

PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP held on May 1, 2012, in the CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS located at 201 SOUTH CORTEZ, Prescott, Arizona.

◆ **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kuykendall called the Workshop to order at 3:00 p.m.

◆ **INVOCATION** Bishop Farrell Beazer of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Bishop Beazer gave the invocation.

◆ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilman Arnold

Councilman Arnold led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

◆ **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Absent:

Mayor Kuykendall
Councilman Arnold
Councilman Blair
Councilman Carlow
Councilman Kuknyo
Councilman Lamerson
Councilman Scamardo

None

I. PRESENTATION

- A. Placement of items in and closing of, the time capsule by the Sesquicentennians to be reopened in 50 years (on the 150th birthday of the State of Arizona).

Ms. Moody gave some history on the Time Capsule Project. She said that it was an outgrowth of State centennial planning. The committee discovered that during the dedication of City Hall in 1963, Mayor Tutt decided to bury a time capsule underneath City Hall as part of the ground breaking and dedication ceremony. She noted that a group of young school children at the time were selected to be the kids who would open

the capsule in 50 years; they were called the Centennial Group. She said that they signed a resolution, had meetings and bylaws and a charter, until they all went off to lead their lives.

In February 2012, the group of Centennials came together to open the time capsule at the Elks Theater for the Statehood Day events. She said they had seven kids in the original group and they ended up with the majority of them coming back for the opening; three of them still lived in Prescott and two in Phoenix. She noted that the best thing about working on the committee was meeting the adults, 50 years later, and hearing how much the town meant to them.

She said that as a component of Statehood Day, they selected a new group of kids who would open the time capsule 50 years from now. She noted that they were called the Sesquicentennials and would be opening the new time capsule on February 14, 2062. It would be Arizona's 150th birthday on that day. Each Centennian got to select one individual to be a Sesquicentennian. She said the other nine were selected from an essay contest open to all students in Prescott Unified School District.

She noted that the essay submissions would go into the capsule as well as a document that the students would sign which was associated to the resolution that was passed at the end of January. She said the contents of the last capsule would be going to the Shallot Hall Museum, except the proof set of coins. Those were requested to be mailed back to someone's grandson. She also noted that the Centennians chose some items from the first capsule to go into the new capsule.

They invited various organizations within the community to contribute items, giving a picture of what Prescott was currently like. She noted that they followed the guidelines of what to select from the 1963 guidelines, down to the packaging. All of the contents were wrapped in foil.

Julie Ann Rothfuss (married name; previously O'Kon Vallely), head of the Centennian group, said it was a privilege and an honor to be a member of the committee. She said that she had been selected by her godfather, Frank Tutt, and she did not realize the importance of that selection at that time. The Sesquisentennians came to the stage, the resolution was signed and the capsule was sealed.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Introduction of new businesses

Erin Cornwell, Director of Membership, Prescott Chamber of Commerce introduced Charlie Knobbe from Prescott Hot Yoga. He noted that they

were located at the Prescott Lakes Commerce Center, 1947 Commerce Center Circle; 277-1775, www.hotprescottyoga.com.

Ms. Cornwell also introduced Robert and Linda Gabrick of Prescott Station Grill & Bar (located on the corner of Gurley and Marina). Mr. Gabrick said they wanted to open in Prescott for the past two years. He said they would open around Memorial Day.

B. Michael Thomas re handicap parking at Watson Lake

Michael Thomas, Prescott, said he had been launching his boat in the handicap area at Watson Lake for three years and recently got a ticket. He said that they wanted him to park his truck in the handicap spot at the top of the boat ramp and move his trailer to the overflow, where the kayakers parked. He asked why he should pay double when he could not walk that far. He asked who would eat the fish they were stalking the lake with, when they had not waited for the five year water quality study.

C. Constance Crotty re meters

Ms. Crotty said she had severe health problems since the smart meters were installed. She brought a letter from her doctor who said the cause of her symptoms was unclear from his office evaluations. She asked for the smart meters to be removed near her home. She brought reports regarding the adverse affects of the smart meters.

She noted that she was in the hospital for two weekends in March. She said that Dr. Lopez, in the emergency room, wrote that symptoms she was having may have been related to environmental sensitivity to smart meters. She said that she gave her cell phone up ten years ago due to severe headaches and she did not use a microwave. She said that she also gave away her television and did not use a computer.

She noted that she opted out for the new meter for electricity and read information from the Board of Environmental Medicine about genetic and cellular effects of radio frequency and said that they wrote that it was unacceptable to implement the technology until all the serious medical concerns were resolved.

She then read various articles about the smart meters.

D. Daniel Mattson re employee benefits

Mr. Mattson said that something needed to be done regarding changes to the employee and he encouraged people to come forward and talk to the Council members.

III. PROCLAMATIONS

- A. May 1, 2012, as *20th Anniversary of People Who Care*

Councilman Carlow read the proclamation and presented it to the volunteers.

- B. May 5 – 12, 2012, as *Prescott Highland Games Week*

Councilman Arnold read the proclamation and presented it to the representatives from the Celtic Society.

- C. May 6 – 12, 2012, as *Youth Week*

Chris Kuknyo read the proclamation.

- D. May 13 – 19, 2012, as *National Police Week*

Councilman Blair read the proclamation and presented it to Lieutenant Reinhardt.

Lieutenant Reinhardt said that Prescott was a safe place to live because of the men and women of the Prescott Police Department who were dedicated to serving the citizens.

- E. May 13 – 19, 2012, as *National Hospital Week*

Councilman Scamardo read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Tim Barnett, Chief Executive Officer of Yavapai Regional Medical Center. He also thanked the 1000 volunteers working in the two hospitals.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Board/Commission liaison reports

Councilman Blair said that Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Group talked about future projects and current legislative decisions. He noted that the water harvesting bills passed. He said the Water Advisory Committee was also working on projects that may affect the Verde as far as safe yield went. He said the United State Geological Survey (USGS) for the water was brought up again. The concerns were that the model was not complete. He noted that they had been able to demonstrate their ability to be able to provide a 100 year water supply without USGS involvement, with the use of people in the area.

Councilman Scamardo said he went to the last Unified Development Committee and there were two new additions, Terry Marshall as a new member and Tom Menser as Chairman. He noted that they discussed codes for political signs and right of ways that the legislature decided to pass on chartered cities. He said they also discussed existing zoning on hoarders. He said the consensus was that there was legislation which covered that.

He noted that there would be some items coming up on how to redo some of the over-regulation.

Councilman Arnold said a topic of the Preservation Commission was that the Hassayampa received permission to install three flagpoles in their courtyard. He noted that the Commission did a good job of preserving the heritage of the community with regard to people's property rights.

He said the Kiwanis auction was a big success. He thanked Mr. Kapin and Guidance Aviation and said the next Prescott Today Show would be the first one they did outside of the studio. He noted that the Council took the opportunity to host shows on Channel 13 on important subjects in the community and at the City.

The Advisory and Appeals Board had a primary objective to be the hearing officer to an objection of a building official. He said there were rarely any cases, but the committee was made up of specialists in varying construction fields. He said it was the committee that did the reviews and recommendations of the international building codes as well as electrical and engineering codes. He said they had the ability to modify those codes. He said they had an opening for someone with a plumbing background and one with an electrical background.

He noted that he did a ride along with the Prescott Police Department the previous week. He said that he was very impressed with the department.

Councilman Carlow said the next meeting of the Community Development Block Grant Committee would take final public comments at the next Council meeting. He said they would be allocating \$225,000 in grants plus the \$45,000 from last year that was not used. He also went to a Northern Arizona Council of Governments meeting. He said that it seemed to him that a facility could only get funded two times over a ten year period. He said they were trying to do complete projects rather than piece meal.

He said the Fire Board of Appeals was going over the 2012 International Fire Code changes. He noted that the first meeting would be in Council Chambers on May 14th.

He said the Head Start program estimated that they helped about 2000 children in the region. The Area Agency on Aging also served people with disabilities, long term care issues, family caregivers, grandparents raising children and residents of nursing homes and assisted living.

He noted that they were working on the Yavapai County area and which sectors would be of common economic growth to the area. He said the State had four sector strategies which were medical, technology, military related and renewable energy. The Yavapai area was looking at viticulture, light manufacturing, aerospace, sustainable agriculture and medical. He noted that he would be going to a two day conference to find out about sector strategies for the State and what the State was supporting.

Councilman Arnold asked if Councilman Carlow would bring some sector strategy pamphlets back from his conference.

Councilman Kuknyo said the pump track had been built and the kids were all over it. He thanked the Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance for putting it and the information kiosk together. He said the opening of the Centennial Trail would be the following week and the parking lot was off of Kile Street. He said that the work on Watson Trail would be done in about 45 days, so there would be a continuous loop around Watson Lake.

He noted that the tournament season was starting and there were 144 registered softball teams for Parks and Recreation. He said it was the highest per capita participation in the State.

Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO) was finalizing the Regional Transportation Plan with one more public meeting. He noted that the fiscal agent was changing to Yavapai County from the City of Prescott.

The Prescott Downtown Partnership (PDP) posted the street closures for June on their website. He said there would be 46 events on the May, June and July calendars in the kiosks that did not include the Prescott Frontier Days activities. He noted that the money for the flower baskets going down the north side of Cortez Street came from the people who filmed the Toyota commercial in Prescott. Thirty two merchants cooperated with the Whiskey Off-Road event and received free advertising in the newspaper. He said PDP was doing a follow up survey to see if business increased for the merchants, what was done right and what needed to be improved.

He noted that there was a presentation given in the General Plan meeting on traffic circulation.

Mayor Kuykendall asked if anything was going on with disc golf. Councilman Kuknyo said it had taken a back seat. He said they were looking for money for the hard materials.

Councilman Lamerson thanked the Governor for vetoing legislation that the local municipalities were not included in. He also thanked Senator Pierce for discussing issues with the municipalities.

He showed images of what Prescott might look like if the City Council did not react to the new political sign law. All public right of ways were subject to having political signs put anywhere they wanted. He said there was some opportunity to adjust the ill thought out cause and effect of the legislation by limiting it to two specific zones. He said that the legislators also thought it was a good idea to be able to have a loaded weapon anywhere, with the municipalities not being able to say no.

He asked Mr. Brehm to talk about the cost to the County if they had to rearrange the election cycles. Mr. Brehm referred to House Bill 2826 – Consolidated Elections. He said the bill would force all candidate elections for municipalities onto the fall of even numbered years. He said the Yavapai County Elections department said they may not have the authority or staffing ability to run the elections for the City of Prescott. He noted that the City did not have the staff to run their own elections either. He said the County ran the elections at cost to the City and was not required to do it by law.

Councilman Lamerson said that it was important that they had constant communication with the legislators. He noted that by being a Chartered City there were a number of things guaranteed to the City by the Constitution of the State of Arizona, which was recently upheld by the Supreme Court. He said there seemed to be a struggle between the legislature and the judicial and executive branches of State government.

Mayor Kuykendall said the Council sent a letter to the Governor regarding legislation passed the prior day imposing the unified election process, asking her to veto the legislation. Councilman Arnold said that President Pierce and Representative Fann were instrumental in the no vote sides.

Councilman Blair said he testified for Representative Fann's bill to not allow fireworks in Yavapai County and it failed to pass the legislature.

Councilman Lamerson said that regarding the redistricting, Prescott now had people from Maricopa, Pinal and other counties wanting to be legislators in Prescott.

V. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Discussion of 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System

Lieutenant Reinhardt talked about the call volumes on the 9-1-1 system. He noted that the goal of the center was to provide quality dispatch service through the Prescott Regional Communication Center. He discussed the following:

- INTENDED PURPOSE OF 9-1-1
- OBSERVED MISUSES
- RECOMMENDATION

Councilman Carlow asked what recourse they had for people calling in a false alarm. Lieutenant said there was a statute that prohibited false reports and they had the ability to make arrests. He said they had no recourse for people who called in when there was not an emergency.

Mayor Kuykendall asked if the other communities used 3131 as an administrative number. Lieutenant Reinhardt said that fire had a line, as did the other police departments, but they did come in to the Prescott Dispatch Center. He asked how they handled abuse of the 9-1-1 system from another community that the City took calls for. Lieutenant Reinhardt said they were not currently taking any enforcement action on anything but false reporting.

Mayor Kuykendall asked if there was a data bank of information on the 3131 line.

Councilman Blair asked if the officers who responded to a 9-1-1 call could write a warning if it was not really a 9-1-1 call. Lieutenant Reinhardt said there was not an ordinance in the City Code that they could write a warning under. Councilman Blair said the City may be able to put a reminder in the water bill about the 3131 number.

Councilman Kuknyo asked how other communities were dealing with the same problem. Lieutenant Reinhardt said that some cities had enacted ordinances, but he did not think the City of Prescott was at that point.

Councilman Blair said that he found it interesting that the Obama administration encouraged people to call 9-1-1, regardless of the cost to Prescott. He said they needed to educate the citizens about what it really meant to call 9-1-1.

Councilman Arnold asked how long a normal call tied up a dispatcher. Lieutenant Reinhardt said that if it was an in progress call, the caller would be kept on the phone the entire time the police were in route. He noted that there were eight lines coming in to the center. Councilman Arnold noted that all of the lines could be tied up at one time and said that he hoped the media would help get the word out that there were emergency and non-emergency lines.

Councilman Kuknyo asked what the suggested procedure would be if a person saw an accident and it looked like others were calling. Lieutenant Reinhardt said that if it was a situation where there was an injury involved, he would call, unless he knew that someone else was talking to a dispatcher.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, the Prescott City Council Workshop of May 1, 2012, adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

MARLIN D. KUYKENDALL, Mayor

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH A. BURKE, City Clerk