MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ
NOVEMBER 11, 2016, TOWN HALL, 12030 N. CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor LeVault called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** Council present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Vice Mayor Jacob Duran, Councilmembers Margaret Chittenden, Dorena Mello, Judy Johnson, Charles Vickers, and June Miller.
   Staff present: Town Manager Jeanne Blackman, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan (via telephonically)

3. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor LeVault and the Invocation was given by Vice Mayor Duran.
4. **Business:**
   A. **Discussion and/or Action Re:** Approval of a Cooperation Agreement between the Sun City Homeowners Association (SCHOA) and the Town of Youngtown related to the EPCOR Wastewater consolidation.

Mayor LeVault – mentioned that the bond issue for Sun City Fire & Medical District had passed.

Mayor LeVault – today we are discussing and taking action on the cooperation agreement between the Sun City Homeowners Association and the Town of Youngtown related to the EPCOR wastewater consolidation. SCHOA will be the interveners. The Town, if approved by Council, will enter into the agreement with SCHOA to get the best possible deal for our residents. A meeting was held in Sun City on Wednesday night to discuss this topic.

Councilmember June Miller - was disappointed that the meeting wasn't better attended.

Councilmember Margaret Chittenden – what choice are we supporting in this matter?

Mayor LeVault – we are against consolidation. This will be a break with past policy as the causer of the costs pays – people in that district should be the ones to pay for infrastructure costs.

Councilmember Vickers – will water rates follow?

Mayor LeVault – Yes; the APS rate case is going on at the same time as the case regarding wastewater consolidation. We are against consolidation but if this is the direction that is approved by the Commission, then we are working towards a settlement or compromise with EPCOR.

The Arizona Corporation Commission may use this case to establish a legacy policy and then require all districts to consolidate.

Wastewater rates already incurred a $4 increase and we could see an increase to $22 or if straight up consolidation is approved, we could see rates increase to $46.

The other four districts have their own wastewater treatment facilities.

We need to have a seat at the table on these issues.

Town Attorney Trish Stuhan – this is not an attorney retention agreement. There are reporting requirements in place and there is an escape clause provided in the agreement as well.

Councilmember Chittenden – Since we are not interveners, may we comment before the commission?

Town Attorney – yes – you will be able to comment before the commission.

Councilmember Chittenden – terms of the agreement – our portion is $15,000 until the issue is resolved?

Mayor LeVault - $15,000 is the maximum the Town will be committed to.

Mayor LeVault asked if there was a motion to approve the agreement.

Motion was made to approve the Cooperation Agreement between the Sun City Homeowners Association (SCHOA) and the Town of Youngtown related to the EPCOR Wastewater consolidation – Councilmember Chittenden
2nd – Councilmember Johnson
Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote

5. Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn – Councilmember Chittenden
2nd – Councilmember Vice Mayor Duran
Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote
Meeting Adjourned: 1:28 p.m.

Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:

Stacy Anderson, Town Clerk