

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Valenzuela called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor	Jayne Valenzuela
Vice Mayor	Olga Lopez
Councilmember	Gilbert Aguilar
Councilmember	Michael Alonzo
Councilmember	Mila Besich-Lira
Councilmember	Steve Estatico
Councilmember	John Tameron

STAFF ATTENDENCE

Town Manager	Margaret Gaston
Town Attorney	Steven Cooper
Police Department	Mark Nipp
Administrative Aide	Ruby Cervantes
Town Staff	Nora Miramon

PUBLIC ATTENDENCE

Nina Crowder	Judge Larry Bravo
Dixie Briegel	Melissa Rabago
Gary Briegel	Susan Ketron
Teresa Gonzales	Joann Besich
Joy Eveland	Sandra Doyal
Nancy Vogler	Mike Trevino
Bill Vogler	Yasmin Rangel
Hank Gutierrez	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Valenzuela led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Denise Van Corp, Family Life Christian Center led all present in the invocation.

Mayor Valenzuela took this time to ask for a moment of silence for Angel "Chaleco" Hernandez who passed away earlier this week. He was a member of this Council and left his seat in 2006.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

National Head Start Month Proclamation and Presentation by Hilda Gardenas-Site Manager. Ms. Cardenas was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Teresa Gonzales, assistant to Ms. Cardenas, was in attendance representing Superior Head Start. Town Manager, Margaret Gaston read the proclamation and the Mayor thanked Ms. Gonzales for representing our local Head Start. Ms. Gonzales stated all the children were very happy when Mayor Valenzuela and Councilmember Besich-Lira each took a day to attend and interact with the kids.

REPORTS

Town Manager, Margaret Gaston; The Fire Department held special training last week. Margaret stated the Fire Department has an ambulance that is down. It is with the City of Mesa and it is having its 200,000 preventive maintenance. It never received its 100,000 preventive maintenance.

The Town is getting the rooms ready for the Police Department to move to Town Hall so everything is moving forward. Margaret said Chief Nipp met with Arizona State Parks and even with two grants here, we are fine parking by Town Hall and 24/7 parking for the Police Department. The Town is having problems keeping the ADOT bathrooms clean. There will be changes in the cleaning schedule and there are some parts that need to be replaced.

Margaret spoke with APS personal regarding the lights on the basketball court. They recommended we include the lights with the current Maintenance Agreement for Street Lights. APS said it is a simple thing to do and it would be better to do it that way. Our Town Attorney, Steve Cooper will look into that and get something going on the lights

Mayor Valenzuela, Thanked all of those that participated in the Cemetery Clean Up on Saturday, November 1, 2014, they had a good turnout of volunteers. Mayor stated thank you also to the Red Bear Outfitters. They provided hamburgers and hotdogs and drinks for everyone that helped out. On Saturday November 8, 2014 there will be 200 kids from the Church of Latter Day Saints for their Boot Camp.

CONSENT AGENDA

Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, the Mayor will ask whether any members of the Council request any item be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

A & B. Minutes of Special Meeting and Regular Meeting on October 2, 2014. Motion to approve Special Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2014 made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Ordinance Number 14-123 Relating to Place, Date and Times of Council Meetings.** Margaret brought this Ordinance back, Her thought is we can make the changes effective January 1, 2015. Ordinance Number 14-123 deals with changing the place, dates and times of the Council meetings. We can plan ahead as to when our Council meetings will be in 2015. Margaret stated we also need to change the place from the Senior Center to our current location, Town Hall Auditorium, 199 N. Lobb Avenue. Discussion on holding one meeting a month, what day would accommodate everyone on the board and also accommodate our Town Attorney. A suggestion that the 2nd Thursday of every month for our Council Meetings would work well, including Mr. Cooper, Town Attorney. That would make the first Council Meeting on January 8th, 2015. Motion to approve Ordinance Number 14-123 Relating to Place, Date and Times of Council Meetings made by Councilmember Alonzo second by Councilmember Aguilar, motion carries. Effective January 1, 2015
- B. Discussion and Approval of Grant that was submitted to Apache gold Casino and Resort for \$11,692.74 for Turnout Gear for Four Firefighters.** Todd Pryor was not present so Ms. Gaston presented this item. Fire Chief, Todd Pryor submitted a grant to Apache Gold Casino and

resort. He is aware that this should gone thru Council for approval but the deadline was for the 12 D grant application was due on October 11th. Margaret told him to go ahead and submit the application since we were a day late anyway. The grant is for \$11,692.74 for Turnout gear for four Firefighters. Margaret recommended the Council discuss and possible approval of the submission of 12D Fund Application to the Apache Gold Casino and Resort. Question from Councilmember Alonzo, if the Town has to match any monies or pay for this and then get reimburse? Ms. Gaston's response was no, we do not have to match or come up with funds first. Motion to approve Grant that was submitted to Apache Gold Casino and Resort for \$11,692.74 for Turnout Gear for four firefighters made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries.

- C. Discussion and Approval of IGA for Law Enforcement Radio Communications Dispatch Services between Pinal County and the Town of Superior.** Town Manager, Margaret Gaston; Police Chief Nipp, Sheriff Paul Babue and Dispatch Supervisor David Martin attended the Pinal County Board of Supervisor's work session last Wednesday to discuss an IGA. The Pinal County Sheriff's office has agreed to provide dispatch services for the Superior Police Department for a cost of \$75,000/year. The \$75,000 will be put into a fund for equipment that might be needed in the future. Town Attorney, Steve Cooper has approved the agreement and Chief Nipp and Town Manager, Margaret Gaston have agreed to the terms of the IGA. This IGA does not include the Fire Department and Ambulance Service. There is no effective date yet. The Town has to approve this first and then it will go to Pinal County Board of Supervisors. The effective date depends on when we can get this coordinated with the Town of Florence Police Department to dispatch for Superior Fire and Ambulance. Motion to approve Law Enforcement Radio Communications Dispatch Services between Pinal County and the Town of Superior made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Tameron, motion carries.
- D. Approval of Two Independent Contractor Agreements for the Senior Center-Margaret Gaston;** Debbie Casillas, Senior Center Director resigned effective October 16, 2014. Margaret contacted Annie Hinojos at the Hayden Senior Center to see if she could help in any way. Annie came up with a solution. Paula Romero is Annie Hinojos's assistant at Hayden. Paula has taken a leave of absence from the Town of Hayden in order to work at Superior four days a week. Files have been organized and we now have only the current paperwork. Margaret stated everything is working very efficiently. Soon the Town will be advertizing for a Senior Center Director for Superior. The Senior,s did attend Hayden's Halloween party at the Hayden Senior Center. Attorney Steve Cooper did create the contract for Paula Romero and Annie Hinojos to sign. Motion to approve two independent contractor agreements for the Senior Center made by Councilmember Alonzo, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries.
- E. Consideration of Policy for Advertizing on Ambulances-Margaret Gaston;** The purpose of this agenda item is to see if the Council would consider allowing hospitals to advertise on the side of the Town's ambulance. The Superior Fire Department is thinking of ways to create revenue for their department. Some of the ambulance companies in the valley allow hospitals to advertise on the sides of the ambulance. They would like permission to check into this and see if any hospital would like to advertise on Superior's ambulance and what they would be willing to pay. If Council is interested, the Fire Department will pursue this and obtain the additional information.

Vice Mayor Lopez would like to see pictures of some of the ambulances that have advertising already on them before she make a decision. Councilmember Alonzo stated that the advertising should stay within the Health and Safety field. This business item is informational only and Council recommendations. After a brief discussion, Council gave the go ahead to gather more information and report back to Council.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Judge Larry Bravo – He wanted to thank those who voted, and those who voted for him. It was a lot of hard work but he enjoyed every minute of it. The majority of the votes he received came from this town, Superior. He received 773 votes and he got 356 from Superior, so thank you very much.

Mike Trevino- He has come to speak, what this Town has done to him and his family is not right. The Superior Police Department continues to harass him. Every time he leaves to go somewhere there they are following him. The Police Department took his driver's license away so he lost his job because of that he couldn't drive himself to work. He said they were evicted from his house so now he, his wife and kids are homeless. He stated this should not be allowed to happen to anyone. He is asking for some assistance from the Town.

Joy Eveland- She just wanted to make a statement. Spoke with the Chief of Police and she was insulted at the comment he made to her. She had spoken prior in another meeting about the amount of time it took for an officer to respond to a call she made. She also asked how many police officers are on duty at night. Ms. Eveland was told the reason there were 2 on during the day was most of our crimes are happening in the daytime. Regarding the length of time it took when she called Chief Nipp told her that when one gets older time seems to be longer that what it really is. All she wanted to say is she has not seen a patrol car patrolling since Chief Digirolamo left.

Bill Vogler- He represents 84% of the residents that support Resolution Copper. He has not seen or heard anything from this Council regarding the negotiations with Resolution Copper. You represent this community and the 84% that over whelming want to see RCC start production. RCC is fair and conscientious and wants to do the same thing for the Town of Superior that they have done all over the world. Mr. Vogel stated that there should be an outside entity that would disperse the funds that come from RCC. The Town should not have anything to do with that. Personal likes and dislikes have no place in the Town Council or Staff. You are here to listen to the people and do what is best for us not you.

Nancy Vogler- She is here to say our town is in big trouble. 84% of the population supports Resolution Copper. Two years ago Council rejected and you have not done anything to make things right. Ms. Vogler also wanted to address this annexation. Did Council get a count on how much it would cost to get a grader to maintain the new roads, the cost of installing sewer lines to the new homes. Annexation might be a short time gain, but if you are not able to meet the rest of your obligations not so good. She is now wondering when will the 84% be heard by their town government.

Melissa Rabago- Ms. Rabago was here just to give everyone an update on some of the projects Resolution Copper has completed. As she mentioned before everyone is aware that the score board for the Little League was provided by Resolution Copper Company contractors. The Little League Field also needed a lot of the electrical replaced. RCC along with some of their contractors replaced \$9150.00 of electrical

parts for the Little League. She has a report if anyone is interested in looking at it she will have it available.

Hank Gutierrez- He stated he was very disappointed in two of the Councilmember's sitting up there you were voted in by the residents. Do not let the Mayor misguide you into what direction we need to go. You need to stand up for what you believe in. This is not how the people expect you to conduct yourselves. Don't forget about 84% of the people that want the mine and support RCC. Stop doing what you are doing; we do not need a bail out. Stop trying to extort money from RCC. Don't forget about the 84% that support this effort. Step up we want to hear your voice.

Pam Rabago- She just had one question after listening about the IGA. She believes what she heard was the budget was \$180,000.00, \$75000.00 for Pinal County, but she didn't hear anything about forest cost and the cost for keeping a dispatcher. Don't you think you should get all of the cost first to see if this is really going to save us money, unless Council knows something they are not telling us?

B. At the conclusion of the call to the public, individual Town Council members may (1) respond to criticism made by those who have spoken; (2) ask staff to review a matter; or (3) ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.

Councilmember Aguilar: Before you come up here and start accusing us of anything you should really know what is going on. Two years we have been talking to Resolution and nothing has come back to us. You can say and laugh all you want but know your facts. We have been working hard in getting something going, but nothing has come back to us for 2 years, so know your facts. I do support the mining industry; I understand how to negotiate and how that works. You are just getting one side of the story, so know both sides before you come here and lash out at us.

Councilmember Tameron: Mr. Tameron stated he received a phone call from a representative of the mine or RCC he is not sure. This gentleman asked him to meet with him; Mr. Tameron told him he would not meet with him by himself. So he asked me to invite the Mayor and Mr. Aguilar. Mr. Tameron's comment to him was, why can't we meet in Superior in public place. This gentleman, RCC representative said "oh no, we do not want to do that. We will meet with you first and then we will go forward. We were negotiating, twice. So you need to go and ask them why they did not want to meet in public forum.

Councilmember Besich-Lira: She just has one comment regarding what is being discussed. Our biggest problem why we don't have anything done is because we as leaders don't have a plan. So we need to have specifics. We need to have a list of things we want and why we want these things. That is why we continue to have this problem. Ms. Lira said she would like to have an open discussion and in a public arena. She believes that is why there is a lot of frustration among this Council and our residents. Resolution Copper is not our only partners and there are things going on that we do not discuss at all.

Councilmember Alonzo: we are meeting and talking with Resolution Copper. We have Councilmember Estatico and Councilmember Aguilar who have meet with them so we are negotiating. Mr. Alonzo stated he has also been contacted. He is asked questions about the status of the negotiations but he is not going to discuss that. We are talking with resolution but these are things that have only been discussed during the executive session and I will not disclose what those things are. We should try to be more transparent and we all meet in public. Last he heard, they had something to submit to us at the end of this month.

Mr. Tameron; He wanted to add that the individuals that met with me and this gentleman from RCC were chosen by this gentleman. We did come back and discuss with all of the Councilmember's everything that was discussed in that meeting. It was done in Executive Session as directed by our Town Attorney, Steve Cooper.

Mayor Valenzuela; We have met with mine officials. Like Mr. Alonzo stated we are moving forward. We do have some issues with Resolution Copper Company. We have not heard anything back from RCC in two months. So when you say we are not doing anything we are, we have submitted a proposal. They asked us what we needed we gave them what they asked for. Once again we have not heard back from them in 2 months or longer. It was mentioned that we need to be more transparent, I don't think anyone can be more transparent than this Council has been. Another thing I do not dictate what each Councilmember speaks, thinks and how each one votes. Each member of this council has a mind of their own and votes how they think are best. So for you to say that I as Mayor tell them how to vote and what to think is wrong.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Councilmember Besich-Lira; Just a reminder we have two cowboy events on Saturday. One is at the Magma Club hosted by the Chamber. The other one is at Los Hermanos. Omya is having their community day Saturday morning at the Arboretum. The Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition has contracted a new project with Valle O' Sol. This is a project for anyone wanting to learn or be a more effective leader. Anyone interested in attending this will start in March but the application process in our area it will be sometime later this month. Veterans Day is Tuesday she wanted to just wish all the Veterans a Happy Veterans Day.

Mr. Aguilar; No comment

Mr. Alonzo; No comment

Mr. Estatico; Just wanted to wish his dad a Happy Veterans Day he served in the military and he is very proud of him.

Mr. Tameron; No comment

Vice Mayor Lopez; No comment

Mayor Valenzuela; The only thing is he would like to see at our next meeting where the Annexation Committee is. Mr. Valenzuela would like to see where they are in meeting with the home owners and address some of the issues at hand. He notices the staff will be posting for the Veterans Day Program at our local VFW. Also he congratulated the Superior Football Team in their State run. It ended Saturday and they did a great job. Look forward to next year's run.

Ms. Gaston; No comment

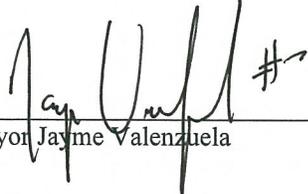
SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Regular Council Meeting, November 20, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
VFW Honoring Veterans Program, November 9, 2014, 11:00 am
Planning and Zoning Commission November 13, 2014, 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilmember Aguilar, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.



Mayor Jayme Valenzuela



Town Manager Margaret Gaston