

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 06/05/2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL at 6:58 PM/Mayor Lynn Johnson, Kerry Ballard, Allison Perkins, Hunter Lewis, Byron Lewis, Cory Johnson, Greg Brimhall; Staff: Brian Richards, Bob Hall, Katie Melser, Larry Scarber, Willie Nelson,

2.PRAYER/PLEDGE Ballard/Perkins

3. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE

- A. Open Public Hearing: *Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Lewis B to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed; unanimous*
Brad Farber- against water rate increase unless it can be proved with facts why it needs to be done
Evan (Ted) Curtis- against water rate increase because it will also raise the taxes
- B. Close Public Hearing: *Motion by Lewis H, 2nd by Johnson C to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed; unanimous*

4. PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

State Champion Track & Field- Mayor (Coach) Johnson recognized the State Champion Girls Track & Field team, first ever in Snowflake High School girls track history; Coach Johnson is also the AIA Coach of the Year for AZ

5. CALL TO PUBLIC: none

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approve Council Minutes dated May 1, 2018
B. Approve Council Work Session Minutes dated May 1, 2018
C. Approve May Check Register
D. Approve Amendment to IGA for Court Collection and Criminal Justice Services with Navajo County
E. Approve Amendment to IGA for Shared Services Committee with Taylor

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

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Presentation by APS (Neil Traver)

- He is excited about the his new position, loves the community;
- spoke about ballot initiative, it is misleading according to APS, this would shut down the Palo Verde energy station in mid 2020s; Cholla would likely be shut down sooner than anticipated, as well as 4 Corners in the mid 2020s; \$1200 per year increase in bills; particularly bad for this region;
- APS isn't against clean energy, but a more conservative approach is better

B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 2018-05 Opposing “NextGen Climate Action” Ballot Initiative

- Lewis B- we take energy from CA, which is what helps keep our prices low
- Lewis H- doesn't want to give a rubber stamp to APS, but does not support the ballot initiative that is proposed
- Johnson L- why are we worried about the plants closing, because they are going to be closing anyway?
- The closures would be sooner than anticipated
- Ballard- is this already on the ballot?
- It is not yet on the ballot, they need approximately 250,000 signatures
- Neil- this would bring us very close to California power rates if it passed

Motion by Johnson L, 2nd by Lewis B, to approve Resolution 2018-05 Opposing Ballot Initiative. Motion passed; unanimous

C. Presentation of Recognition Awards for Police Department (Chief Scarber)

- introduced Doc, the new K-9
- One Mind Pledge-Steve Julian, Northeast AZ Police Association, Change Point, were able to bring the class here:
- Dispatcher Brittany Liston, Officer Moses Ramos, Officer Jeff Whipple participated
- Mayor Johnson congratulate the Police Department for their achievements

D. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 2018-06 Comprehensive Fee Schedule

- Brian gave some background on the water adjudication; our average bill is not the most expensive for Navajo County, we are average for the state;
- Perkins- why is Taylor taking over recreation?
- each town is managing 2 departments now
- Lewis H- Fredonia, AZ has water fights with Kanab, UT, water rights are important to the growth of a community; justified in this situation
- Lewis B- we sit on the best aquifer in AZ, we are taking preventative measures to secure the rights
- Johnson L- the lawyers that represent us don't believe this will be settled in our lifetime, as he looks at their plan of action, he believes they are right on target to win this battle, last year increase by \$3, this year we are presenting \$4 more; we want to fight for our water rights, but what is a fair amount? Feels we've raised the rate enough, leave the \$3 increase and pay that amount to the lawyers

Motion by Johnson C, 2nd by Ballard, to approve Resolution 2018-06 Comprehensive Fee Schedule. Motion passed; 6 in favor, and 1 against (Johnson L)

8. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS—

Brimhall-nothing

Johnson C- July 4th Rodeo on June 30th

Lewis B- community prayer on Sunday went well, all are invited to attend; council very involved in water adjudication; broadband is looking better, still a ways out though

Ballard- Kennedy Stuart placed 7th in the Country; enjoy the improvements going on in town, everybody is excited about the splash pad, working on options for the pool

Perkins- thank town employees, Rodeo Rd is looking nice, shout out to teachers in our community, handled the RedForEd situation well, and still supported our kids

Lewis H- annual Chamber of Commerce auction/dinner June 22nd; likes the growth the town is experiencing; architect has looked at the pool and the academy, waiting to hear his assessment; glad for the DARE program; exciting for the track team

Johnson L- growth in the community is a good indication of the direction the town is going; thank employees and media;

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

Fire started, but it seems to be under control; hope to have the splash pad open a week from Friday (the 15th); Rodeo Rd scheduled to start paving on Monday, think it will take a week to complete it; couple of big tournaments at the golf course this weekend, we have our liquor license; water fall at Frontier Dr. hasn't been operational for quite a while, but hoping to have it running June 21st with help from Kirk Brimhall; the "S" has been getting work done; thank council for hard work, employees efforts, it's nice to see we all care about the Town of Snowflake;

10. ADJOURNMENT 8:09