MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 12033 N. CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor LeVault at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** Council present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Vice Mayor Jacob Duran, Councilmembers Margaret Chittenden, Dorena Mello, Judy Johnson, and Charles Vickers Excused: Councilmember June Miller
Staff present: Town Manager Jeanne Blackman, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan, Chief Financial Officer James Alcantar, Library Manager Heidi Speed, Citizen Services Specialist Nicole Dubé, Community Development Manager Gregory Arrington, and Town Clerk Stacy Anderson.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**: The Pledge was led by Councilmember Johnson and the Invocation was given by Vice Mayor Duran.

4. **Communications:** Comments, Commendations and Presentations by Mayor, Council Members, staff or members of the public. The Council may not propose, discuss, deliberate or take any legal action on the information presented pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02.

A. Communications from Council:

Mayor LeVault

- We are very sorry to announce tonight that Councilmember Miller's husband, Elmer, passed away yesterday morning. Elmer was 95 years old on New Year's Eve.
- The Peoria Avenue Straightening Project is progressing ahead of schedule. The intersection and curb is gone and the new roadway, driveways, bike/ped path and curb are laid. I believe that the project will be completed about the middle of February. When the project is completed we will have a dedication. This is a big safety improvement for our community by allowing quicker response time for fire and police.
- Mayor LeVault spoke about the possibility of refinancing the Agua Fria Ranch Community Facilities District (AFR CFD) and the potential saving of several hundreds of thousands of dollars by refinancing with a lower interest rate.
- Mayor LeVault spoke about the possibility of floating a bond with Sun City Fire and Medical District for capital improvements and a new firehouse located in Youngtown on the west side of 111th Avenue. This bond would be on the November, 2016 ballot.
- Mayor LeVault spoke about the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Joint Planning Committee meeting in Tucson on January 8th. The Mayor will attend the discussion will take place regarding economic development of the region.

Councilmember Johnson assured Council and staff that the counting and logging of the street light outages will be completed by the end of the month. Councilmember Johnson commented on how proud she is of the Mayor. She relayed how the Mayor baked gingerbread houses and trains and delivered them to the Sunview Care Center and LifeStream Complete Senior Living residents.

Councilmember Chittenden thanked staff for moving the tables back and listening to concerns of our residents. She also commented on the article and photos in the Youngtown Village Reporter (YVR) on the Pet Blessing and photos with Santa.

B. Communications from Staff:

Town Manager Blackman

- The following staff is excused from the Council Meeting this evening: Marty Mosbrucker.
- The Public Works Department has been reporting the street light outages as well.
- Reported that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for street light improvements had been turned into Carl Morgan from Maricopa County. Upon approval of this grant we would receive about $280,000 for additional street lights in the Town. Community Development Manager Arrington has started working on the CDBG presentation and he will review it with Council prior to presenting it to Maricopa County.
- Reported that Mike Kessler officially retired on January 6th and that the Code Enforcement Officers would now be reporting directly to Community Development Manager Arrington.
- The 3rd class of the Citizens' Academy will start on January 12th and there are sixteen people committed to attend the class.
- Reported that the Craft Club is a success.
- Our Library Manager, Heidi Speed, has been appointed to the Sun City Historical Society and Museum Board for 2016.
- Thanked Swell Farmacy for coordinating with the Town on a holiday toy drive. Thank you to Swell Farmacy, Gregory Arrington and Stacy Anderson for all of their hard work. There were hundreds of toys that were donated that provided a happy Christmas to our needy children in Youngtown through Discover U, local churches and the Town Library. We

were able to partner with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and provide toys for a low income school in Aguila, AZ.

- Reported on the Business License Year End Report that showed that $38,848 was collected in new or renewed business licenses for 2015.

5. **Response to Call to the Community:**

None to Report

6. **Citizen Comments/Appearance from the Floor:**

Resident Betty Trollen thanked the Public Works Department for replacing the Clubs and Organizations bulletin board. She gave an update on the Craft Club and thanked Town Manager Blackman for allowing the Craft Club to have access to the Clubhouse Kitchen area and reported on the 5th Annual Paper Drive for a domestic violence shelter, "The Faith House".

Resident Patrick King spoke about his concerns regarding loose animals in the Town and wanted to know who to contact for animal pick-up. Mayor LeVault directed staff to provide the contact information to Mr. King.

7. **Consent:**

A. **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2015 and the December Special Meeting Minutes with the change of adding the location of the Special Council Meeting to the minutes.

Motion - Councilmember Chittenden
2nd – Councilmember Johnson
Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote

8. **Business**

A. **Discussion and/or Action Re:** Ratification of the Mayor's appointment of Board Member Leah Margaret Chittenden to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PRPRS) Local Board with the term expiring on December 31, 2018 Town

Mayor LeVault

- Commented on the PRPRS unfunded liability for the Town and suggested that while the Town is in a surplus to start paying our debt down.

Town Clerk Anderson

- Updated Council on the Youngtown Police Department PRPRS Local Board's special circumstances since the retirement of Mike Kessler; the Town's only active public safety member. Special permission was granted from the PSPRS office for the Town to have a three member Board that would be compromised of the Mayor and two appointed Board members.
- Spoke of how the Mayor would like to re-appoint Margaret Chittenden as a Board member to the Youngtown Police Department PSPRS Local Board for a two year term and ratifying the re-appointment by Council.

Motion - Councilmember Johnson
2nd – Vice Mayor Duran
Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote

Leah Margaret Chittenden was sworn in as a Board member of the Youngtown Police Department PSPRS Local Board.

B. **Presentation and/or Discussion Re:** Presentation of the 2015 Community Development Activity Report
Nicole Dubé presented the 2015 activities of the Community Development Department (see attached report)

9. **Call for Executive Session:**

No call was made.

10. **Future Agenda & Meetings:**

A. There may be discussion of whether to place an item on a future agenda and the date, but not the merits of the item.
B. Announcement of Regular Council Meeting on January 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Councilmember Mello
Second – Councilmember Vickers
Meeting Adjourned 7:35 p.m.

Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:

Stacy Anderson, Town Clerk

Minutes approved at January 21, 2016 regular meeting