



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ

THURSDAY, March 5, 2009, TOWN CLUBHOUSE, 12033 CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

1. **Call to Order** Mayor LeVault called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
Mayor LeVault welcomed Sun City Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief James Haner who will soon succeed Jim Sebert, on his retirement, as Fire Chief and Sun City Fire District Board Member Jack Leonard.
2. **Roll Call** Council present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Vice Mayor Jacob Duran, Councilmembers Margaret Chittenden, Dorena Mello, and Susan MacKay. Council absent: Councilmembers Lucille Rethford and Shirley Oglesby.
Staff present: Town Manager Lloyce Robinson, Town Attorney Michelle Swann, Chief of Police Kimberly Johnson, Public Works Manager Mark Hannah, Finance Officer Jackie Hoffman, and Town Clerk Letty Goldberg.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** Pledge was led by Councilmember MacKay. Invocation was offered by Pastor Charles Ring.
5. **Consent**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting February 19, 2009, Work Session February 19, 2009.
Motion to approve Consent Agenda – Councilmember Chittenden
Second – Vice Mayor Duran
Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.
6. **Business**
 - A. **Discussion and/or Action Re: Appointment of members to the Youngtown Historical Preservation Committee, with a mission to explore financial assistance options for preservation of the Youngtown artifacts and building at Clubhouse Square currently under the management of the Youngtown Historical Society (ROBINSON).**
Town Manager Robinson
 - This committee is charged with exploring the financial requirements for preservation of Youngtown artifacts with the planned dissolution of the Youngtown Historical Society later this year. The committee can look into the possibility of grants and other funding for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, make recommendations on how to integrate the artifacts into the Town's care, possibly as part of the Library.
 - As a Council Committee, the Committee will be required to post agenda notices and keep minutes of meetings, and report to Council through the Town Manager.
 - Committee members are appointed for one year.
 - Mrs. Rethford was unable to be here this evening, but did not want the process to be delayed by her absence. She estimated that \$5,000 would cover the costs of preserving the Society's Town artifacts.
 - It had been proposed that documents be stored at the new State Archives building but that building has been reported closed due to State budget shortfall.Councilmember Chittenden
 - I highly approve of Susan MacKay's appointment to this committee. She has worked with Lucille Rethford on Town's history. I am concerned about the availability of records. Glad to have a youth member on this committee.Councilmember Mello
 - Pleased to have residents Jesse Mendez and former Mayor Daphne Green as resident representatives on the committee. Both have long-term connections to the Town.Motion to appoint member of the Youngtown Historical Preservation Committee as follows: Historical Society Board President and Founder Lucille Rethford, Council Liaison Susan MacKay, Residents Daphne Green and Jesse Mendez, Staff Finance Office Jacquelyn Hoffman and Library Assistant Nancy Lewis, and Youngtown Youth Member Zackary Parrill – Councilmember Mello
Second – Councilmember Chittenden
Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

- B. Discussion and/or Action Re: Approval of contract with Sun Valley Signs, LLC for the painting of address numbers in the amount of \$18,559.25 to be completed by April 30, 2009 (HANNAH).

Public Works Manager Hannah

- Youngtown received a grant from the Gila River Indian Community to paint address numbers on curbs to facilitate police, fire and emergency personnel located the appropriate residence. We want to thank Sun City Fire Marshall Ken Rice for writing the grant application on the Town's behalf.
- Although we had several inquiries regarding the RFP, we received only one bid – Sun Valley Signs, LLC. From past work that Sun Valley Signs has done for the Town I am confident that they can fulfill the contract.
- Numbering will be placed high on the curb so that they will not be worn by street sweeper. Estimated "life" of numbering is four years. Numbers will be painted for single family and duplex homes – approximately 1217 residences.
- I will be taking before and after pictures to send to the Gila River Indian Community show they can see the benefits of this grant for the Town of Youngtown.

Mayor LeVault

- This project is for the older part of Town. Police and fire officials have expressed the problems they have had from lack of addresses. Sometimes they have to find an address and then count back to find the locations needed.

Motion to approve contract with Sun Valley Signs, LLC for the painting of address numbers in the amount of \$18,559.25 to be completed by April 30, 2009 – Vice Mayor Duran

Second – Councilmember MacKay

Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

- C. Discussion and/or Action Re: Approval of Change Order for CDBG and Town alley project at a cost of \$68,030.65 (HANNAH).

Public Works Manager Hannah

- When we went out for bids the cost came in less than we had expected. We have money from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to extend the paving project.

Nick Bernoski, Project Engineer, Willdan

- Contractor has been great. Paving has proceeded rapidly. We are submitting a change order to pave an additional eight alleys.
- We did locate some water valves buried in the alleys. These are main valves and could have been pushed down because of tire traffic in the alleys. The customary process is to pave over them, then go back and jackhammer then raise them up and collar around them.

Mayor LeVault

- We had competitive bids and with the drop in oil prices affecting the price of asphalt, it looks like that was to be a three-year project will now possibly be done in two years.

Betty Alton, Manager of Youngtown House Apartments

- Thank you for the alley improvements. The Town brought pumps when the flooding came. It is above and beyond what you promised.

Motion to approve Change Order for CDBG and Town alley project at a cost of \$68,030.65 – Councilmember Chittenden
Second – Councilmember Mello

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

7. Citizens Comments/Appearances from the floor:

George Ehmer, Youngtown resident

- I sent a letter to the Mayor asking Council to form a Citizen's Over-sight Board to address actions of Police Officers.

Mayor LeVault

- I direct Staff to come back to Council at a Work Session with direction for criteria for such a committee. Research if other cities have some committees. Please see that Councilmembers receive a copy of Mr. Ehmer's letter.

4. Communications:

A. Communications from Council

Mayor LeVault

- Budget issues – we start early. This Council is involved in the process working as a team with Staff. Looking for creative ways to live within our means.

- What will the State do? Gov. Brewer has proposed new taxes – a 1% state sales tax. I am against this. It will impact West Valley cities and towns. Sales tax is the most regressive, it impacts the people who least can afford it. We are anticipating an assault on revenue sharing funds to complete our revenue estimates. Conservative revenue estimates and expenditures. We are being very frugal.
- State is \$1.9 to \$2 billion short for this budget year and projecting a shortfall of \$3 billion next year.
- Councilmember Shirley Oglesby is our representative on the Maricopa County Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) which is now allocating funds for Community Development Block Grant projects for next year. Our application was a request for \$450,000 to finish the alley paving project. We have one more round. There may be stimulus funds added to Community Development making another half million dollars available. We have other infrastructure issues to be addressed.
- Reminder – it your right to vote – Please vote on Tuesday, if you haven't voted by early ballot.

Councilmember Chittenden

- We had a great turnout of Youngtown business owners for our recent Economic Development meeting. I am hopeful that the businesses will follow through and form a Youngtown business organization.
- Village Reporter had an article on smoke alarms. Remember to check the batteries in your smoke alarm. Also remind your neighbors to check their batteries and if they don't have smoke alarms, encourage them to install smoke alarms. Smoke alarms save lives.
- I have a converter box coupon for anyone that can use it.

Mayor LeVault

- Sun City Fire Department has a smoke detector program.

B. Communications from Staff

Town Manager Robinson

- Town's first annual report, for year 2008, is now available for viewing on the Town website.
- I went on my first ride-along with Sgts. Hunter and Evans Wednesday evening. Learned to observe like the officers do when patrolling Youngtown – what goes on, what they are looking for. Rode with Sgt. Evans through the river bottom. Recommend to staff that they sign up for a ride-along. Staff should call the Chief when they are ready. Wish I'd done this before. I invited the officers to shadow me.

Finance Officer Hoffman

- Wish to thank Council for appointing me to the Historic Preservation Committee. I went on a mini-ride-along with the Chief when she was still a sergeant. Don't know that I would want to do it at night.

Town Attorney Swann

- Status report on the Appeal of the Fire Flow decision. Appeals Court has been fully briefed. It will be another six to nine months before court considers it. Court may or may not have oral arguments. That will depend on which three of the 16 appeals court judges are assigned to the case and if they think oral arguments will add information.

Announcement of next Work Session and Regular Council Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Councilmember Mello
 Second – Vice Mayor Duran
 Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:



Letty Goldberg, Town Clerk

Minutes approved at the March 19, 2009 Regular Meeting.