

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR  
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 20, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Valenzuela called meeting to order at 7:27 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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Valenzuela led audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Stewart Rowell was not present, Mayor asked Town Manager-Margaret Gaston to lead the invocation, which she did.

**TOWN STAFF PRESENT:**

Town Manager	Margaret Gaston
Town Attorney	Lisa Rueter
Police Department	Chief McNeill
Fire Department	Chief Pryor
Public Works	Anthony Huerta
Senior Center	Debbie Casillas
Library	Josie Campos
Staff	Nora Miramon

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Bill Volger	Max Magallanez
Nancy Volger	Elizabeth Magallanez
Sonnie Sansom	Patrick O'Donnell Jr.
Gary Briegel	Nina Crowder
Dixie Briegel	Keri Richards
Sandra Doyle	

**NO SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**REPORTS:**

**Fire-** Chief Pryor read his report to Council and to the public in order for the public could have a better understanding regarding the process of code enforcement. Todd made a request to the Town Manager to have a work session; he also stated that this process is going to take more planning of what happens next and probably some kind of sustainability.

Mayor asked Chief Pryor if they are checking the fire hydrants, if they could please attach a hose so that they can direct the water flow so it does not flood any of the properties. Todd said he would try to do that.

**Library- no comments**

**Police- no comments**

**Senior Center- no comments**

**Public Works**

**Sanitation-no comments**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2014.
- B. Alcohol Beverage Permit at the Magma Club, Angel Arvizu February 22, 2014, birthday party. Motion to approve minutes from February 6, 2014 Council Meeting and approve alcohol beverage permit for February 22, 2014 made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Aguilar, motion carries.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Consideration and Possible approval of a New Liquor License for DeMarcos, Subs & More located at 433 W. Highway 60, Superior, Arizona 85173. Town Manager, Margaret Gaston stated that DeMarcos will be opening up their business where the old Dairy Queen building was. They are remodeling the building and will be able to seat approximately 40 people. The application for a liquor license was posted on January 28, 2014. Margaret removed the posting today, February 20, 2014 and she called the owner and reminded him about tonight's meeting to answer any questions the Council may have. Town Manager recommendation is for Council to approve the liquor license to further a new business coming to town. Council had questions for the owner such as; will the patio have a enclosure, what type of liquor license was he getting, etc. Since the owner was not available to answer these questions there was a recommendation to table this item so there can be clarification regarding Councils concerns. Motion to table the approval of a New Liquor License for DeMarcos Pizza, Subs & More made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Tameron, motion carries.
- B. Consideration and Possible Approval of Maintenance Agreement with the City of Mesa for the Town of Superior. Margaret Gaston, This agreement is to provide the Town of Superior a reasonable place for our fire equipment to be repaired. Also, if Mesa has to provide fire equipment

to replace the one being repaired, Superior will pay rent of \$200.00 a day for the rental of any fire equipment. That could end up being quite expensive. Originally it had a \$1,000 of assistance expenses before we had to be notified, it has been changed to \$500 and not without prior approval of Town Manager. The Town will have to be very careful to write every thing down exactly what is to be done so there will be no questions of what work is to be performed. Ms. Gaston said there should be an IGA for vehicles possibly coming from the City of Mesa. When we get the IGA we can see exactly what it will cover. Ms. Gaston recommends to the Council they approve this maintenance agreement between the City of Mesa and the Town of Superior. This should help with the costs of repairing any fire equipment. There were some questions from Council such as, who is transporting and cost? Does this include Ambulance and lights? Fee for a on call mechanic? Council wanted some clarification on some on the items and the fees. After several minutes of discussion Mayor called for a motion. Motion to approve the agreement with the changes that Council has suggested made by Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries.

- C. Consideration and Possible approval of Chief of Police to Apply for Homeland Security Regional Grant for Telecommunication Services and Improvement for Emergency Responders. Chief McNeill and Margaret Gaston attended a meeting in Hayden last week with the Police Chiefs from Hayden, Globe and Kearny along with representative from Canyon State & Motorola Wireless representatives from Globe. This meeting was to discuss improving telecommunications between departments in Southern Gila County and Northeastern Pinal County. Discussion regarding a regional dispatch center to help all the departments with this area. The communities involved are Globe, Hayden, Kearny, Superior, Miami, Mammoth and Tri-City Fire Department. The Gila County Sheriff was invited and declined, and the Pinal County Sheriff was not contacted, but will be. The Grant has to be submitted by March 3, 2014. Chief McNeill said that they are inviting all of the mountain areas to get on board and ride the ship with them. What this means is that they are applying for a micro wave tower to be able to communicate with all of the agencies. If for some reason lightning should strike the communication tower and our dispatch goes down one of the other agencies would be able to pick that up for the Town of Superior and cover our back until the repairs have been made. This will include computers in all of the Police Vehicles, Fire Department and Queen Valley has already signed on with this. This will give each department the access to communicate thru the computer. This is the first step to moving forward in technology. Part of the grant is to get tower space. This is free money this will give us technology at no cost to the Town. Each agency will have to have a repeater to be able to communicate. This is to get each agency on a level playing field. If we don't get in on this grant, every agency will be ahead of us technology wise leaving us behind. Motion to approve for Chief McNeill to apply for Homeland Security Regional Grant made by Councilmember Alonzo, second by Councilmember Aguilar, motion carries.
- D. Discussion of three areas for Adelante Juntos to Use for Their Office and Recreation Center in Superior and Direct Staff to Proceed. Margaret Gaston stated that Elizabeth Magallanez gave a

presentation about a month ago regarding the possibility of utilizing one of the Town's buildings for an office and possible recreation center. The Town does have a few sites that are possibilities. The sites are the band room next to Town Hall, although it's not very big and no restroom; the old library room, there are bathrooms there, the Rose's Roses building, and the yellow house behind the Food Bank, that's owned by the Town. Anthony Huerta from Public Works has estimates to repair the buildings. The old library at Town Hall is probably one of the most costly ones. You have the flooring, the roof, no air-conditioning or central heating, electrical, painting. Construction had to be done on the bathrooms which come out to be around \$22-33,000.00 dollars. Rose's Roses has updated electrical, heating and cooling which is swamp cooler so you could put air-conditioning and the Town is looking at approximately \$16,000. The yellow house behind the food bank which is currently being used as storage for Head start cost is about \$20,000. Mayor Valenzuela was looking sq footage wise, which would be the old library and second would be Rose's Roses. The yellow house only has about 900 to 1100 sq ft. The Mayor said that we need to find out what kind of sq footage Adelante Juntos needs and see what we have to do to try to make this work. This is something that this community needs and the children need also. Elizabeth Magallanez spoke saying that she appreciated all of the effort the Town has put into this to help this organization find a space for them. Once I send back this information to my home office we can narrow our choice down. As far as the grant that is for the program and staff, we will discuss all of that. Mayor offered Elizabeth to bring their own contractor and go with Margaret around to all of the spaces that were mentioned. Mayor directed staff to work with Mrs. Magallanez on this issue and hopefully we can come to a agreement and move forward.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Bill Volger: Spoke about the Lost Trail, he took another walk and encouraged everyone to take the walk from the Picket Post thru Arnett Canyon, it is a beautiful walk. On the topic of the US Hwy 60, it seems that Superior is getting overlooked and treated like a second class citizens when it comes to cross walks on the highway. When you drive down thru Gold Canyon there are 3 stop lights and at each stop light there are cross walks. Why then can't the Town get the same treatment as far as cross walks on our new highway? He is asking the Council to go support this request and let's try to get cross walks on the Highway for the safety of our community.

Sonnie Sansom: He feels he was ambushed at the last meeting. He had a statement he wanted to read. When he saw the agenda he was very surprised to see his name on the agenda. Since he took the oath of office no one from Council, Town Staff has made the effort to contact me to discuss any of these issues. He believes that there is selective code enforcement and was hoping that this meeting was to discuss a lot of the issues he brought up. Bottom line is that he is trying to help the Town and those around him to make sure they follow Town Code.

Keri Richards: She expects when someone in authority says that they will do something that is their word and it does not reflect well on our community. The bathrooms are still a mess and if we want people to get a good impression

of our town and have them come back then we need to do our due diligence in making sure their experience in our Town is a great one. Volunteers would like to encourage everyone to become a volunteer it is a great experience. We need to all get in there and help out our community.

Superior School Superintendent, O'Donnell: Mr. O'Donnell wanted to take this time to extend a Thank You to the Council and the Town of Superior for all of your support. As you well know that every student that lives in this Town goes to our school and we continue to be involved and we continue to work together along with our stake holders to ensure the success of our students, just wanted to say thank you once again. Also, he wanted to let Council know that our regular scheduled board meeting is going to be moved to March 3, 2014 due to some mandated training that needs to be done. Once again thank you for all of your support.

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS:**

Councilmember Alonzo- Just wanted to ask regarding the 2 representatives, Town Manager and the Town Attorney regarding the communication about Economic Development and Resolution talks were are we with that, since I haven't heard anything regarding talks/meetings that have happened. The same thing with ADOT, we have 2 representatives and I haven't heard anything back on that also. One last thing Councilmember Alonzo would like to see when we have the department reports if they could include their budgets so we could have a better understanding where each department is at. I had a constituent tell me that he was told not contact or email any of the Council and I am sure that nobody from staff would say that, but I just want to make it clear that anyone that wants to contact me I am available thru phone or email. Just wanted to remind everybody Little League is having their sign ups at the Kennedy School. Please support and get the word out there.

Councilmember Estatico: I have been part of the discussions with Resolution and have shared some of the information so I am asking of Margaret to inform everyone on the council. He stated that his family and himself did take the hike and didn't realize how beautiful that area is.

Councilmember Tameron: No comment

Councilmember Besich-Lira: She also agrees with Councilmember Alonzo comments, that she appreciates all of the emails and feedback from the public, she may not always be able to answer all of them but I do appreciate all of your comments. Another thing wanted to address it at the last meeting I requested if we could possibly start planning a work session where we can talk about economic development and also address some of the issues that Mr. Pryor brought up. Another thing I have been concerned about is where we are financially and were we are we with our budget. She wanted to comment on the Caboose which is a project very dear to her. There was a letter to the editor from one of the newer volunteers that was very inspiring to her. So if anyone is interested in volunteering you would be surprised how many different people you meet, it is a very rewarding experience.

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Councilmember Aguilar: We have met 3 times with Resolution and we have gotten nowhere. (Mr. Tameron, at this time asked if he had to recues himself from this conversation due to conflict of interest, Town Attorney stated since this was going to be just a statement and not a discussion, so he did not have to do that)

Councilmember Aguilar goes on to say that Mr. Richins is a great guy and a good person but we need Andrew there. We need answers; we need Andrew there, a person that makes the decisions. We are trying and we are working hard on this. We want this but this is where we are at. I am hoping that we can get Andrew there and talk and get some of these things resolved. But we have been working hard on it.

Vice Mayor Lopez: Just wanted to make a comment, she agrees with Mr. Alonzo and Ms. Lira and she doesn't know if we are not tracking things that we have discussed but somehow in the minutes if we could put a section for things that we have asked for future discussion so we don't drop the ball and will help us keep track of these things. One thing that I would like to put out there is how is or what is the direction of the annexation for the future.

Mayor Valenzuela: He would like to just express his condolences to Ruby and the Marquez family, Ruby's dad passed away. The next thing is the Magma Hotel is looking great, they started to frame in inside of the hotel and it looks great. He saw them putting in the flooring on the second floor and it is exciting to see this come to life. Mayor apologized for not being able to attend the Lost but he was very sick. Want to briefly touch on that he knows that Mr. Cooper, Town Attorney is looking it over and we are moving forward with the Annexation this is vital to our community's future. One last thing, someone got on top of the roof and tried to pull down the electrical wiring and broke the lights the Town had just fixed. We need all of the community to be our eyes and ears and at least call it in. We are looking into addressing the pot holes in the Town. We are looking into buying some cold mix for those pot holes.

Town Manager: Margaret and Nora attended a meeting on the elections for 2014. Some procedures changed because the elections warehouse burned a while back. All of the equipment was destroyed but because all of the records are stored in a separate place those were not affected. We were told that some of the laws at the state level in the legislature that might change the elections for 2016, so this year is a trial period and we'll just have to see what happens for 2016. We need to stay on top of what is happening in elections, and there will be elections for some county and state offices this year. Margaret attended the Superior Chamber of Commerce luncheon yesterday in the Chamber building. It's a very nice facility and there were about 50 people there. Andrew Taplin, Resolution Copper, was the featured speaker. Margaret believes we have continued to make progress with Anthony Huerta in charge of Public Works, we have four police vehicles running now, and with the Maintenance Agreement signed with the City of Mesa, in March we should be able to have them look at a fire truck. Also, the City of Mesa is working on an IGA with us for vehicles also. That will help tremendously. Margaret reminded everyone of Apache Leap Days Festival will be March 7-9, just two weeks away. Margaret reported that the reports will be posted on the web site. We'll have to check & see how they look. We also have a P & Z meeting next week on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

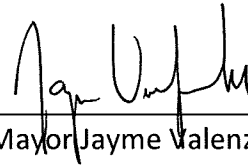
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**SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

Apache Leap Mining Festival March 7-9, 2014  
Regular Council Meeting March 6, 2014  
Regular Council Meeting March 20, 2014

**ADJOURNMENT:**

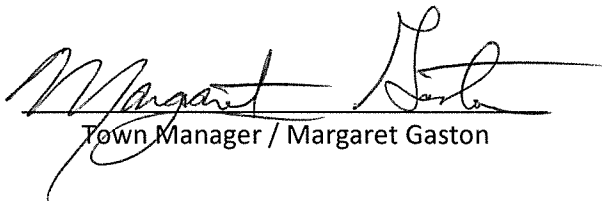
Motion to adjourn meeting made by Vice Mayor Lopez, second by Councilmember Tameron, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p. m.



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Mayor Jayme Valenzuela

Attest:



Town Manager / Margaret Gaston