



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

THURSDAY, February 5, 2008, TOWN CLUBHOUSE, 12033 CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

1. Call to Order Mayor LeVault called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call Council present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Vice Mayor Jacob Duran, Councilmembers Margaret Chittenden, Dorena Mello, Shirley Oglesby and Susan MacKay. Council absent: Councilmember Lucille Rethford
Staff present: Town Attorney Michelle Swann, Lt. Duren Robertson, Public Works Manager Mark Hannah, Public Safety Officer John Stigsell, Town Engineer Grant Anderson, and Town Clerk Letty Goldberg.
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation Pledge led by Councilmember MacKay. Invocation offered by Pastor Charles Ring.
5. Consent
 - A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting January 15, 2009, Work Session January 15, 2009.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda – Vice Mayor Duran
Second – Councilmember Mello
Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.
6. Business
 - A. Discussion and/or Action Re: Approval of Resolution. 09-04 pursuant to Section 17.72.040 of the Town Code to establish new permit and plan review fees to cover more of the cost of building safety services. (Hannah/Stigsell).
Building Safety Inspector Stigsell
 - Resolution 09-04 covers the materials discussed at the last work session. Language has been included regarding refunds of permit and/or plan review fees. “The Building Code Official shall refund building permit and plan review fees as follows: i. The full amount of any fee erroneously paid or collected. ii. 80% of any permit fee where no work has been done under the permit issued, provided that the Town retain \$100,000 to cover administrative costs of the permit. iii. 80% of the plan review fee when an application for a permit for which a plan review fee has been paid is withdrawn or canceled before any plan review effort has been expended.”
Councilmember Mello
 - Mr. Stigsell has done a good job on updating the evaluation schedule and permit fees.
Motion to approve Resolution. 09-04 pursuant to Section 17.72.040 of the Town Code to establish new permit and plan review fees to cover more of the cost of building safety services – Councilmember Mello
Second – Councilmember Oglesby
Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
 - B. 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).

Motion to table this item until March 5, 2009 – Councilmember Chittenden
Second – Councilmember Oglesby
Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.
 - C. Discussion and/or Action Re: Declaration of bid results and award contract to MRM Construction Services, Inc. for the Youngtown Alley Paving Project for \$258,024.91, CDBG Project DG0805.
Public Works Manager Hannah
 - Eight bids were received for the alley paving contract. MRM Construction was the low bidder with a bid of \$248,669.15, with palliative, \$258,024.91. WILLDAN, the Town’s engineering firm investigated the company to determine that they are capable of fulfilling the contract. Grant monies in excess of the bid will be reserved for contingencies that may occur in the construction process.
 - Paving will meet Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) construction standards.

Town Engineer Grant Anderson

- Alley paving upon completion will meet PM-10 compliance. Current project also includes corrections to relieve flooding on Connecticut Avenue and related alleys.

Motion to accept low bid with palliative and award contract to MRM Construction Services, Inc. for the Youngtown Alley Paving Project for \$258,024.91, CDBG Project DG0805 and authorizing Town Manager or Public Works Manager to sign contract documents other than initial contract – Councilmember Chittenden

Second – Vice Mayor Duran

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

4. Communications:

A. Communications from Council

Mayor LeVault

- New Governor, Jan Brewer, was inaugurated. Governor and Legislature are struggling with current budget. Town budget process has started. Departments are working on their budgets. Council will be brought in soon to be briefed on Department needs. We are being very conservative again on revenue projections and tight with expenditures. Law suit regarding Legislature's making a "voluntary" contribution from cities and towns was challenged by the Arizona League of Cities and Towns all the way to the State Supreme Court where the justices ruled in the favor of Cities and Towns.

Councilmember Oglesby

- Tree to be planted at Caliche Park in memory of Larry Oglesby. Memorial Service will be at 11 a.m. February 14, 2009 at the park.

Councilmember Chittenden

- Mayor LeVault, Councilmember Mello and I attended the Inauguration of Arizona's new Governor, Jan Brewer.
- I have an extra converter box coupon if anyone needs one. Some people need help installing the converter box to their TV.

Vice Mayor Duran

- If people need help with installation call the New Joy Ministries office, we have a young man who can help them.

Councilmember Mello

- I will volunteer my son Zack to help people install their converter boxes.
- I am concerned about our youth and youth programs. The sports programs have fallen apart.

Vice Mayor Duran

- The charter school gym is open every other Friday evening for youth sports.

Mayor LeVault

- I would like staff to schedule a work session in March to discuss youth programs.

Public Works Manager Hannah

- I have been talking with groups to find a possible replacement for our sports programs at Uribe Park that would keep the lights. An adult sports team has indicated they might be willing to pay to keep the lights on.

B. Communications from Staff

Lt. Robertson

- I send a copy of the annual crime statistics report for Youngtown to the Mayor. Violent crime is up and property crime is down. Property crime is expected to increase with the downturn in the economy. Calls for service were up 11%. No homicides and no sexual assaults. Youngtown Police Department is focused on enforcing drug and traffic laws which may be helping our numbers.

Mayor LeVault

- State of the Town document will be out later this month and will include these statistics and others related to the Town.

Councilmember Chittenden

- Denny's appliance said that their neighbor across the street, Circle K, observed someone removing a television at 4 a.m. and called the Sheriff's office to investigate. Will Council receive a copy of the report?

Lt. Robertson

- I will forward copies of the report to Council.

Public Works Manager Hannah

- The Spring Community Cultural Affair will be on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Greer Park. Volunteer Coordinator Diane Cordova is coordinated the event.

Town Marshal Dan Connelly

- The YES Committee met last week to begin making plans for this event. Announcements will be in the Youngtown Village Reporter that will be mailed on Monday.

Town Clerk Goldberg

- Filing for write-in candidates for the March 10 primary closed January 29, 2009. State law requires write-in candidates to file in order for votes cast to be counted. It is why Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck don't win; they fail to register as write-in candidates.
- Publicity pamphlets and sample ballots have been mailed to every household with registered voters. If you haven't received them you should be receiving them soon. The last day to register to vote in the March 10 Primary is Monday, February 9 and the deadline for requesting Early Ballots is Friday, February 27.
- Voters will be filling 4 council seats, three for 4-year terms and one for a 2-year term. The only contested race is for Mayor. Candidates for Mayor are Mayor Michael LeVault and former Mayor Bryan Hackbarth. Two proposition are on the ballot for voter approval: 1) whether to extend the Mayor's term of office from two years to four years effective in June 2009, and 2) extending the Alternative Expenditure Limitation – Home Rule for four years giving the Council the ability to determine the budget amount based on revenues rather than state mandated limitations. Voters approved Home Rule in 1981 and every four years since them.

Town Attorney Swann

- I am happy to be back. At the end of the first week of recuperation, I was bored and back working at my lap top.

7. Citizens Comments/Appearances from the floor:

None.

Announcement of next Work Session and Regular Council Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Councilmember Mello

Second – Vice Mayor Duran

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

/s/ Michael LeVault
Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Letty Goldberg
Letty Goldberg, Town Clerk

Minutes approved at the February 19, 2009 Regular Meeting.