

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 19, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Valenzuela called meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Jayne Valenzuela
Vice Mayor	Olga Lopez
Councilmember	Gilbert Aguilar
Councilmember	Mila Besich-Lira
Councilmember	John Tameron
<b>Absent:</b>	
Councilmember	Michael Alonzo
Councilmember	Steve Estatico

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Valenzuela led Council, audience and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Father James Aboyi from Saint Francis Assisi Catholic Church gave the Invocation.

**TOWN STAFF**

Town Manager	Margaret Gaston
Town Attorney	Lisa Reuter
Police Chief	Mark Nipp
Fire Chief	Todd Pryor
Public Works	Anthony Huerta
Sanitation	Bob Hanuas
Administration	Ruby Cervantes
Town Staff	Nora Miramon

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Sandra Doyle	Aliza Sabin
Nina Crowder	Melissa Rabago
Gary Briegel	Dave Richins
Dixie Briegel	Tyson Navsel
Freddie Miramon	Viki Bever
Fr. James	Jessie Gutierrez
Albert Archer	
Mary Karlin	
Pam Rabago	
Russell Johnson	

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- A. Presentation by Russell Johnson for Peoples Health Care Connection, LLC, with Behavioral Health for the possibility of relocating their home office to Superior. Mr. Johnson spoke on the benefits having a office for the Peoples Health Care Connection for Behavioral Health in the Town of Superior. He gave a brief description of all of the benefits and program they have to offer. He said he was here to ask the Town for a letter of support. Peoples Health Care Connection is excited of the prospect of having a office here in Town. They are aware of the Clinic that is already here and he stated that a little competition is always a good thing to have. He gave some handouts to the Council and for the public and just encouraged the Mayor and Council for a letter of support. Mayor directed staff to please draft a letter of support for the Peoples Health Care Connection, Behavioral Health possibly locating in Superior. Mayor also informed Mr. Johnson the Town does have a couple of buildings they are looking to rent, just a suggestion.

**REPORTS**

Fire- Chief Pryor: Some minor issues with the ambulance, those have been taken care of.

Library- Josie Campos unable to attend meeting.

Police- No comments.

Senior Center- Debbie Casillas unable to attend meeting. Senior Center received an E rating from Pinal County Health Services.

Public Works- No comments

Sanitation – No comments

Manager- Margaret wanted to let everyone know we do have a air-condition unit at the Bob Jones Museum. Circle K donated the unit from the building they are taking down to prepare for the new Circle K. Public works and the inmates got the unit up on the roof of the Museum. Had to pay someone to do a little bit of electrical work but it is working .

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor asked whether any members of the Council request any item be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2014; Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Presentation, Discussion and Approval of Landscape Concept for US 60-Superior Streets, by Aliza Sabin, Landscape Architecture. Ms. Sabin proceeded to go over the handout she provided prior to the meeting to all the Councilmembers. The decision that needed to be made was regarding the handrails on the walkway along US 60.

Ms. Sabin also gave everyone a look and brief description of the plants, trees and bushes that were going to be planted along side US 60. After several minutes of discussion regarding the drip system, Mr. Hanuas, Sanitation Supervisor, suggested if the use of effluent water would be feasible. It was stated that that would be a good option. Council decided on a design the railings. Motion to approve landscape concepts for US 60 in Superior handrail concept option A1 made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries.

- B. Public Hearing for Home Occupation Permit No. 2014-04; provides for a Catering Business and Culinary Class in an R1-6 (Urban residential) Zone District, for Albert Archer, 234 W. Heiner Drive, Superior, AZ 85173. Town Manager, Margaret: Planning and Zoning Commission on June 12<sup>th</sup> held a public hearing and then voted on the Home Occupation Permit for Albert Archer, 235 W. Heiner Drive, Superior, AZ 85173. The staff report from Lawrence Tomasello was attached in which the conditions of approval are clearly stated, with pictures and diagrams. Ms. Gaston recommends the Council approve Home Occupation Permit 2014-04 for Albert Archer, based on the approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor opened this part of the Meeting for a Public Hearing at 8:10 pm. Meeting was opened to the public to speak for or against it or any comments. Councilmember Besich-Lira expressed how great the residence was set up for this new business. Motion to close the public hearing made by Councilmember Tameron, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries.
- C. Discussion and Approval of Home Occupation Permit No. 2014-04; Providing for a Catering Business and Culinary Class in an R1-6 ( Urban residential) Zone District, for Albert Archer. Motion to approve Home Occupation Permit No. 2014-04; providing for a catering business and Culinary Class in an R1-6 (Urban Residential) Zone District for Albert Archer, 235 W. Heiner Drive, Superior, AZ 85173, made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Aguilar, motion carries.
- D. Discussion and Approval of Alcohol Beverage Permit Requirements for Town Owned Property. Town Manager, Margaret Gaston: The Ordinance that allows the alcohol beverage permit, Section 12-1-2 B, states the Town Manager has the authority to issue a permit or deny a permit. Margaret like the fact the Council approves the alcohol beverage permits, and it also makes the Council aware of who is renting the facilities. Margaret also stated the Police Officers are now aware they should be patrolling during a party or event held at any Town owned facility. The Police Officers should patrol through the facility at least two or three times during the party or event. Town Manager recommends we allow the alcohol beverage permits, we do not require security at the town owned facilities, and that we evaluate this policy to see if we have any problems in about six months. There was discussion regarding having alcohol around the pool area. Mayor asked Mr. Miramon to speak on this issue since he has been so passionate about this issue. Mr. Miramon stated he has done some research regarding the Skate Park. There was a grant for the building of the Skate Park. They asked the Town why they wanted to build a Skate Park and the reason given was that it was for the kids. We have kids that do not have a place to practice and ride their skate boards. The fact that this was going to be adjacent to the swimming pool made it more of a family oriented area. While some family members swim others can enjoy the skate park. The purpose for the Skate Park is for the children and not to have other activities with alcohol. My concern is children safety, so he asks the Council, to make the right decision for the Skate Park / Superior Swimming Pool area. Motion to approve the Skate Park and the Superior Swimming Pool as one Town area with no alcohol permits, will be issued to anyone wanting to rent the area of the Skate Park and the Swimming Pool, motion made by Councilmember Tameron, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries.

- E. Discussion and Approval of Alcohol Beverage Permit for Alicia Cruz for a 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party. Margaret Gaston- The following agenda item is for Alicia Cruz for an Alcohol Beverage permit for the Magma Club on August 16, 2014 for a 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party. Margaret recommends approving the permit. Motion to approve alcohol permit for Alicia Cruz, August 16, 2014 at the Magma Club made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries.

Approval of AHCCCS Reenrollment- Margaret Gaston-This is a standard Provider Participation Agreement. The Town of Superior medical service does work with AHCCCS (Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System) to provide ambulance service to all residents in Superior. The Town must re-enroll in AHCCCS to be in compliance with the Affordable Care Act. Todd Pryor is listed as the signer as Operations Chief for the Town of Superior. Margaret recommends the Council approve Todd Pryor, Operations Chief, signing this agreement. Motion to approve Todd Pryor to sign the agreement made by Vice Mayor Lopez, second by Councilmember Besich-Lira, motion carries.

- F. Discussion and Tentative Approval of Fiscal Year 3025-2015 Budget setting the Expenditures Limit of \$6,362,539. Margaret Gaston- We will discuss the budget: revenues and expenditures. She attached the Auditors General's forms that will be published in the newspaper. Although the expenditures are over \$6 million, that includes \$2.5 million in grants. The expenditures for all the departments are the same that was budgeted. Also, she said payroll has to have the money available every two weeks. So she checks the banks every week.

Margaret stated they have kept the bills current, they are not past due and they are meeting payroll. She has contacted with Colby & Powell to have an auditor go through and finish up the bank reconciliations. Only checks cleared through February 2013. They should be finished with the 2012-2013 year, and are currently working on the 2013-2014 bank recs. and clearing the checks.

Quarterly reports were caught up this year, fines paid for reports not done in the previous fiscal year and July of 2014-2015 year. The Senior Center Grant was finished and submitted. Margaret had a slide presentation. She listed our revenues in the two banks, all the expenses that were paid, and the balance of \$19,905.68 she had at the end of the month. She stated she had to watch this carefully because she knew payroll was coming the first week in June.

The LOST Committee has already requested the Magma Club for February and is asking for the fees to be waived although they can pay. Margaret stated the Council will have to discuss in the future meeting what groups will be allowed to use the Town's facilities for free in the coming year, so we don't have any issues later.

School starts July 22<sup>nd</sup> due to the costs of the lifeguards and chemicals to keep the pool open past the 19<sup>th</sup> of July; Margaret recommends the pool be closed on July 19<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday before school starts. We won't have lifeguards but mainly its cost. We don't have a choice.

Margaret also attached two pages from the League's Manual on budgets, and the process to follow. The tentative budget has to be published with 7 days of it being adopted. Margaret can get the budget in the newspaper for the 25<sup>th</sup> of June and July 2. But this is one day short of the two weeks.

We will have to have another meeting on or after July 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt the Final Budget. After that the budget will be on the website for 60 months.

A truth and taxation notice is not required this year. Margaret stated that the Town will have to adjust the sewer rates.

Margaret recommends the Council for the regular meeting move to adopt the tentative budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Mayor took time to thank Margaret for all her hard work along with town staff. Mayor stated we are moving forward from last year where we were paying a lot of late fees. Now we are moving forward it may not be huge but we are moving in the right direction. Thank you once again.

Discussion regarding the date for the next meeting and also be able to get the meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> if they want to approve the budget. All agreed on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm for our next meeting. Motion to approve Tentative Approval of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget Setting the Expenditures Limit of \$6,529,539 made by Vice Mayor Lopez, second by Councilmember Tameron, motion carries.

- G. Discussion of a Future Appointment of a Liaison from the Council for Resolution Copper's Community Working Group. Mayor Valenzuela stated he requested this to be put on the agenda. He feels yes we do need to find someone to act as liaison to be able to attend the meetings of the Resolution Copper's Community Working Group and be able to communicate back to the Council what was discussed and how this group is moving forward and just update the Town on what is going on. Mayor stated he really feels it should not be an elected official. Maybe someone within Town Government or anyone would like to step forward to volunteer. He asked if anyone on the Council had any recommendations for this position.

Councilmember Besich-Lira agreed with the Mayor. She also feels the Town Council would be best represented if the Council appoints or someone form staff volunteers. Councilmember Besich-Lira also stated that she saw the agenda for the Community working group and is a little concerned about the fact that they have someone from the Town giving a presentation at their meeting in July. After brief discussion regarding this matter it was decided for this item to be put on the agenda for discussion and decision.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Freddie Miramon- He just wanted to thank the Council for their decision to incorporate the Skate Park into the same area and having this a Alcohol free zone. Second thing is he just wanted to know why now, why is Resolution Copper requesting a liaison to attend the meeting. He also stated that he has requested from this group they try to reach out to all of the members of this community. There are a lot of residents that are not bilingual and do not own a computer and do not have access to Face Book. They need to find a way to make sure those individuals are notified and have the option to attend these meetings and maybe voice their opinion.

Dave Richins- Mayor sent a letter out to the community regarding support for the Towns July 4 festivities. Mr. Richins presented the Town of Superior with a check for \$10,000.00 in support of the Fourth of July Fireworks.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Councilmember Besich-Lira- Ms. Lira stated that Councilmember Estatico and she attended training for newly elected officials. She said it was very informative and educational she learned a lot. She recommends this class for all of the Council; she feels we owe it to the citizens to have the skills to do our job more effectively.

Councilmember Aguilar- Mr. Aguilar thanked Resolution Copper for their donation. The community will really enjoy the fireworks this year along with the other activities for the children and their families. So thank you Resolution Copper.

Councilmember Tameron- Mr. Tameron just wanted to echo Mr. Aguilar's comments. Also wanted to thank Resolution for allowing us to release the fireworks from their property where the old tailings were. It is really a high spot and everyone will be able to see the fireworks go off.

Vice Mayor Lopez- Also wanted to thank Resolution and the community will be very happy. It has been a while since the Town has had some fireworks displayed so thank you for that. Also, she not sure if anyone remembers Mr. Procopio "Coco" Marquez; he served on the Council a few years back. He passed away and his services will be Friday at St. Francis Catholic Church at 9:00 am if anyone would like to attend.

Mayor-wanted to thank the Town staff for working on the budget. This included all of the Town staff from street crews, fire everyone across the board. He understands they don't have all of the tools to do the work but they are working on making that happen. Thank You Resolution Copper for allowing us to release the fireworks from their property. We are expecting to have a show that will last about 35-45 minutes long; this is the longest fireworks display the Town has ever had. For the last 3 years we have had our residents go out of town to enjoy the Fourth of July. This year let's keep our residents in their home town. There will be free swimming on the Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>. There will also be food and jumping castles, water slides all at the pool area. Our celebration will be on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> and not the 4<sup>th</sup>. The company that is coming to put on the firework show is so busy that there is no way they can be here on the 4<sup>th</sup> so we will celebrate on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be needing volunteers so please if you can help out we really appreciate it. Support the Little League All Stars, the tournaments are not being hosted here they are being played in Casa Grande.

Town Manager- No comments

**SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Special Council Meeting July 2, 2014

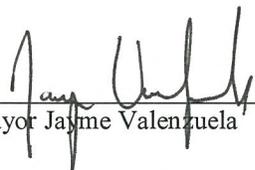
Meeting to Adopt Budget will also be July 2, 2014

Next regular Council Meeting August 7, 2014

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Vice Mayor Lopez, second by Councilmember Aguilar, motion carries.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm



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Mayor Jaime Valenzuela

Attest:



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Town Manager-Margaret Gaston