

PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES of the Prescott City Council Workshop held on May 25, 2010 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 201 South Cortez, Prescott, Arizona.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kuykendall called the Special Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Mayor Kuykendall
Councilman Blair
Councilman Hanna
Councilman Lamerson
Councilwoman Lopas
Councilwoman Suttles

ABSENT:

Councilwoman Linn

3. Presentation by the Prescott Police Department of Medals of Merit.

Chief Kabbel recognized three officers with Medals of Merit:

Officer Brandon Gerlak, Detective Mike Kinsey and Detective Jeremy Sutton.

Chief Kabbel said that Medals of Merit were awarded to officers who distinguished themselves by performing their duties in a manner that exceeded what was normally required or expected, or for a highly credible police accomplishment.

During the winter storms on January 21, 2010 at 8:40 p.m., Officer Gerlak and Detective Kinsey and Detective Sutton were dispatched along with personnel from the Prescott Fire Department to 331 Park Avenue for a structure fire. They found the south side of the structure fully engulfed in flames. Detective Sutton looked in the windows to see if there was anyone inside or near the residence. A neighbor advised that there may be an elderly victim, Mr. Steven Bleck, inside the house. Detective Kinsey had received the same information and crawled into the house. After calling out and hearing Mr. Bleck's moans, Detective Kinsey could determine his location, but could not see him. He finally felt his foot and tried to drag him to the front door. Officer Gerlak and Detective Sutton entered the residence to assist Detective Kinsey with the victim. Once outside the residence, they found the victim to be semi conscious and incoherent. The fire

personnel attended to Mr. Bleck and within 60 seconds, the house flashed over with fire. If it were not for the quick actions of the officers, Mr. Bleck would have died.

He commended them all.

4. Promotion Ceremony by the Prescott Fire Department.

Chief Martinez called Dan Bates to the podium.

Mr. Bates recognized Chief Martinez' wife, Brenda Martinez, Chief Willis' wife, City Manager Steve Norwood, Mayor Kuykendall, Council and the members of the fire and police departments.

He then introduced Fire Chief Martinez.

Chief Martinez thanked everyone for helping to celebrate the promotion of the Fire Department Staff. He made a special presentation to Division Chief, Tim McElwee who was retiring after 31 years with the Prescott Fire Department. He said that Mr. McElwee became a Captain when Chief Martinez was hired and had done an excellent job. One of his passions was firefighter safety and had instilled that upon the department and has received several achievements throughout his career, namely Arizona Fire Chief Hall of Fame, Arizona Fire Trainer of the Year and National Safety Officer of the Year.

He presented Tim McElwee with a flag that flew over Station 71 for his 31 years of outstanding loyal and dedicated service.

Mr. McElwee said that it had been a pleasure and an outstanding time of his life working for the City of Prescott. They were a dedicated group of people. He appreciated the opportunity to work for the organization. He could not think of a better place to spend his time as a fire fighter.

Chief Martinez asked the people being promoted to remember people like Mr. McElwee and his values.

Mr. Bates introduced the following people:

- ▶ Clayton Whitted promoted from Wildland Firefighter to Squad Leader
- ▶ Phillip Maldonado promoted from Seasonal Wildland Firefighter to Senior Wildland Firefighter
- ▶ Austin Mork promoted from Seasonal Wildland Firefighter to Senior Wildland Firefighter

- ▶ Don Devendorf was promoted from Battalion Chief to Division Chief Officer/Training Chief
- ▶ Chad Dougan promoted from Engineer to Fire Captain
- ▶ Dan Bauman promoted from Structure Firefighter to Fire Engineer
- ▶ Pat McCarty previously held the position of Squad Leader in the Wildland Division and was appointed to the new position of Structure Firefighter

Mayor Kuykendall thanked the members of the police and fire departments. He said that the Council was proud to represent the town knowing that they took care of the town.

Mr. Norwood said that they hired talented people, they do a great job and he appreciated what they do.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed, the Prescott City Council Special Meeting of May 25, 2010 adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

MARLIN D. KUYKENDALL, Mayor

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH A. BURKE, City Clerk