

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD MARCH 6, 2012, 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
Jesse Dowling, Council Member
Tim Elinski, Council Member
Ruben Jauregui, Council Member
Linda Norman, Council Member
Terence Pratt, Council Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bartosh, City Manager
Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk
Steve Horton, City Attorney
Dan Lueder, Development Services General Manager
Morgan Scott, Development Services Operations Manager
Mike Casson, Fire Chief
Rick Contreras, Fire Inspector

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marjorie McKinnon led the Pledge and was presented a certificate of appreciation by Mayor Joens.

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 reported the city has taken over the operation of the compactor site and the hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; the bike trail between 10th and 12th Street which aligns with Elm Street was worked on over the weekend by volunteers from Yavapai College police, fire class and instructors, Sedona firefighters and other firefighters from Cottonwood, Jerome, and Verde Valley Fire District; MatForce was handing out its annual educational materials to 6th graders throughout Yavapai County with information regarding illicit substances and substance abuse.

Vice Mayor Pfeifer reported she and Dr. Cattolico in two days signed up eight doctors for that website to check medications that are already prescribed and she believes the hospital is making it mandatory for doctors to sign up at the medical center. In honor of Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss' day she went to Dr. Daniel Bright School to read to the students and later in the day read to the students of Cottonwood Elementary School. Today she went down to the legislature with the Chamber for legislative day where they filled them in on some of the bills that were being considered by the legislature.

Mayor Joens stated she wanted to start out her report by doing something in memory of Duane Kirby, who was a council member for four years who just passed away. She read his obituary and shared that she thoroughly enjoyed working with him on the Council and he had a passion for service, whether it was on the City Council or through his church. She requested everyone observe a moment of silence.

Mayor Joens then reported the following:

- At the Mayor's Community Forum, Tom Whitmer spoke about water issues and what was going on statewide and how that impacted Cottonwood and the Verde Valley.
- She and the Vice Mayor attended Marshall Tolleson's Eagle Scout event on February 25.
- Last Thursday she gave a State of the City address to Rotary and planned on doing that city-wide in June or July.
- She attended the annual meeting of the Friends of the Verde River Greenway. This group added four jobs to the local economy through a Walton Family Foundation grant and their main purpose was to eradicate invasive species from the riparian area.
- In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, she had a green eggs and ham breakfast with the elementary children at Cottonwood Elementary School and read to Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Edwards' classes.
- On Inside Cottonwood she interviewed John Rasmussen of the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee. Members of the public may watch this and other interviews on CableOne TV Channel 2 or www.verdevalleytv.com. The videos are also available on You Tube as well, under verdevalleytv.com.
- She was interviewed by Nancy Gottschalk who is working on her master's degree at NAU. She is doing her thesis on local agriculture and the barriers to growing our food locally.
- She and her husband were in the Sedona St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday.
- Last Sunday the Friends of Flagstaff and Flagstaff City Manager Kevin Burke came down to Cottonwood, and Dan Lueder gave them a presentation on the Riverfront Reclamation plant. Members of their community are very interested in our plant, the solar, removal of pharmaceuticals, and the educational component.
- On March 5 she attended a Greater Arizona Mayors' meeting in Phoenix. Our representative, Karen Fann, was there as well as about five other representatives and a senator from Yuma.
- Tomorrow the Vice Mayor will be attending the Cottonwood Oak Creek School District Soup with the Sup.

- There is a homeless coalition meeting tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Guidance Clinic, which Council Member Norman will attend.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

PRESENTATION BY MARJORIE MCKINNON REGARDING THE BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN.

Marjorie McKinnon, the founder of the Lamplighter Movement, an international movement for recovery from childhood sexual abuse, explained the Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse, and encouraged people to wear blue ribbons the month of April in memory of those who have died as a result of child abuse and in support of efforts to prevent abuse.

PROCLAMATION—CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The Mayor proclaimed the month of April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in the City of Cottonwood.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2011 COMMUNITY CITIZENSHIP FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY AWARD—VERDE VALLEY KIDS AGAINST HUNGER, KIM GOULD & KAREN FREEMAN.

Kim Gould and Karen Freeman who worked with the Verde Valley Kids Against Hunger program, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world, were presented with the Cottonwood Fire Department’s 2011 Community Citizenship Fire and Life Safety Award.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2011 COMMERCIAL OCCUPANCY FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY AWARD—WAL-MART, MANAGEMENT TEAM.

Mark Butler, a shift manager, representing the Wal-Mart management team, was presented with the Cottonwood Fire Department’s 2011 Commercial Occupancy Fire and Life Safety Award, for their exceptional safety record as it relates to fire and hazard risk reduction.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—Regular Meeting of 2/21/12.

Council Member Norman moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2012. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Pfeifer, and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS—None.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH TRAFFIC SAFETY INC. FOR CITY STREET STRIPING SERVICES.

Mayor Joens stated she was going to pull this item off for discussion as there was a citizen who wished to comment on this item.

Mr. Scott stated last year the city procured a contract with Traffic Safety, Inc., out of Prescott Valley to do bi-annual street striping and that contract allowed for a one-year extension. Staff asked the contractor if they wanted to move forward with that one year extension, which they indicated in a letter that they did. Although the contract allowed them a 3 percent increase they did not wish to increase it and kept it at the same price as last year.

Mr. Bob Oliphant, a Cottonwood resident, asked several questions in regards to the visual rating of the color, the color and quality of the paint used, and the number of streets included in the street striping contract.

Mr. Lueder stated because there was quite an extensive list of questions that weren't provided prior to the meeting, he'd ask if staff could respond to the Council in writing and forward a copy to Mr. Oliphant.

Mayor Joens stated she thought that was a lot of questions and it would be nice if Mr. Oliphant could forward those before the meeting so they could be researched, as it was difficult to answer such detailed questions in a meeting.

Council Member Pratt stated it seemed to him that those questions and answers should go on the city's web site so everyone in the community could read them because there were people here who were interested.

Council Member Jauregui stated they should possibly discuss this and have these in a meeting format.

Council Member Pratt stated he would be fine with revisiting it in another meeting.

Council Member Jauregui stated if we are going to direct staff to go out and research this they should present their replies to the questions to the Council.

Council member Pratt stated that would be a good idea.

Mayor Joens questioned if there was time to bring it back on the 20th without impacting the contract.

Mr. Lueder stated most of the questions don't really impact the contract, but he wanted to give a proper answer and do some research on the questions.

Mayor Joens moved to table this item until the 20th. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pratt, and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS—The following items are for Council discussion, consideration, and possible legal action.

APPROVAL OF A SHORT TERM HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT FORM AND AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW CITY STAFF TO LEASE HANGAR B AT THE COTTONWOOD AIRPORT FOR SHORT TERM USES.

Mr. Scott stated the Council may remember that last summer the city's airport fixed based operator left, leaving hangar B open and unused since that time, and there has been no mechanic on the airfield to do routine or annual maintenance which is required for pilots. What this lease agreement will do is allow the city to rent that space out to pilots or mechanics for a short term time period to get annual routine maintenance done until the city can procure a contract for mechanic services at the airport. At that time, that mechanic will take use of hangar B.

Council Member Pratt stated the contract looks very complete, there is no cost with this, and it did serve our airport pilots who we were trying to encourage to use the area.

Council Member Pratt then moved to approve the short term lease agreement form and allow city staff to lease hangar B for short term uses. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dowling, and carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & ADJUSTMENTS

Council Member Elinski moved to pay the claims. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Pfeifer, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Joens moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Pfeifer, and carried unanimously. The regular meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Diane Joens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marianne Jiménez, City 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 March 6, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, and that a quorum was present.

Marianne Jiménez, City Clerk

Date