

PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2012, in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS located at CITY HALL, 201 SOUTH CORTEZ STREET, Prescott, Arizona.

◆ **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kuykendall called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

◆ **INVOCATION** Kyle Maestri, Trinity Pres Church, gave the invocation.

◆ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

◆ **ROLL CALL**

Present:

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

Absent:

None

I PROCLAMATIONS

- A. September 2012 as *Recovery Month* - Councilman Scamardo read the proclamation and presented it to several members of the West Yavapai Guidance Clinic.
- B. September 4, 2012 as *Trinity Christian School Day* - Councilman Kuknyo read the Proclamation, which designated September 4, 2012 as the ten year anniversary of the school. Kyle Maestri and student Josh Olsen accepted the proclamation.
- C. September 8, 2012 as *March of Dimes March for Babies Day* - Councilman Blair read the proclamation and presented it to Heather Johnson and Judy York.
- D. September 17 – 23, 2012 as *Constitution Week* - Councilman Lamerson read the proclamation, which was accepted by Betsy Bykerk, Sue Irwin, Elaine Pereboom, Jean Petrie and Mary Meinke, who represented the

General George Crook Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

II. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Councilman Carlow presented a certificate to Mr. Harvey Emery for his 6.5 years of service as a member of the City of Prescott Fire Board of Appeals. Mr. Emery served the City of Prescott for fifty-four years.
- B. Crystal Erickson, Yavapai Center for Constitutional Principles, reported she recently chaperoned two students from Prescott High School and two students from Trinity Christian School to Foundation for Economic Education. The group raised the travel funds to attend the academy. Erickson introduced Thomas Jarman and Josh Olsen, who attended the academy.
- C. Introduction of new businesses.

Dave Maurer, CEO Prescott Chamber of Commerce, invited all to the Annual Christmas in September event on the 22nd. The event, to be held at the Hassyampa Hotel, is a fund raiser for the Court House Lighting at Christmas. The tickets are \$100 each. A total of 101 trees were lighted last year.

Erin Corwall reported there were seventeen new Chamber members in August: House of Bread; Enchanted Canyon Subdivision; The Orme School; Tom Howell, Real Estate Associate; Thunder Ridge Event Center; On the Move Relocation Experts; National MS Society; Ron and Tracy Sands Estate Associates; Medical Weight Loss; Aflac; Personalize Homecare and Personalize Chef; NAU Yavapai Prescott Valley Campus; Quiet River Massage and Bodywork, Healthy Families Naturally LLC, Alliance Locksmith Service, DuMar-Baldwin Photography; and Papa John's Pizza.

III PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Ed Riley, a citizen of Prescott and Yavapai County reported that Yavapai County is recognizing Arizona's 100-year statehood by installing a ten-foot tall bronze structure, titled "Not So Gentle Tamer" at the Civic Center in Prescott Valley. The sculpture pays tribute to the great pioneer women who helped tame the west. To help fund the monument, there are two small sculptures being sold.
- B. Jim Knaup re: Skull Valley Loop Challenge. – Not in attendance

- C. Paddie Braden, legislative liaison for the Cliff Rose development, said she was speaking on behalf of the residents of the Cliff Rose community. She thanked the Council for the recent work done to improve the drainage in her community. She recognized the efforts of Greg Toth and his staff for their diligent preliminary work in reaching out to the property owners directly affected by the construction. Communication was good throughout the project. She acknowledged George Sheets and the Over the Hill Gang Over for building the steps over the new cross walk.
- D. Dave Michelson asked Council to legally change the name of a block of Montezuma Street to “Historic Whiskey Row”. The Post Office said they were fine with whatever the Council wanted to do. Only the street name will change and not the address number. The City Manager said the request would be routed to the Police and Fire Departments for comments.
- E. Tom Atkins submitted his petition, “Corporations are not People”, and asked the Council to consider the petition based on City of Prescott Charter, Article 2, Section 18. He asked the Council to discuss and vote on the document at an upcoming voting meeting. He said they wanted free and fair elections and they did not want corporations to dump money and influence their elections. Many cities passed a resolution calling for an amendment to the US Constitution declaring corporations were not people.

Mayor Kuykendall said Council would provide action within 30 days.

- F. Robert Norman said his home is on Williamson Valley Road. He thanked the City for installing the retaining walls. Mark Nietupski, Public Works Director, talked to him about the fence and he was told the City would install a galvanized chain link fence. All railings on his property were tan color. He said the safety fence the City was putting up would be unsightly. Since the fence was not in the original scope, he was not able to offer input. He requested that the fence be tan in color. He noted that both adjacent property owners supported his request.

Mayor Kuykendall told Mr. Norman that Council would talk with staff.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEM

- A. Maintenance of City gateways -

Councilman Kuknyo said he had been approached by several citizens asking him about the weeds in the City right-a-ways. Beginning at the COSTCO location, the weeds make the City look unkempt. He suggested

knocking them down to make the area look nicer. He has brought this to the attention of Joe Baynes.

Stephanie Miller, Field & Facilities Services Director, reported she had six weeks of limited resources due to the active fire season. She said staff is trying their best to deal with the weeds.

V. REPORTS

Councilman Arnold attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference. He presented a service award to Mayor Pro Tem Lamerson for his eight years of service to the City of Prescott.

Board/Commission liaison reports:

Councilman Arnold gave a brief report on his attendance at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference in Scottsdale, where he attended several interesting sessions. He asked the League to come to Prescott in October to give a presentation on the State Retirement System. He also attended a session about the influence and impact cities and towns had on approval of liquor licenses. He noted the most important presentations related to the legal case of Tucson vs. the State of Arizona, which was a challenge of a Charter City against the state legislature over-reaching and trying to influence a Charter City. He said he left with the message that Charter Cities were given a state constitutional right that, in many cases, superseded the legislative authority of the state. He recommended getting a presentation from the Legal Department in a future workshop on implementation and review of state laws as they affected the City Charter. Councilman Arnold noted that Access 13 is looking for board members.

Councilman Scarmardo said he had an organization meeting with the group who looked at the golf course. He said that he expected to have a proposal to bring to Council to select one of the firms that was interviewed to do the impact study.

Councilman Blair said the Council representatives to the Friends of the Library were meeting for the second time to iron out issues with the library. He said that he was elected Co-Chairman for the the Water Advisory Committee of Yavapai County.

Councilman Carlow reported that the unspent funding in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) was \$259,000. He noted that they would be asking that \$238,000 go to the Dexter neighborhood. The remaining \$20,000 would go towards contingency.

Other updates:

- The Fire board of Appeals was looking at the 2012 Code Amendments.
- Northern Arizona Council of Governments talked about the Flagstaff Extreme Adventure Course.
- The Area Agency on Aging was going to have their annual Elder Issues Conference on October 4, 2012.
- The Local Workforce Investment Board had a kick-off meeting. They would hire a consultant to work with three new sectors: medical services, energy and light manufacturing engineering.
- Viticulture was drawing complimentary industries, such as agricultural and food products. He noted that it could give the area international recognition.

Councilman Kuknyo complimented Joe Baynes, Director of Parks and Recreation, for doing a great job with limited resources and mentioned the upcoming “Prescott’s Great Outdoors Festival” at Watson Lake Park on October 6th and 7th.

In addition:

- The Circle Trail was moving along and should be open on Willow Creek next month. Disc golf passed the Advisory Board and would come back to Council with the new location at Watson Lake Park, rather than Goldwater Lake.
- The Christmas mugs were in and September 22 would be the Christmas in September event.
- The General Plan committee was working on economic development. He noted that he would be attending the Governors Economic Development conference the following week.
- He was leaving for Germany in September with three Prescott citizens in conjunction with the Sister City program. He noted that they would pay for the trip themselves and visit six cities in six days.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, the Prescott City Council Workshop of September 4, 2012, adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

MARLIN D. KUYKENDALL, Mayor

ATTEST:

LYNN MULHALL, City Clerk