

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Tameron called meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmembers led staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Was led by Father James Aboyi, Saint Francis Assisi Catholic Church

TOWN STAFF

Town Manager	Margaret Gaston
Town Attorney	Liz Reuter
Police Chief	Mark Nipp
Fire Chief	Todd Pryor
Public Works	Anthony Huerta
Library	Josie Campos
Senior Center	Debbie Casillas
Administration	Ruby Cervantez
Town Staff	Nora Miramon

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Sandra Doyle	Hank Gutierrez
Alan Urban	Bheirettie Tameron
Sonnie Sansom	Gary Briegel
Leslie Martin	Dixie Briegel
Gloria Martinez	
Carlos Martinez	

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Town Employee Sgt. David Neuss, Superior Police Department, by Chief Mark Nipp-Sgt. Neuss comes to the Town of Superior with 24 years of experience in police work. He is married has 3 children. He is very happy to be working for the Town of Superior and its residents. Sgt. Neuss thanked the Town of Superior for the opportunity to serve this community.

REPORTS

FIRE- Fire Chief Pryor: He would like for Council to look over the five year plan giving him any suggestions and feedback. Councilmember Alonzo recommends that Mr. Pryor present this 5 year plan in a staff meeting and iron some things out before presenting it to the council. It will speed up the process and not a lot of back and forth. This might also encourage other departments to do the same. Councilmember Besich-Lira thanked Mr. Pryor for the report but does agree with the rest of the council regarding the five year plan. Mr. Pryor commented he just wanted to present as much information as possible to the Council and get some kind of direction and included a draft.

LIBRARY- Josie Campos: Councilmember Lira said that it is great that they are getting the 3D printer. Ms. Lira asked where was she thinking of putting this printer, she knows the library is small and is this long term goal or short term. Ms. Campos is looking into possibility of grant funding for Library expansion since they do need more space.

POLICE REPORT-Chief Nipp: He has come up with a mass notification system that we can use to notify residents about emergencies or community events. There is no cost to the department and all you have to do is sign up. To subscribe just text SUPERIORPD to 888777 and you can start receiving updates and they will be able to start getting information. Also he has found that the Police Department is paying twice for phone service. Chief Nipp found out that the Town is paying for 2 phone services. He is hoping that we can go only with Century Link. He did some research and the Town will be saving money if they went with only one provider. Officer Nipp said he had more on this later in the agenda.

SENIOR CENTER- Debbie Casillas: Ms. Casillas was asked about the meals and how everything was going. She stated that she has seen a good improvement and the Seniors understand the portion control that they must have. The seniors seem to be happier with the meals. They seem to really enjoy their shopping trips to Apache Junction.

PUBLIC WORKS- Anthony Huerta: Council wanted to know about the bulk pickups. Mr. Huerta explained how that works. He said people always ask him about their yard waste and he tells them they need to call Republic and they must have a current account. Mr. Huerta explained the town no longer does bulk pickups. He stated we really need to do something about a transfer station. One of the biggest complaints is people have no where to throw the trash.

SANITATION REPORT-Margaret Gaston; Councilmember Tameron asked why Mr. Hanus never is here to answer any question. Ms. Gaston stated he only works certain days a week and he does live in Prescott. She stated that Princene Davis is Mr. Hanus employee and he pays her, she might be able to make some of the meetings in his place. Margaret said she will talk to Mr. Hanus about that. Councilmember Tameron said he would like it if Mr. Hanus would try to make some of the meetings and everyone could see who is running the Sanitation Plant.

MANAGER'S REPORT-Margaret Gaston; Ms. Gaston attached the suggested pool schedule for June 2014. She adjusted the hours of operation to cut down on the cost of operating the pool. There is also an ad for the hiring of a Pool Manager to help with the operation of the pool. The fees are staying the same; Anthony and Margaret have discussed the fees and the schedule previously. Aquatics Center Use Agreement is the same as last year. All of the new applicants will be taking the lifeguard certification class this coming weekend. Anthony and Ms. Gaston will be interviewing guards next week. Mel Martinez is going to hold a CPR certification class in conjunction with Air Evac.

Ms. Gaston will be working on a budget for the Council, she has a few questions that need to be answered before it can be done and then we can have a work session. Ms. Gaston found a source for t-shirts or polo shirts with the Town logo. Long sleeve t-shirts are available for \$9 or \$10; polo shirts for \$10-\$12. The Town will not purchase them, but it does make them affordable if anyone would like one.

Ms. Gaston spoke to Mr. O'Donnell who stated that they were going to have summer school and he wanted to make sure that we didn't interfere with their summer school schedule she assured him we would not. Mr. O'Donnell said that they have no plans of using the pool when school starts. Mayor Valenzuela stated that he is concerned about the hours. Mayor stated that these kids do not have anything else besides Little League. Ms. Gaston said these hours are not set in stone and we can look at that. Mayor recommended to Manager to look into some companies on donating to the pool so that we can have some free swim days.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting of April 30, 2014 and the Blanket Permit request form for St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church for Fund Raising. Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Councilmember Besich-Lira, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and Approval of Special Event Liquor License for St. Francis of Assisi Church Festival on September 13 and 14, 2014. Margaret Gaston; this is a annual event for the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. The Church is applying for a Special Event License from Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control. They will have two police officers and five security personnel. Motion to approve Special Event Liquor License for St. Francis of Assisi Church made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Aguilar, motion carries.
- B. Transfer Agreement between the Town of Superior Police Department and The Arizona Department of Public Safety- Ms. Gaston; Sgt. McNeill with DPS has been able to find Superior four Crown Victoria Police Interceptors that can be transferred. They are a 2006, 2007, and two 2008 vehicles. At this point all vehicles are running and seem to be in good shape. Superior will assume all liability associated with the vehicles in case of any accident, or damages in the future. Sgt. McNeill has been conversing with Chief Mark Nipp about the vehicles available and the number we can get from DPS. Lieutenant Colonel Young has already signed the transfer agreement for Director Halliday for Arizona Department of Public Safety. Town Attorney, Steve Cooper has approved the transfer agreement and Margaret recommends the Council approve the transfer agreement between the Superior Police Department and The Arizona Department of Public Safety. Motion to approve Transfer Agreement between the Town of Superior Police Department and The Arizona department of Public Safety made by Vice Mayor Lopez, second by Councilmember Aguilar, motion carries.
- C. Discussion and Acceptance of Housing Assessment Grant by CAG- Discussion and Acceptance of Housing Assessment Grant by CAG- Margaret Gaston/Ken Hall; In 2011 Superior decided on their CDBG projects, one for the wastewater treatment plant and F139-12 for Housing

Assessment. Mr. Hall presented the Town of Superior two huge maps of the Town. CAG did this at no charge to the Town. Mr. Hall stated that he works for the Town of Superior. He is here to help the Town in any way that they can. Mr. Hall gave a copy of the 2014 Housing Assessment Book. This book contains photos of every house in the Town of Superior. If it is a vacant house or a dilapidated house it is in this book. This book has Town Overview, Demographics Task, Housing Survey List, and Maps & Assessor Data Task List. The Council thanked Mr. Hall for all of his work in putting this information together and giving this to The Town of Superior. Council appreciates all of his hard work and is grateful for all of this great and useful information.

At this time Mr. Hall passed the podium to Mr. Alan Urban also from CAG. He presented all of the Council and staff with a five page booklet regarding Follow Up Actions & Resources. Mr. Urban read the five page booklet to Council, Staff and Audience.

Motion to accept the Housing Assessment Grant by CAG made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Vice Mayor Lopez, motion carries.

- B. Telephone Service for the Police Department – Margaret Gaston/Chief Nipp; Ms. Gaston stated that this was brought up in the portion of the Police Report. The Police Department has been paying for Blue Wire and Century Link a cost of \$1065.17 a month. Chief Nipp said no one at the PD is very happy with Blue Wire. When anything happens to the phone system it is very hard to get a hold of someone to get it repaired and they will not lower their prices. Century Link provides the lines to the building. Century Link came out and thoroughly checked out the requirements of the department, how many lines they would need and for what purpose. The Police Department is supposed to have a 911 dedicated fax line. Chief said if we spread it out over five years the monthly total payment would be \$524.63 which is less than the \$1100.00 that we are now paying monthly. After several minutes of discussion a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract with Century Link made by Councilmember Estatico, second by Tameron, motion carries.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- A. Gloria Martinez – Ms. Martinez wanted to thank the Council for allowing the pictures to go up. Mr. Huerta was a great help and follows directions very well. If for some reason the Town moves and needs to take them down she would like to have the pictures returned. Ms. Martinez also said she has more pictures to bring to put up. Leslie Martin is helping with some of the framing and then we will bring those to hang up.

Hank Gutierrez-Mr. Gutierrez stated that he is sure that the Town is not paying for two lines on the phone system at the Police Department. Some cases it looks like its two lines but is only one. He also wanted to thank CAG for the the Housing Assessment Book and give direction to the staff to make copies available to the public as well as the CD. Mr. Gutierrez also stated that the property on Stone Avenue is old news. The Town has dwelt with this in the past. He feels the Town needs to contact the owner since the property has changed hands. He wanted to apologize to Mr. Tameron, he is not sure what he heard about code violation at 85 High School. He recommends that the Councilmember lead by example and remove the violation from his property if what he heard is correct.

B. Individual Town Council members may respond to those who have spoken, ask staff to review a matter or ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.

Councilmember Tameron: He has talked to the Town and to Pinal County Permit Departments. They have assured him he has all the necessary permits to be able to have his trailer there because they are doing construction on the main house. He is not in violation of any codes.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Councilmember Besich-Lira: Remind everyone graduations are next week. She also wanted to thank everyone for their condolences and support on the loss of her uncle this past week.

Councilmember Alonzo: He thanked Ms. Martinez for the photos they look wonderful. He also wanted to thank Mr. Hall for the map and the presentation. Also Ms. Anderson, thank you for providing the parts for the cooler at the kennel.

Councilmember Aguilar: He also wanted to thank the Community for their cards and condolences on the death of his dad and his nephew. He is grateful for the support of the town again. He stated that he stays here because the community was there when he was young and have always been there. That is the reason he loves this Town. Ms. Martinez and Leslie, thank you for all of the photos and the work you did.

Councilmember Estatico: No comment

Councilmember Tameron: He just wanted to echo what Councilmember Alonzo said. Thanks to Ms. Martinez and Ms. Martin for the work and the photos. Thank you to Mr. Hall for the maps and the presentation.

Vice Mayor Lopez: She also wants to echo what Mr. Alonzo and Mr. Tameron said regarding the photos and the work accomplished by Leslie and Ms. Martinez. Thank you for sharing the photos and the memories. Also to CAG for the wonderful maps, it is all wonderful information. Also graduations are next week and we need to congratulate our young people.

Mayor: He just also wants to echo everyone's comments up here. To Ms. Martinez, Leslie, and staff for still working hard with limited tools. Also the public just for your support and cleaning up the front of our homes and making sure we call Republic to come and pick up our stuff. Congratulations to all of the graduates that will be graduating next week.

Manager-: Just wanted to take the time to thank CAG for their Housing Assessment. We all heard this was going on, someone taking pictures of houses around town. She is amazed what they presented to the Town of Superior. This is something the Town will keep forever and we can definitely use.

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Regular Council Meeting June 5, 2014

Regular Council Meeting June 19, 2014

Planning and Zoning Meeting June 12, 2014

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Confidentiality Statement-

At the April 10, 2014 Council Meeting the following members of the Superior Town Council declared a conflict of interest concerning matters involving Resolution Copper Mayor Valenzuela, Vice-Mayor Lopez, Councilmember Tameron and Councilmember Aguilar. Due to the four conflicts of interest the Superior Town Council would not be able to discuss matters involving Resolution Copper. However, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-508 if conflicts of interest prevent a Town from acting as required by law in its official capacity, such action shall not be prevented if the Council Members who have apparent conflicts make known their conflicts of interest in the official records of the Town.

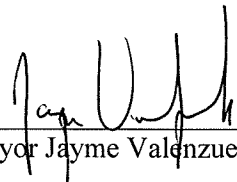
Due to the fact the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and two Council Members have publically declared their conflicts of interest at the prior Council Meeting and the Town Council would not be able to address matters involving Resolution Copper these Council Members are authorized to participate in matters involving Resolution Copper pursuant to A.R.S. 38-508.

Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session, motion to go into Executive Session with Town Manager, Margaret Gaston; Town Attorney Steven Cooper & Liz Reuter for one hour and forty-five minutes, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries at 9:10 pm.

Motion to return to regular session made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Estatico, motion carries at 10:55 pm.

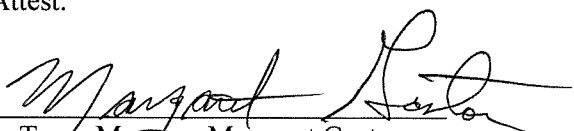
ADJOURNMENT

A call for a motion to adjourn meeting, Motion to adjourn Council Meeting made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, second by Councilmember Tameron, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 11:00pm.



Mayor Jayme Valenzuela

Attest:



Town Manager Margaret Gaston