



MINUTES OF WORK SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF YOUNGTOWN, AZ

THURSDAY, January 20, 2011, TOWN CLUBHOUSE, 12033 CLUBHOUSE SQUARE

1. Call to Order: Mayor LeVault opened the meeting at 6:50 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Council present: Mayor Michael LeVault, Vice Mayor Jacob Duran, Councilmember Margaret Chittenden, Shirley Oglesby, Susan MacKay, and Judy Johnson. Absent: Councilmember Dorena Mello
Staff present: Lloyce Robinson Town Manager, Finance Officer Jackie Hoffman, Chief of Police McDonald, Public Works Manager Mark Hannah, and Deputy Town Clerk Diane Cordova.

3. Business

A. Discussion Re: Amending Clubhouse Usage policy – Resolution 11-02. (Robinson) Town Manager Robinson

- We have a request from Compass Church regarding the usage of the Clubhouse. There was a Resolution 04-13 that had to do with fees, which was rescinded by Resolution 07-04. It speaks about an eligible organization and definition of and rules of Clubhouse usage. Pastor Joe Oswald's church would like to use the Clubhouse on Wednesday evening for youth and also on Sunday mornings. His church is full to capacity and they are seeking for an alternative place to rent. Pastor Joe commented that they are willing to pay a rental fee and do the set up. The issues that tie my hands are rental fees and the eligible organization criteria. They do have a board; however, the board is not a majority of Youngtown residents. The Town is in partnership with Compass Church in Uribe Park at Agua Fria Ranch with a program called Red Zone that provides afterschool activities. The Agua Fria Ranch Homeowners Association (HOA) has provided snacks and water for the children. The town has provided the park. The church teaches afterschool character building activities.

Mayor LeVault

- I remember what an ordeal this issue was last time. This became one of Lucille Rutherford signature concerns. We spent lots of time on this issue.
- The individual who has made this request, Joe Oswald, is filling a void here in town by providing an afterschool program for our youth which he has been quite successful at. The HOA President, Kathryn French has been assisting.
- Here in Youngtown, having been an age restricted community until 1998, we have been playing catch up in terms of providing the kinds of amenities that Youngtown children need. In the past we've done some sports, but as it currently stands, we don't have a municipal-sponsored youth program. It's up to Council to revisit this issue. I feel we should accommodate Pastor Oswald and his church.
- Modifying the language would be a simple fix to allow others to use. We used to rent this facility out to anyone that was willing to pay a fee. It was a minimal fee. We however incurred damages and vandalism.

- We are being asked to take an expedited action to either allow or not allow Pastor Oswald to use the clubhouse and then there is a separate issue regarding the usage fees which will require a policy. We can bring the usage fees issue back to a council agenda.

Attorney Swann

- The issue that we ran into was the definition of an eligible organization which states, "Any group or club with a board of directors consisting of a simple majority of Youngtown residents." The church organization does not have a board of directors or a simple majority of Youngtown residents that are in charge. One proposal would be to redefine the definition of an eligible organization to language such as to say a nonprofit organization serving the needs of Youngtown residents. This would open it up to all organizations to be eligible.
- Sunday usage is already permitted with prior notice and prior permission from the Town Manager.

Councilmember MacKay

- I was not here at the time when Lucille Rethford had discussions about issues with the clubhouse usage. What were some of the things that were allowable and why were they changed?

Town Manager Robinson

- In 2004, it was \$100 usage fee for a Youngtown resident and also a refundable \$200 cleaning deposit. This was rescinded due to damage of the renovation of the Clubhouse which caused Council to move to no rental and to place a definition to an eligible organization.

Councilmember Johnson

- The Agua Fria Ranch Homeowners Associations meets here on Wednesday nights and uses half of the facilities. We have meetings in here and another meeting in the kitchen area at the same time.
- Mayor, I agree that's the right thing to do, allow Pastor Joe and his church to use the facility and later on down the road the Visionaries subcommittee can address the usage fees.

Councilmember Olgesby

- We should let them use the Clubhouse. They are doing lots of things for the community. They are using the park on Wednesday night.

Pastor Joe Oswald

- Thankful for considering this. We do have 18 families that live in Youngtown that attend our church. Half of our deaconesses lives here in Youngtown; our statutory agent, greeters, pianist, secretary, and our financial advisor. Many of our key people live here. We would like to pay rent. We are not looking for a handout. We just want to be a good neighbor. We would pay \$1,000 a month. We would take care of it. Our people work hard. If this doesn't work out, we are looking at different avenues, maybe a module in our parking lot. We are willing to pay.
- I am not sure what is even available to us. I would like to start off by using it on Sunday mornings. For Wednesdays, we use the parks. Hopefully we will have a building by then.

Chittenden

- We changed a few years ago not to allow churches. I remember Pastor Ring meeting here, and then we changed all the rules. They stop meeting here on Sundays.

- You are talking about Wednesday nights. Some groups are out by 6:30 p.m. The HOA they start their meetings at 7:00 p.m. Are you talking about the whole facility which includes the kitchen area? Are we deciding on a fee tonight?

Dr. Kathryn French, President of the Agua Fria Ranch Homeowners Association

- The Visionaries committee is looking at asking the Council to visit this issue to see if we can make some money by renting this facility. Pastor Joe has been doing a great thing and our hope is that his program will expand.
- Lloyce Robinson had voiced that, if possible, the HOA meet in the Kitchen area.
- I have great respect for Lucille Rethford, but the times have changed and she might have changed her mind as well due to the situation at hand.

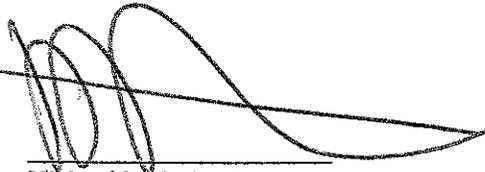
Regular Council Meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2011 immediately following Work Session.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn – Vice Mayor Duran

Second – Councilmember Oglesby

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Michael LeVault, Mayor

Attest:



Diane Cordova, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved at the February 3, 2011 Regular Meeting.