

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Valenzuela called meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

ROLL CALL

Mayor	Jayne Valenzuela
Councilmember	Michael Alonzo
Councilmember	Mila Besich-Lira
Councilmember	Steve Estatico

Absent: Vice Mayor Lopez, Councilmember Aguilar and Councilmember Tameron.

INVOCATION

Pastor Dennis Van Gorp, Family Life Christian Center gave the Invocation to all in attendance.

STAFF PRESENT

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

VISITORS PRESENT

Sandra Doyle	Cory Ellsworth
Tom Spruigen	Tim Cowley
Nancy Vogler	Lydia Huerta
Bill Vogler	Keri Richards
Judah Nelson	Hank Gutierrez
Merrilee Kinney	Tina Gutierrez
Nina Crowder	Freddie Miramon

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Cory Ellsworth, Church of Latter Day Saints, Presentation on a Community Project for the Town of Superior's Cemetery. Mr. Ellsworth wanted to thank Council and the Town of Superior for this opportunity. He introduced Tim Cowley; he would also be assisting in this project along with 200 kids to do work at Superior's Cemetery. This is the second year time they have had their retreat for their youth at the Old Superior High School thanks to the Cardon family. They enjoyed so much and had a great experience last year that once again they are hosting the youth retreat here. They felt like they wanted to give back to the community, they have been received very well and enjoy the people of this community. He met with Margaret, (Town Manager) and Anthony (Public Works) regarding any projects that their youth might be able to help and Fairview Cemetery was a great idea. About 50 kids will be taking pictures; they are planting 6 new Italian Cypress Trees and some painting. Mr. Ellsworth thanked the Town for this Opportunity.

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The Mayor and Councilmember's present took this time to Thank Mr. Ellsworth and the youth group for doing this project.

REPORTS

Mayor Valenzuela wanted to skip around so these are not in the order listed on the agenda.

Library- Margaret informed the Council that Josie was not able to make it back on time for the meeting from Mesa. Also, Debbie Casillas from the Senior Center was unable to be here, not feeling well. No questions, no comments.

Police- Chief Nipp stated that he was going to make some changes to his reports for the future. No questions or comments from Council.

Senior Center-Mayor: Town Manager stated that Debbie Casillas was not feeling well and is not present. Questions or comments were directed to Margaret to either answer or relay information to Debbie. Councilmember Estatico asked about the food better, worse? Margaret said she is not aware of any complaints. Mayor asked how was the van working out? Margaret said they use the van to take the seniors to parties in Hayden at their Senior Center. They also take trips once a month to Apace Junction & Mesa to do some shopping and go out to eat. The mechanic is working on the Taurus so it can be used when we don't have enough seniors to fill the van for trips. This will make these trips more cost effective. Mayor stated that he would like to see more activities other than Bingo. He has had some comments made to him about that and he would like to see more activities at the Senior Center. Councilmember Estatico asked if there was any other funding for such activities or if the School is able to help, maybe some of the Students can help or participate with the Senior Citizens. Margaret said that she would look into that possibility.

Public Works- Question from Councilmember Alonzo, Who will be taken care of the regular maintenance at the pool. Anthony said that right now they are trying to just get everything up and running and get the pool to open on time. Manager and myself are talking about who will be in charge of maintenance and the staff at the pool. We are looking to open the pool time. Mayor stated that last year what killed us as far as budget was the pay for the life guards. We will try to partner up with the school since the school will be utilizing the pool and maybe we can work something out. Councilmember Alonzo wanted to know since we are buying equipment with the money from the scrap metal that we sell. Are we keeping an inventory of all tools? Anthony stated that he is keeping inventory on all of the equipment that Public Works has bought. Councilmember Besich-Lira wanted to know about the awnings that are torn. Is there any way to get those replaced? Anthony stated that right now this is not a priority we need to make sure all of the chemicals and all of the parts to the pool are in working order and maybe at a later date we can take care of that.

Sanitation- Mayor asked if the project was complete. Margaret said yes just waiting for last of the paperwork and then approval of last payment request.

Fire- Mayor had some questions for Todd, Fire Chief. Significant changes on the fire hydrants as far as color. Does that reflect the output of water from that hydrant? Todd said yes, the average hydrant releases over 1000 gallons of water a minute. This is modified by the water company; the Fire Department cannot do any type of modifying to the hydrants. These hydrants are tested by both the fire and water company. What year is engine 632? Todd answered 1976. After several minutes of discussion regarding budget and being able to repair things that are in need of repairs, code enforcement and the

fact that the Fire Department reports seem to always have a negative tone. The Mayor said he would like to see more positives in his reports and what kind of activities or things is happening within that department. Councilmember Besich-Lira commented that we are all here to work together and maybe just getting together with other departments and finding out how or what can be done to help each department. We are all here to help each department and if we can get creative and think of ways to get things accomplished we are here to make things go forward. Mesa Council approved giving Superior a Fire Truck.

Margaret stated that we are working with a Maintenance Agreement with the City of Mesa. When that happens we will be able to get some things fixed for the Fire Department. We are getting a truck from the City so we will no longer have to spend money on a 1976 truck which will save us a lot of money. Councilmember Alonzo, we as Councilmember's need to be aware of what direction our departments want to go. If we don't know how can we ask our department to know? Todd has asked for a meeting why hasn't that happened? Margaret stated she has forwarded this information to Town Attorney so we can know what our options are regarding Town Code and citations. We need to find out about the property taxes if they are being paid and what is going on with that and what are our options regarding that. Once we have answers to these questions then we can certainly have a meeting. We will make sure all parties are in agreement with a date and time.

Manager- Margaret said she did receive the Signed Consent Order from the Department of Environmental Quality, this is the one Council approved on March 6th. The Mayor has a letter for Director Robert Holiday from DPS thanking him for all of their help thru our process of hiring a new Police Chief. Also if there is anyone from the Council that would like to sign the letter they are more than welcome to sign it. Margaret also received an email from the contractor Keith Rhodes for the Magma Hotel stating they are looking to be finished with their portion of the project in early August. Town Hall hosted public meeting with ADOT on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, in the auditorium. It was more of a question and answer session. She feels it went well, and that the project is a go.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were 2 items in the Consent Agenda, approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2014. The second item is a Blanket Permit request for Superior Rotary Club to conduct various fundraising activities. Motion to approve items on the consent agenda made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Alonzo, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and Approval of the Release of Bond to Copper Core Builders, LLC in the amount of \$300,000.00. Ken Martin from Willdan has been out to physically check that all the requirements have been met and the bond can be released. The drainage areas are Trac B, C, and D, they go with the owners but it is stated the Town has the easement for the drainage, but it is the responsibility of the owners to maintain the drainage area. The responsibility of the Council is to approve the release of the remaining \$300,000.00 bond. Once the Council approves the release of the bond, the Town will send a letter to Merchants Bonding Company and notify them. Motion to approve the release of Bond to Copper Core Builders, LLC made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries.

- B. Consideration and Authorization of Town Manager to Sign a 5 year Carrier Service Order for Phone Service for Town of Superior's Library. Denise Keller, County Librarian she finds ways to be very helpful to all of the libraries. One of the ways she helps is financially. She asks for an e-rate, which can be provided for 3 or 5 years for schools and libraries. Denise recommends the 5 years because if prices go up, the rate is guaranteed for 5 years. Margaret wanted the Council to be aware of one of the services Pinal County Library District provides. Margaret requested the Council authorize the Town Manager to sign the CSO (carrier services order) for the Superior Library. Motion to approve authorization for the Town Manager to sign CSO made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Alonzo, motion carries.
- C. Discussion and Acceptance of Resignation of Planning and Zoning Commissioner Sonnie Sansom. Friday morning Sonnie Sansom brought his resignation into Town Hall and made it effective March 14, 2014. Margaret has a letter of resignation from Mr. Sansom. The Council can again go through the letters and applications that were submitted in December to be considered for the new Planning and Zoning Commissioner position. Most of the applicants that the Town has on file have been contacted and asked if they would still like to be considered for the position, all that were contacted said yes. The Council first has to accept Mr. Sansom's resignation. Mr. Sansom was asked if there was anything he would like to say, Mr. Sansom declined. Motion to accept Mr. Sansom's resignation was made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Besich-Lira, motion carries.
- D. Discussion and Possible Appointment of a Planning and Zoning Commissioner from list: Karen Afdahl; Jim Bordenave; Pamela Dalton-Rabago; Hank Gutierrez; Judah Nelson; Kim Ogrin; Curtis Williams. It was stated that all of the applicants were contacted by phone, with the exception of James Bordenave an email was sent with no response, and no contact information for Mr. Curtis Williams. Councilmember Alonzo suggested we go back to the same approach as before just in case there is someone who would be interested in applying. Those who have applied would not have to reapply. Motion was made by Councilmember Alonzo to go to the same process for 2 weeks, second by Councilmember Besich-Lira, motion carries.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Nancy Vogel-We hired a tax accountant to do an audit of the Town's tax revenue. I have asked for an update on the audit and haven't heard anything. She just wants to make sure he is earning his pay for work done.

Keri Richards- She owns property on Palo Verde. She wants to thank the Council once again for the work done at the park. Also what the Caboose needs is to have a key to the bathrooms, we have always had a key and until lately that was taken. Perhaps some of us that volunteer would like to help out by

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cleaning the bathroom and making sure they are kept up for our visitors. She feels that if the volunteers have a key at the Caboose this would benefit everyone.

Judith Nelson- She agrees with the town code about cleaning the easement around ones property. We as property owners need to be able to keep that area of our property clean. Also she would like to take a look at the tarps at the pool. She does some sewing and would be willing to take a look and see if she could possibly sew the tarps.

Freddie Miramon- He wanted to thank Council and all of the Town Staff for their service. Thank you for taking the challenge and volunteering, with no pay, due to the Towns very limited budget. Thank you for your strengths and willingness to make a difference for the Town of Superior. Freddie said just because there are some negative out cries from the public, it doesn't change the importance of your heart, your desires, passions, abilities and your intentions for what's best for all of the residents of Superior. He asked that Council continue to work together in Town affairs with divine intelligence mending all differences and reaching agreements that satisfy all. Mr. Miramon ended with a quote "Often the difference between a successful team and a failure is one not having better abilities or ideas, but the courage that one has to act on careful planning and foresight".

B. Margaret- Regarding the key to the Caboose, we have given the key to the Chamber President, Sue Anderson. The tax audit, the Town did receive \$628.00; Mr. Holler has sent out letters, and once the audit is completed they will be sending out certified letters to those who have to pay the Town for taxes. He has found over \$7000.00 due to the town so he is earning his pay. One of the reason the Town does not receive its full allotment in tax revenue is because 4 years ago some taxes were paid directly to the Town for a job done at Resolution Copper Company. The contractor did not realize that Resolution Copper Company is not a part of the tax base for the Town, Resolution Copper Company pays their taxes directly to Pinal County. So now the Town has to pay that money back to the county on monthly bases. ADOR has been taking the payment from the Town's monthly allotment, that is why the Town doesn't get its full share of tax revenue.

Mayor- He addressed the easement part of everyone's property. Wanted Anthony, from Public Works to clarify what the Town Code stated. It is the owner's responsibility to keep that area around their property clean.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Councilmember Besich-Lira: Ms. Lira wanted to let everyone know that the girls softball team is undefeated and this is the last week of spring break. All students go back to school on Monday March 24, 2014. Ms. Lira said she attended the Chamber Luncheon and APS was there. An idea was that maybe the Chamber would like to give a report to the Council regarding all of the new businesses that are opening up and let the Town know what is going on. Hiked the Arnett Canyon was very exciting that this will be a part of the Lost Trail it is a beautiful canyon and she encouraged all of the Council if they haven't taken that walk to really try they will enjoy it. San Pedro River Festival has an open invitation to

any community that would like to put a booth and promote their community to please do so. She feels that would be a great way to show case our community and should be a lot of fun.

Councilmember Alonzo: He just wanted to thank the Church of Latter Day Saints for the clean up that they will be doing at the cemetery. I appreciate the work that the youth of the church has volunteered to do this clean up for our community.

Also the new boutique on Main Street they are very nice people and it is a very nice new store in town. They will be having paint fair, he has participated in a few of these and they are really fun and encourage everyone to participate. Also, Little League is still accepting registrations, so if you know anyone that would like to participate there is still time to register.

Councilmember Estatico: No comment

Mayor: Just wanted to say thank you to all of the departments and street crew, Town Staff and Council. Everyone is working hard and we are getting things accomplished. We welcome any and all comments, we may not like what we hear but it keeps us on our toes and we welcome it. Mr. Sansom I hate to see you leave but I understand your position and thank you for the time you did serve. Mayor also mentioned Pioneer Days and asked Margaret to tell all present all about it.

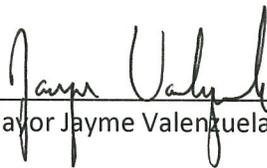
Margaret: Ms. Gaston extended the invitation to all of Superior about Pioneer Days. Kearny is having its festival this weekend starts tonight with the crowning of the Queen. Saturday the parade starts at 10:00 am promptly with 37 entries. There will be a lot of booths, Steak dinner, and of course the carnival.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Regular Council Meetings April 3rd & 17th 2014.
Planning and Zoning Meeting April 10, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Besich-Lira, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.



Mayor Jayme Valenzuela

Attest:



Town Manager/Margaret Gaston