

**MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TOWN OF SNOWFLAKE
HELD 02/18/2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL at 5 PM; Present: Byron Lewis, Greg Brimhall, Joe Bjornn, Reid Stinnett, Mark Sheen, Cory Johnson, Travis Kay; Staff: Brian Richards, Katie Melser

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. REAL AZ AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chris Pasterz with REAL AZ gave an overview of what the organization is, and a quick update. They have 6 meetings a year in Snowflake that the council is invited to attend.

Sheen- may be a good idea to get a tool like Placer to get an idea of how we rank for developers

Kay- what is going on with nuclear power?

Chris- there is potential for nuclear in NE AZ

B. TOWN GOALS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Travis's main goals are improving aesthetics for main roads in town.

Lewis- protecting our communities should be our main focus, fire, police, water, electricity; would like to encourage everyone to get FEMA certs for emergency situations

Sheen- would like to focus on roads today

Council agrees that water would be good to focus on for a future meeting

Sheen- need N/S and E/W corridors ahead of growth instead of waiting for growth; a main priority would be to connect from 7th S to HWY 277 where Centennial Blvd is.

Kay- even if it's in the future because of the mining timeline, we need to start having conversations to plan for the future, 5-year plan?

Rodeo Rd- the town will buy pipe and box culverts, bid it out to a contractor, and maybe also do some of the work with our own crews. We can get our portion done this summer, but then it will take substantially longer to get the sidewalks done with ADOT.

Kay- would love to clear out and fix the shoulders to make it a walking path; we need to know what our budget can handle and if and how creative can we get

Brian- we're doing a huge waterline project and we'll have to pave all those roads; we have other water and sewer problems that we are currently solving that will then require road repair after the work is completed; it is hard to drop those projects to focus on this at this time

Kay- understanding what the needs are, what else can we do to improve aesthetics?

Lewis- a quick blade down Rodeo Rd. will be a fast win

Brian- we have to use common sense on what we can and should do

Brian- we have enough savings to pay for our expenses for 1 year that we shouldn't spend down on projects

Main/Concho- we're committed to \$400,000 at the new Circle K intersection

E 7th South- at the traffic signal, we're already committed to that project

Lewis- we're constantly fixing things that are from before our time

Kay- we do need to spend on tangible improvements

Johnson- it probably does need to go to manholes and stuff that people don't see, even though people don't see it; we can get grants for the optics, but we have to spend our own money on projects that people can't see because we can't get grants for that like we can for a bike park

Sheen- everybody likes the schools, the events, the community, but the negatives are the roads, above ground power lines; it looks like a bunch of good ideas that have been cobbled together (we need lightbulbs that all match on main street)

Lewis- we need to start on main street; visit every business to get them on board for a facelift

Brian- we can sweep the sidewalks and gutters more regularly

Kay- trees would be easy and cheap upfront

Kay- better job on weed control on the side of our roads

Kay- figure out how to put a better pathway along 277

Chris Pasterz- you need wayfinding signs on main roads for pool, library, golf course, etc.

Lewis- community board? Let's look for a way to get organizations, businesses, and community members to help with the work of improving the aesthetics

Kay- maybe suggest new builders add trees, doesn't have to be fancy

Kay- we need timelines and realistic goals; let's find ways to make things happen and get creative

Sheen- if we don't start planning for 3-5 years in the future, today, then it will just keep getting pushed down the road

Johnson- what are we going to look like when we double in size? We need to figure out easements for growth

Brian- I don't think we've talked about roads enough to move on to water yet

Lewis- think we're on the right track with working to a 3-5 year plan

Kay- can you give us a list of the required costs we have?

Brian- check the capital improvement plan that was sent via email

Next work sessions potentially on 3rd Tuesday of every month (next 6 months)

3. ADJOURNMENT 6:40 PM