

**TOWN OF SUPERIOR
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING**

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR,
ARIZONA, AT THE SUPERIOR SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 360 W. MAIN
STREET ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

TOWN STAFF PRESENT:

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| Town Manager | Margaret Gaston |
| Town Attorney | Lisa Rueter |
| Administration | Ruby Cervantes |
| Senior Center | Debbie Casillas |
| Police Department | Officer Lawrence |
| Fire Department | Todd Pryor |
| Library | Josie Campos |
| Account Payables | Angelique Rodriquez |
| Public Works | Anthony Huerta |
| Town Staff | Nora Miramon |

VISITORS PRESENT:

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| Sandra Doyle | Dixie Briegel |
| Carl Volger | Gary Briegel |
| Nancy Volger | Steve Lopez |
| Hank Gutierrez | Andre Taplin |
| Bruce Armitage | |

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Nancy Volger
Steve Lopez
David Richins
Andrew Taplin
Hank Gutierrez

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance

INVOCATION:

Pastor Dennis Van Gorp from Family Life Christian Center gave the invocation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Introduction of Two New Employees for the Town of Superior/ Town Manager

- A. Angelique Rodriguez- Ms. Rodriguez will be doing Account Payables for the Town. She was born and raised in Superior. She has 2 sons and has recently moved back to her home town. She served in the National Guard for 8 years. Her parents used to volunteer at the Superior Senior Center.
- B. Anthony Huerta- Not available at this time-came later.

REPORTS

Fire

Library

Police

Senior Center

Sanitation

Councilmember Besich-Lira said that Ms. Campos outlined an important community meeting on information on the Affordable Care Act. There will be a meeting on December 3rd from 2 to 5 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2013
Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2013 made by Councilmember Estatico, Second by Vice Mayor Lopez. Motion Carries

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Change to Personnel Policy, Page 20 Employment-Town Manager: In going thru the Personnel Policy regarding Employment, Ms. Gaston noticed one page had two "E" sections. Ms Gaston discussed it with Town Attorney/ Steve Cooper, the result being that the first E will stay, but the lettering of subsequent items will be changed to F and G. Also, you will note a change on the first E, a statement is added "at the discretion of the Town Manager". Town Manager recommended that Council approves the change to the Personnel Policy.
Motion to approve Change to Personnel Policy made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, Second by Councilmember Alonzo. Motion carries.

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- B. Designation of Councilmember's Aguilar, Estatico, Town Manager and Town Attorneys as representatives to discuss economic development matters relating to Resolution Copper and the Town of Superior.-Town Manager. The agenda item was to designate representatives to discuss economic development with Resolution Copper. Councilmember Estatico personally asked if he could be one of the representatives. Councilmember Aguilar was already appointed in the spring and you have authorized the Town Manager and Town Attorney to meet with a representative of Resolution Copper. Town Manager recommends the Council to approve the representatives of Councilmember's Aguilar, Estatico, the Town Manager and Town Attorneys to discuss economic development with Resolution Copper. Motion to approve Councilmember's Aguilar, Estatico also Town Manager and Town Attorney as representatives for the Town with matters relating to Resolution Copper made by Councilmember Alonzo, Second by Councilmember Besich-Lira. A vote by rising of the hand was taken, 4 yes votes Councilmember's Alonzo, Besich-Lira, Aguilar and Estatico. 3 members abstained from voting due to possible conflict of interest, Mayor Valenzuela, Vice Mayor Lopez and Councilmember Tameron. Motion carries with 4 yes votes.
- C. Discussion/Possible Re-Appointment of Planning and Zoning Commissioners or Appointment of New Commissioner. Town Manager: On November 14th Planning and Zoning conducted a meeting in which time Mr. Sonnie Sansom was given the Oath of Office and took his place as the new Commissioner. Also we found out that their 3 commissioners have terms that are expired. We made contact and asked if any of those 3 would like to be reappointed and all said yes. After several minutes of discussion whether Council the Town should advertise and previous applicants needed to reapply all board members came to a agreement that anyone that would like to be considered for Commissioner on the board needed to reapply by writing a letter to Council as to why they want to be on the board and what being on the board consists of. Also the Town will advertise for this position. Motion to approve anyone interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission must resubmit a new letter of request and the Town will run a new Ad for this position, was made by Councilmember Aguilar, Second by Tameron. Motion carries.
- D. Discussion and Approval of the Town of Superior Fire Department submitting a Grant Request to Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$38,000; which requires a 5% match. Town Manager- The funding will allow the purchase of two Stryker power cots and one chair. The power cots and stair chair should help our firefighters and save them from back injuries, or other injuries. The grant needs to be completed and in by December 6th. Councilmember Tameron asked if the Town had the 5% match. Town Manager replied by the time the grant is due we should. Short question and answer session. Motion to approve the Town of Superior Fire Department submitting a Grant Request made by Councilmember Besich-Lira, Second by Councilmember Alonzo. Motion carries.

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E. Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint Two Councilmember's to Work with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to Address Issues with the Expansion of Highway 60. Pam Rabago-Dalton stated that she feels like they are not being told the whole truth regarding what ADOT is saying. There are a lot of mixed messages and we just want to know the truth. We were told that the Town would have to pay the expenses for any pedestrian signals and lights that the Town wants to have installed. Mayor Valenzuela stated that he had just spoken to Mr. Jessie Gutierrez and he told him that the signal lights and signage is being discussed because that is an issue that the community is concerned about. The Mayor stated that Mr. Gutierrez would be meeting with Mrs. Rabago and only her. He didn't want to have a big community meeting this time he is aware of the concerns and just wants some representatives from the Town.

Hank Gutierrez, commented that the Chamber has a narrow view of this project. This affects the community and not putting stipulations to ADOT. We need to move forward and make sure it is stated that this is a safety issue. Maybe cobble stones instead of a median would work better.

Steve Lopez, He has heard about conflicts regarding this project. Why is the public not given all of the detail of this project. We were told and the information is not given to all of the people. They talked about signs and lights how ever many the Town felt they needed. We need to stop the bickering and get something done. We cannot compromise safety.

Freddie Miramon-Just like Steve safety concerns would like to make a recommendation that Mayor you be part of the committee along with the other member of the board so you make sure that safety is the main concern.

Pam Rabago- to my knowledge it was stated that the signage and lights were a part of the project. Now I am hearing that ADOT is saying that if the Town wants signage and lights they would have to pay for it. After several minutes of discussion and comments from the public Mayor Valenzuela requested a motion.

Motion to approve two Councilmember's, Mayor Valenzuela and Councilmember Besich-Lira to Work with ADOT and to address issues with expansion of Hwy 60 made by Vice Mayor Lopez, Second by Councilmember Aguilar. Motion carries.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Nancy Vogler- Was just inquiring regarding about Mr. Holler who the Town contracted to do a tax audit. He was supposed to give a report in 2 months. She was wondering if that report was only for Town Staff and Council or was that also for the residents of Superior. She just wanted some clarification since she hasn't heard anything and wants to make sure the Town is getting their monies worth.

Steve Lopez- Already said what he had to say during the discussion about ADOT.

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David Richins- Which to thank all of the Council and look forward to speaking and meeting with the Council in the future to move forward towards some kind of a agreement. Like he stated before he really likes the Town of Superior. It has a lot of unique features surrounded by beautiful mountains, people are very friendly. He is excited too for the future of Resolution Copper and the relationship with the Town.

Andrew Taplin- On the 12th of November Resolution Copper Company held an open house at the Superior High School. We had Engineers and other professionals with their displays. We had a very good response from County Officials along with some local officials. Resolution Copper is also going to make available the plan of operation to the public. This is something that is not normally done. This is usually kept top secret so we are going to make it very easy access for the public. We will also have a copy at our main street office. I would like to personally let the council know that he is available to make this presentation to the council since he is aware that not all could attend the meeting. He is available any time to give this presentation at Councils convenience.

Hank Gutierrez-He thanked the Council for having a healthy discussion about the ADOT Project. Last meeting when Sheriff Babeu spoke he spoke only about all of the negative things about our community. Some have forgotten that around 2006-2010 we had a very good Police Department. The Chief of Police had arrested 10% of the towns' population which is very significant. Pinal County Attorney office also recognized our Police Department for having the most effective cases presented to the County Attorney. He also stated that as Councilmember's we sometimes have to accept what ever decision the board does and we might not agree with the decision but we need to learn to keep our personal feelings out of it and do what the public wants since that is the reason you were all elected to do.

Mayor advised Ms. Gaston that Mr. Huerta was present if she wanted to proceed with the introduction of this employee. Ms. Gaston took this time to introduce Mr. Anthony Huerta as the towns new Public Works Supervisor. He grew up in Superior he left for 25 years and has now moved back. He has a lot of experience and will be a great asset to the town.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS:

Councilmember Besich-Lira- Just wants to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Saturday the DECA students are having a Bowl event hopes it is becomes an annual event and a great event benefiting the Superior Food Bank. Also thinking of the coming New Year, she feels Council need to bring Ms. Walker back to complete her presentation and help with the new budget.

Councilmember Alonzo-Reminder to everyone about the next clean up day is December 7th. I would like to encourage everyone to participate. Resolution Copper is providing 12 roll offs and the Town is providing a backhoe and a driver.

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Estatico-He would like see what Mr. Holler has as far as the tax audit so hopefully we can have something to report on soon. Would also like to see some good volunteers on December 7th, this is a good opportunity to do something good for the community. Thanksgiving is coming up and would like to thank all of the you for coming out to our Town meetings, also would like to thank all of the staff for all of their hard work and time.

Tameron- the Rotary Club is having a drawing on several different baskets which will be at different locations. Encourage everyone to buy a ticket. This benefits the students, children and is the oldest organization /club in operation here in Superior. On another note, the Superior Food Bank distributed food boxes and the boxes were a little empty. This is the first time I have ever seen it so empty especially during this holiday season. If there is anyway we can help to donate for the needy for this Christmas it would be greatly appreciated.

Aguilar-He just wanted to remind everyone lets not forget Toys for Tots. Fire Department is collecting toys, Todd commented about the Angel Tree at Town Hall.

Vice Mayor Lopez- Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM) went out and collected about 900 cans of food for the Food Bank and the Catholic Church is also collecting donations of food at every mass which will also go to the Food Bank. Also the Optimist Club is getting ready and will be decorating the gazebo and Public Works will be helping. If anyone would like to come and help or donate lights that would be great we could always use the extra help. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your family.

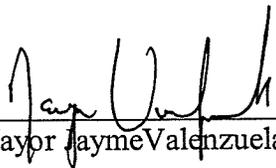
Mayor-Just want clear up some rumors that are going on out there in the public. Mr. Aguilar and I did attend the dinner for the acceptance of the \$6000.00 for the Fire Department for the Blood Pressure Machine. We were not late and we were ½ hour before the dinner started, so those who are saying we embarrassed the Town and were not there, by no means did we embarrass the Town. In attendance were The Town of Hayden, Town of Miami, Chairman Rambler, Dudleyville Fire Department, so we were there dinner was great. The other thing Mayor Valenzuela had is he understands what Councilmember Besich-Lira is saying requesting that Pat Walker come back, he stated that we should wait until we have a new manager in place. The new manager should be part of that process. He is in agreement that we should bring Pat Walker back, Resolution Copper paid all of her expenses and we appreciate that but right now is not the right time. We implemented 4 of the 5 suggestions that she had for us and we are moving forward. It would be great to have her back but I think it is a little premature to bring her back until we find that person that is going to lead us into the next year. We will be advertising as we did advertise for Chief of Police. We are in negotiations with Apache Junction. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving enjoy the time with the family.

Town Manager/Margaret Gaston- The Council will be considering CDBG projects for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. People in Town might like to consider a project, and attend the Council

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Meeting on December 19, 2013, to suggest a project during the public hearing. Alan Urban CAG, will be here that night to discuss potential projects, and also which projects might be feasible, and which projects can no longer be considered. We also need to come up with a Capital Project List and remind everyone that we will have \$336,000.00 we will need to spend, she also wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Valenzuela asked for motion to adjourn, motion by Councilmember Tameron to adjourn, second by Councilmember Aguilar.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Mayor Jayme Valenzuela

Attest:



Town Manager - Margaret Gaston