

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 03/08/2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Tom Poscharsky, Vice Mayor Kerry Ballard, Lynn Johnson, Stuart Hensley, Byron Lewis—by phone on Item #6B, Cory Johnson, Terril Kay STAFF: Brian Richards, Bob Hall, Barbara Flake, Larry Scarber, Bob Martin, Cathie McDowell, Bill Nelson

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE Johnson L/Hensley

3. MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition of promotion of Robert Martin from Sergeant to Lieutenant

4. CALL TO PUBLIC

Hunter Lewis—He understands Family Dollar is moving to Snowflake and there is a need for businesses and sales tax for the town. He asked that Council not approve any variances giving consideration that the location is in the downtown historic area and variances would hurt the integrity of the area. He said he googled Family Dollar and they have nice-looking buildings in other areas. He feels that they can be pushed to do the same if needed.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Council Meeting minutes dated 02/09/2016

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Johnson C, to approve Consent Agenda. Motion passed; unanimous

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Lease Agreement with Jenine Bryant (Brian Richards)

Richards said he was approached by Jenine Bryant with a request to acquire adjacent property from the Town. He said staff feels it is better to lease the property to Bryant as the property was received from the railroad and has not served its full purpose. He said it will be used as a waterway for runoff from the street. He said Bryant will fence and maintain the property but the Town will continue to own the property. Bryant said that a few years back the Town offered to let her square up her property but she was not able to purchase the land at that time. She would like to fence and take of the property. She stated that an animal shelter would be placed on her property so that when the Town needs the leased land she would be compliant. Richards said that the property will be used for retention and detention of water. He said that each party can give 180 day notice for changes to the agreement.

Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Poscharsky, to approve the Lease Agreement between the Town and Jenine Bryant. Motion passed; unanimous

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Spillman Software Upgrade for Dispatch (Chief Larry Scarber)

Chief of Police Scarber said this isn't a backdoor attempt to have central dispatch. He said this is an opportunity to piggy-back in order to upgrade our current RMS system by taking advantage of

installing the Spillman system at the same time they are coming to do the set-up in other communities. He said the set-up consists of mapping, customizing of software, and training at a cost of \$123,000 which is a quarter of the cost it would be if not taking advantage of this opportunity. He said the annual ongoing costs would be \$14,000 for support and \$5,000 for data storage. He said that the Spillman system would offer ease of use and integrate with Arizona Criminal Justice Information System (ACJIS) allowing police officers immediate access to information. He said it would also allow sharing of criminal information with other agencies and the efficient use of GPS locators by dispatchers. He said our agency would be speaking the same language with other agencies in the area. He said this same presentation was given to the Town of Taylor Council and it was agreed that they would front the initial costs for implementing the Spillman system if approved by the Town of Snowflake Council.

Kay questioned the total cost for set up of this system. Scarber stated that the \$123,000 is the total cost for set up. Richards stated that the Town would no longer pay the \$10,000 being paid annually for the RMS system if it were replaced by Spillman. He said the Town would pay \$13,000 to \$14,000 annually for support and also pay for data storage. He said it will take a year to implement the system and then the needed amount will be added to the budget for these costs and the cost to upgrade the dispatch consoles. Scarber said he has offered a proposal to obtain used consoles from another agency. Scarber said he has worked as a tribal liaison and this upgrade would be an authorized use of funds received from the Tribal Shared Gaming Revenues. He said a resolution is needed to request that funding.

Hensley questioned how long the Town would have to keep the RMS system. He also asked where data will be stored. Scarber said they would not get RMS mapped over to Spillman. He stated that there are paper copies of the documents in RMS and that Navajo County also has a history of the same documents. He said the intent is to keep a RMS computer to be able to call up information if necessary but not to keep up the maintenance of the system. Scarber said data from Spillman will be stored at the Show Low and Holbrook regional centers.

Kay stated that he would like a commitment that funds will not be taken away from the public safety budget but that the budget will be increased to fund this upgrade. Richards said that the budget would be increased and that, hopefully, tribal monies will be available.

Hensley stated that the Town will lease fiber from Regional Dispatch at a cost of \$4,000 and asked if Spillman will be using our current fiber. Scarber said he was told the cost would hold for three years.

Motion by Hensley, 2nd by Johnson L, to approve the Spillman Software Upgrade for Dispatch. Motion passed; unanimous

C. Update from Taylor-Snowflake Fire/EMS (Assistant Fire Chief Willie Nelson)
Assistant Fire Chief Willie Nelson stated that the department is moving along in a good way. He said the call volume is increasing. He said one member, an Engine Boss, took a position in Heber. He said it is necessary to have an Engine Boss to be able to go on wildland fires. He said Gerald Whipple was hired as a Captain to fill that position. He said there are three Captains which allows three shifts to be implemented with the use of outside help filling part-time

positions. Ballard asked what the ratio is between Snowflake and Taylor volunteers. Nelson stated that most of the Snowflake volunteers were without EMS training and most of them have employment that makes them not as available but some still come to work shifts. He said there are four full-time positions in the department and a lot of part-time spots to fill. He said the department has two main goals, to increase coverage to 24 hour coverage at both stations and increase full-time employees, so they can build their own teams and not be so dependent on part-time help. He said there two individuals finishing the NAVIT program. He said the department works with the program and encourages participants to red shirt which allows them to offer support but not go into fires.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Kay said that the Chief and Assistant Chief are doing a phenomenal job. He said he appreciates their leadership, connections, and for them consistently looking outside of the box. He congratulated them and said he wants the department to continue to grow and be better.

Kay thanked Hunter Lewis for voicing his passion for Main Street. He said he is proud to be from Snowflake and wants to make it look good.

Kay said he wants to make it known that there is an agency funded through Northland Pioneer College and the State that allows funding and training to small businesses. He said Kay Supply traveled to Washington, D.C. to receive an award from NPC President Jeanne Swarouth as a result of participating in the offered training. He said it is a free service and the reward is two-fold teaching businesses how to keep the growth wheel smooth and bring help to everyday business leaders. He said it is offered at no cost with true professionalism and every business should take advantage of this opportunity to gain knowledge and insight. He said it is his consistent desire to grow and bring jobs to the area with new ideas and plans for the economic growth of the community.

Poscharsky congratulated Kay for receiving the award and also for attending the training at the Small Business Development Program to better his business. He said there is also a smaller boot camp offered.

Poscharsky said that Summit had a grand opening for Dr. Chad Brimhall, Dr. Darrell Brimhall, a nurse practitioner, and an urgent walk-in care clinic. He said this is a great facility and addition to the community.

Poscharsky announced the grand opening of the Walmart store in Taylor tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. He said the sales tax is shared with Snowflake.

Poscharsky said the object of the broadband initiative is to address outages by trying to bring the loop together with fiber optics. He said there is meeting March 17th.

Johnson L congratulated Terril Kay's son, Dylan, for his success ranking 2nd in the state for his High Jump of 6'11" and setting a record for Snowflake. He said Track kids work hard and receive little recognition.

Johnson L addressed the visiting scout troop. He said our nation is in trouble and needs good young men and women to be ready to sit on councils, be Representatives, and be Senators. He commended them for being at the Council meeting to earn their Citizenship Badge and reminded them that sometime in the future they may be serving. He said he respects scouting and the leaders for their efforts. He recognized how important it is to teach responsible citizenship.

Ballard announced that Ralph Lancaster passed away and the funeral will be this Saturday. He said he was a public servant to the schools.

Ballard asked that a card be sent to the High School Basketball team for their success in the State Playoffs. Bob Hall said he attended the games and was amazed by the amount of energy. He said the team Snowflake lost to went on to win the State Championship. He said Snowflake's team looked and acted impressive.

Ballard recognized Kennedy Stuart for representing Snowflake well in the 3rd Grade Hoop Shoot—she took 1st Place in Snowflake, 1st Place in Prescott, 1st Place in Phoenix, and 4th Place in Las Vegas.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 8:03 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Town of Snowflake Council meeting held March 8, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Barbara Flake, Town Clerk