

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 02/06/2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Present: Byron Lewis, Hunter Lewis, Allison Perkins, Kerry Ballard; Excused: Mayor Lynn Johnson, Cory Johnson; Staff: Brian Richards, Bob Hall, Katie Melser, Chief Scarber, Chief Nelson, Cathie McDowell, STPD employees

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Byron Lewis/Hunter Lewis

3. PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS- none

4. CALL TO PUBLIC:

-Jack Babb- FFA Fun Day Feb. 24th, students presented a slide show describing the activities. Flyers will be posted around town.

-Cindy Schreiber- Silver Creek Senior Center; Feb. 22nd 1:30 PM Congressman O'Halloran will be here, an open forum; April 12th NACOG, 10AM-12PM

-Sarah Brimhall (President Snowflake Heritage Foundation)- addressed needs of Freeman Home; outside maintenance needs to be done by the town; tree trimming, sprinkler system, sealant, rain gutters, etc.; or another option would be to give the Heritage Foundation money each year for them to maintain it

-Gary Brimhall- 20 years ago the town entered an agreement with the school to close 2nd south during school but the gate is always closed; can the school keep the gate closed all the time or do we need to remind them that the gate needs to be open when school is not in session?

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approve Council minutes dated January 10, 2018

B. Approve January check register

C. 4th Quarter RICO Revenue and Expenditure

Motion by Lewis B, 2nd by Perkins to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed; unanimous

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Northern Solution Update. (Rob Toy) *No Action

- Rob Toy gave a presentation regarding the Northern (and Southern) Solution; the final step in all of the projects is the completion of Northern Solution, and the grant monies have been awarded; reviewed the grant application process; next step is map revision for updating the flood plain; he gave an overview of benefits to the community, including savings in flood insurance, increased property values, economic growth opportunities; included chart showing Return on Investment amounts; starting Monday they will be doing the environmental study.

B. Discussion and Report from Copperstate Farms. (Fife Symington) *No Action

-Fife Symington addressed the council/meeting attendees; grateful for the support of the council, strived to keep promises made during the process; he has hired approx 190, still in the process of hiring another 40 by the end of March; \$15/hr with benefits, plan to keep increasing benefits; hires locally as often as possible, less than 10 people have been relocated to the area, the rest are local to the area; use local contractors as often as possible for the retrofitting and upgrading; regularly have employee functions; support local charities (food drives, Navajo County Fair); negotiated agreement for 6 acres needed in the Northern Solution and donated to the Town for the purchase of it; security is top of the line, monitored 24/7, minimum of 2 security guards at all times; strive to be the best employer they can be; led the charge in the legislature for mandatory product testing and childproof packaging, do their own independent testing of all their products. Kerry- Copperstate is the biggest non-government employee in Snowflake, how many shifts are there?

-there is currently only one shift, but security is always on.

Allison- thank you for being a great business owner; very impressive

Hunter- what is the purple glow?

- it promotes root development and healthy growth, it also prevents the plant from flowering.

Kerry- any updates on fixing the smell coming from the plant?

- got approval on the plans for the new processing area, and the filtration/HVAC system there should alleviate the problem; also an odor controller coming on line soon.

C. Introduction of Officer Ramos. (Chief Scarber) *No Action

-Chief Scarber introduced Officer Ramos; he graduated on Friday the 2nd of February; began field training today with Officer Shumway; filling a vacancy in patrol since August 2016; the difference it makes having another officer is amazing and everyone is looking forward to having him; Officer Ramos addressed the council and community, very happy to be here.

D. Police Department Employee Recognition. (Chief Scarber) *No Action

-Dispatcher Brittany Liston received a commendation, including a letter and ribbon . . . she works very hard and has a passion for learning, even piloting an online dispatcher's program for the department.

-Detective Christian Epps received a commendation, including a letter (already has a ribbon) he gets a silver star to place on the ribbon. . . made himself available to the department, dedicated to his detective work, worked closely with the fire chief learning about fire cases, always improving on investigations.

-Officer Elijah Toth, 2017 Officer of the Year . . . he has great department statistics, SWAT school, firearms school, exemplary role model in personal fitness, heading up fitness committee for the department.

E. Special Recognition. (Vice Mayor Ballard) *No Action

-Vice Mayor Ballard turned the time over to Lieutenant Martin; he presented the Department Leadership Award to Chief Scarber, he is the example of leadership at the department.

F. Discussion and Possible Approval of Police Department Vehicle Refurbishment. (Chief Scarber)

-It has already been budgeted for a new police car this fiscal year; Sr. Sergeant Rush found an option for refurbishment at a reduced cost; \$24, 604.80; added expense would be getting the actual car from state surplus, likely under \$2000; if this works out, they would do this for their existing vehicles that are high mileage in the next fiscal year.

Motion by Lewis B, 2nd by Lewis H to approve the recommendation of Chief Scarber to purchase a used Crown Victoria and have it refurbished in place of purchasing a new vehicle. Motion passed; unanimous

G. Discussion Regarding the Lighting of the "S". (Byron Lewis) *No Action

-approached by Gary Brimhall about getting the "S" together; proposing that under the Heritage Foundation, put a solar system on it and light it every night, ask for the town to help sponsor; donate the labor free and all of the parts at cost from The Solar Exchange (company); property owned by Brimhall Sand and Rock, not a problem to allow the Heritage Foundation to maintain it; want to think this through, have several scenarios and choose the best one; if the public has ideas contact the Heritage Foundation.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Byron- thanks for the community involvement at groundhog breakfast; community prayer is 1st Sunday every month; Show Low is preparing to re-open the safe house, Change Point has taken possession and is fixing it up, 2 members of the town council were attending (Byron and Kerry) no other community had any council in attendance.

Hunter- attended groundhog breakfast, it was enjoyable; thank Terril Kay for his service on the council and for the town staff doing a good job; glad for the Police Department recognition program and Chief Scarber's efforts.

Allison- recognize first responders; wrestling team has 8 boys going to state this week, support them if you can.

Kerry- gave some history on the groundhog breakfast; this year over 900 people in attendance, PD made 1250 biscuits, 30 gallons of gravy with 35lbs of ground sausage, 160 lbs. of hash browns; 110lbs of sausage patties, 140 gallons of hot chocolate, 14 Fire Department volunteers, 9 Police Department volunteers, a cafeteria worker, many other volunteers, and the councils from Snowflake/Taylor, appreciate the participation of the community.

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

Appreciate the meeting tonight, first responders are great both fire and police; hope to have splash pad open by June, waiting on a CDBG grant that will be awarded soon; Northern Solution nearing completion is exciting; thank Copperstate Farms for being here and their investment in this community.

9. ADJOURNMENT 8:10 PM

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held February 06, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Katie Melsner, Town Clerk