick leave that is available to the employee. Under this program if you are out of vacation or sick leave, we will solicit employees that are willing to contribute additional vacation that they might have and use that to cover the one third until they are ready to come back to work.

Council Member Kirby asked if in the policy on page 3, Section 14. a., in the second paragraph you would eliminate the word "not".

Mr. Rodriguez answered we would eliminate the word “who are not” and substitute “including those” and then before “disability benefits” put down “short-term disability benefits”.

Mr. Bartosh stated that was something that he had insisted on. The programs he was familiar with were where you have public safety personnel who put their lives in the line of danger and they get injured on the job they should have the ability to recover with full pay. If they run out of sick leave or vacation they go down to two-thirds pay. This would again give the employees the opportunity to help out this fellow employee and make him whole during this recovery period, which a lot of times is a period that could be financially stressful in terms of care and those kind of things.

Mayor Joens stated she thought that most disability programs and the two thirds pay idea was because about a third of your pay goes into taxes and things, and that pay is non-taxed. She questioned if they wouldn't get most of what they got before.

Mr. Rodriguez stated workman's comp benefits works that way but the short-term disability does not. What we are basically doing here is making sure they are whole when they are out. It usually doesn't cover enough of that.

Council Member Pratt stated he was familiar with these kinds of programs, and he thought it was great program. It allows employees to help out fellow employees and it was just a good thing.

Mr. Rodriguez stated he wanted to point out another correction on the following page on the very first line it says “and payments will be made at 100 percent of an employee's base salary”, and that needs to be changed to “up to 100 percent of an employee's salary”. In some cases we may only cover a third. But we will make sure it's based on 100 percent of an employee's salary.

Mayor Joens stated she had a question on that paragraph where it says “no leave time will be accrued while the employee is being paid under the leave sharing program,” because that doesn't really help them. Say an employee has a child who has a terminal illness, but the child may live 20 more years, and so the employee would be gone a lot and they have used up all of their time and they get this help from other employees but they can't accrue any leave while they are gone so they're kind of where they started.

Mr. Rodriguez stated you have to realize that at some point or another their assistance is up to about 480 hours for something like this and we have to limit this program; we can't keep employees indefinitely. When I came down here 10 years ago we had a couple of employees that had been off for a year and we couldn't fill those spots. Part of the program is we're going to have to re-assess that individual and have to make a determination at some point and say your 480 hours are up, what do we want to do. Do we need to terminate this individual and bring someone else in because now there's other costs we are not considering in this plan. If you have an individual down, especially in critical public safety

areas, you're not just paying this you're probably paying overtime for other individuals. Hence, you're adding more burdens on the current resources we have, so we have to limit this at some point or other.

Mayor Joens stated that makes sense because the whole purpose of the job is to give services to citizens.

Mr. Rodriguez stated we want to go ahead and keep these people whole, but we can't contribute to their retirement because they're not in a sense working for the city. However, we can contribute to their insurance program that they have existing at the time that they depart from the city. We would cover the employee and the dependant coverage until such time as we have exhausted this program and re-evaluate the time when they are going to return.

Mr. Bartosh stated that his experience with these programs is they can be self-regulating. If you have an employee who routinely uses sick leave and doesn't have anything on the books their fellow employees are going to be less likely to donate. Ultimately it will be his decision as to whether or not there is actually a donation program put together for somebody.

After further discussion regarding FMLA and how it worked with this policy, Mayor Joens asked if the public had any comments, and there were none.

Mayor Joens then requested the Deputy Clerk to read Ordinance Number 570 by title only.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 570

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTION 11 LEAVE, OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD EMPLOYEE MANUAL 2007 EDITION, REVISION NUMBER I., BY DELETING SECTION 11. b. 5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITH PAY, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 11. 14., LEAVE SHARING PROGRAM.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 571--AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, FOR A PARCEL OF LAND TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 1.19 ACRES, LOCATED ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF QUAIL TRAIL, 200 FEET NORTH OF EAST MINGUS AVENUE, APN 406-42-012B; SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND CLASSIFICATIONS THEREOF FROM THE PRESENT ZONING OF C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO PAD (PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT); FIRST READING

Mr. Gehlert stated Ordinance 571 is a follow-up to a proposal to change the zoning on a piece of property located north of Hobo Joe's, just west of Quail Run, which is the private access along the east side of this location. The subject parcel is 1.19 acres in size. The request is to re-zone from C-1 to Planned Area Development (PAD) to accommodate a mixed use of commercial and residential development--kind of a Leadership, Environmental,

Engineering and Design (LEED) work facility on the property. LEED was a classification system developed by the National Green Building Council to reflect the sustainability issues associated with new development. The subject property is surrounded by commercial development to the south, school property to the north and west, and the post office to the east. The planning and development department requires review and approval of a Master Development Plan which the Council had a copy of. What the development would accomplish is a mixture of use. Residential uses are not otherwise permitted in commercial zones, as well as to relieve some of the setbacks that enable the clustering facility on the site. A collection of two story structures will be located to the north portion of the site and one story structures to the south. The ones to the north are a combination of residential and commercial development. Access is from Quail Run, which is presently a private street that connects with Mingus Avenue. Part of the improvement would be development of the parking area as a shared use situation with Hobo Joe's. As part of this proposal the developer would also be dedicating a 40 foot right-of-way along the east part of the parcel, together with curb, gutter and side walk improvements. The sidewalk, curb and gutter improvement will also extend south along Mingus Avenue.

Council Member Pratt stated this is a terrific project.

Mr. Gehlert stated in the review of the elevations for this project what he saw is an interesting combinations of stucco, metal and river rock, integration of solar panels, and the use of cistern devices that collect rain water to support the irrigation system. The rezone request had been advertized and the neighbors notified and we haven't received any comments at this point. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the request subject to the following stipulations: 1) That the use comply with the Master Development Plan dated 11/9/10; 2) Shared access and parking agreement be submitted for staff review and approval; 3) That sidewalk adjacent to head-in parking areas either be widened to 7 feet (per the Landscape Code) or an alternative means be provided for preventing encroachment of sidewalks by car bumpers; 4) The rainwater cistern contamination prevention system be approved by the engineering department; 5) That administrative sign permits be obtained for all signs; and 6) That the applicant address all other Code Review comments from the meeting dated February 26, 2010. This is the first reading of the ordinance and no action required this evening. The applicant is here and had a presentation they wanted to share with the Council.

Mayor Joens invited Mr. Taylor or Mr. Radoccia to come up and talk. She stated she was really thrilled to see something like this come before the Council.

Council Member Pratt questioned if this was the first LEED project in the City of Cottonwood.

Mayor Joens stated yes. Our Council is very excited about things being green, so Mr. Taylor is to be commended for looking at a project that contained these elements.

Mr. Radoccia stated Mr. Tom Taylor is here, the owner of this project, and they had a PowerPoint presentation. The project's name is Taylor and Padgett Village Center and we

have registered this project in Washington D.C. with the U.S. Green Building Council for a LEED Gold Certification. The project is a mixed use complex. It is residential and commercial. We've incorporated water cisterns and solar panels. The materials that the buildings will be built out of are concrete insulated block, recycled building material, and we are using steel to help support some of these shade structures which will be photovoltaic panels. The existing dental building is going to remain and be converted to offices. This project is planned to be phased, and they decided the residential units would be the most advantageous to go in first as the apartments would be more rentable right now than commercial space. These residential units will be built in total and there will be no future addition to those. The idea here is to have two story buildings in the back of the site and ultimately one story buildings in the front. Most of the first floor of this back area is parking underneath the second floor so that all the residential parking is shaded and under cover.

Council Member Pratt asked if they are actually parking under where the apartments are, and if that is safe.

Mr. Raddoccia stated that was correct and it was open air parking; we're not enclosing it.

Council Member Pratt stated in the packet there was discussion about the APS box there and it said that you were going to approach them and have some further discussion with them on that.

Discussion ensued regarding the APS junction box, parking areas for the project, and the sidewalk with curb and gutter that will be created on Quail Trail.

Council Member Elinski stated Quail Trail is a private street, and questioned if it met city standards as far as width.

Mr. Raddocia answered yes.

Council Member Pratt stated I like the fact it is a residential community that has access to public transportation.

Mr. Raddocia continued stating the concept of this mixed use was to provide commercial space and to provide living space so that there is potential for those that live here could work in those commercial building once they are built, hence the village concept. This entire complex has 30 kilowatts of PV on its rooftops, approximately each one of these units will have its own grid type system about 3 kilowatts each and for a two bedroom apartment that will be great. The commercial units will have individual grid type PV systems. The site plan for Phase 2 consists of three commercial units. The units are approximately 1,700 or 1,800 square feet and they can be subdivided. The commercial units will be used for office or retail only no restaurants of any kind will be able to rent these commercial units.

Council Member Kirby stated it is very attractive.

Mr. Tom Taylor addressed the Council and expressed his appreciation for the reception that

the city has given Mr. Raddoccia and this project.

Council Member Mr. Elinski stated I'm happy that there is a developer who obviously wanted to make money but also cared about his legacy. I appreciate that you're presenting the City of Cottonwood with something so attractive and you are meeting all the requests and it's a great looking and well thought out project.

Mayor Joens requested the Deputy Clerk read Ordinance 571 by title only.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 571

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CONSIDERATION OF THE COTTONWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHING AND SPONSORING A BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA-LEARNING FOR LIFE-FIRE EXPLORER PROGRAM

Chief Casson stated staff is requesting Council authorization for the Fire Department to establish and sponsor the Boy Scouts of America-Learning for Life-Fire Explorer Program. We are also requesting Council contingency funds not to exceed \$500 for start up costs. The Fire Explorer Program is a branch of the Boy Scouts of America life learning program and their mission is to provide positive, hands on and meaningful real world career experiences and leadership development opportunities for teenagers and young adults in their chosen field of interest. This program provides another avenue for the Cottonwood Fire Department to have a positive impact on youth development in our community and it certainly fits in with our pro-active preventative mission and our vision in the organization where we think we can make a positive impact on the youth in our community.

Cameron Atkinson, Firefighter/EMT, stated the Cottonwood Fire Department has a lot of youth activities and programs that we do, but they are all annually. The past year they noticed a real need and interest from the youth of the community that we work with, whether it would be the fitness programs or the youth developmental programs that we do, that they are asking for more. We've looked into a lot of different programs and we came up with the Explorer Program which is through the Boy Scouts of America branch of Learning for Life that seems to be the best fit for us. It would be an ongoing program meeting once or twice a month, doing service projects and things of that sort.

Mayor Joens stated it impresses me that our firefighters are willing to put this kind of volunteerism and time into the community.

Council Member Smith stated the important thing is you get these kids interested in this stuff here and it is just incredible how it opens up their lives and everything else.

Mayor Joens stated this is really going to be kind of like our youth commission—a regional type project that everybody, even if they don't live in the city, will have an opportunity to participate.

Chief Casson stated one of the good things I see about the program is not only the ability to provide some role modeling developing these kids, but it will also provide an opportunity for us to get a look at future employees for the fire department and tie them in with other city agencies and entities and working on community projects where they may see a career path that's even different than the fire service.

Vice Mayor Pfeifer stated it sounds like it's also aimed also towards that one little section of the community of teenagers that if they are not interested in baseball or some of those organized sports they could fall more into this on an individual basis.

Chief Casson stated we know it's a Boy Scout program, backed by Boy Scouts of America, but the Explorer program is open to both boys and girls.

Council Member Kirby stated I think this is a program we can endorse and encourage the fire department to go forward with it.

Council Member Pratt moved that we authorize the Fire Department to establish and sponsor the Cottonwood Fire Department Explorer Program and expend up to \$500 in Council contingency funds for startup costs. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kirby, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2573--JOINING THE "LET'S MOVE!" CAMPAIGN HEADED BY THE FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES IN AN EFFORT TO SOLVE THE CHALLENGE OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY WITHIN A GENERATION

Mayor Joens stated this is something I wanted to bring before the Council as a Mayor and Council set of projects. It's a program that has been encouraged by First Lady Michelle Obama called "Let's Move!" and its purpose was to help diminish childhood obesity within a generation. She is calling on mayors and other elected officials across the country to join her in her campaign. The four pillars of the program are: 1) Help parents make healthy family choices; 2) Create healthy schools; 3) Provide access to healthy and affordable food; and 4) Promote physical activity. The city has already accomplished some of these requirements with our "Looking Good" program that we're doing and our community garden. I know that working with the Verde Valley Medical Center "Fit Kids" program the schools are already quite involved in meeting some of this criteria, so there are some things that we may be able to just check off. It is a collaboration of organizations. Megann Dastrup who works for the "Fit Kids" has actually set up a program of activities for us for the coming year. These activities are tentative and we may add more or we may do less, but it was something to give

the Council an idea of what we might be doing. We could possibly plant a community orchard for the community to use. We're asking the Council for up to \$1,500. We may not use that much but we do know that Bobbi Gooslin, through the Dr. Jay Fleishman Trust, is very willing to help out with the economics of such projects. We have some donations from Habitat for Humanity and some of the thrift stores might help us with some of the cooking schools. The idea is to provide lessons in maybe canning and cooking on a budget because of the economy right now. Some of the things we might do is a Fourth of July event, where will be doing some container gardening. We are also thinking that we could give prizes for families for 3 month memberships for accomplishing things for children in the family. We also wanted to ask the Council based on this information from the First Lady whether there might be some projects that we didn't list that you would be interested in doing so we could put them on the list. If Council thinks of a project that you would like to do you can let Marianne know. Safe Routes to Schools is something we have already done in our community and we're talking about doing more of that. I'm just here to ask for your support in approving this resolution so that the Mayor and Council and the city and the citizens can all work together on this program.

Council Member Elinski moved to approve Resolution Number 2573. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Pfeifer, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Joens requested the Deputy Clerk read the Resolution by title only.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2573

JOINING THE "LET'S MOVE!" CAMPAIGN HEADED BY THE FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES IN AN EFFORT TO SOLVE THE CHALLENGE OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY WITHIN A GENERATION.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S VISION, MISSION STATEMENT AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Mr. Bartosh stated as you recall we met recently to develop this year's Strategic Initiatives, and after receiving input from the City Council I have put those together in a draft form and I just wanted to bring it back for final approval for this next year.

Mayor Joens stated I'm kind of concerned because we only have one member of the public here and I was hoping that it could be an opportunity for the public to comment on our plan and get input. I'm wondering if we shouldn't upload it to the web site and give the public an opportunity to look at it and then put it back on the agenda again for finalization.

Council Members Elinski and Smith stated they were fine with approving it and putting it on the web site.

Council Member Kirby stated eventually it's going to be probably changed to some degree by what we feel we need then, so adopting it is just a matter of form.

Mayor Joens stated it's a living document, a changeable document that the public could change at any time.

Council Member Smith moved to approve the City Council's 2011 Vision, Mission Statement and Strategic Initiatives. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kirby, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Joens stated those will be put up on the web site now and if we get any comments from the public that will be great. I'd just like to thank the Council for your work on that plan and it's a great plan and also especially the city manager and his assistant. He will have lots to do now.

CLAIMS & ADJUSTMENTS

Council Member Kirby moved to pay the Claims. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Kirby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith, and carried unanimously. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Diane Joens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Matthew McLean, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cottonwood held on February 15, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and that a quorum was present.

Matthew McLean, Deputy Clerk

Date