

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, HELD JANUARY 21, 2010 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Mayor Smith called the Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Luke Smith	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Stephanie Irwin	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Vice Mayor Rich Crockett	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Kim Webb	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Woody Biscoe	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Leslee Wessel	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Norris Dodd	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Udall, Town Manager; Rosemary Rosales, Town Attorney; Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk; Mary French-Jones, Grant Coordinator; Paul Esparza, Community Development Director; and Sherwood Eldredge, Chief of Police.

ITEM NO. 13, CURRENT EVENTS BY TOWN MANAGER:

Kelly Udall stated the snow plows are running around the clock during the storm. He said the Parks and Recreation Department crew is assisting the Public Works Department crew with snow cleanup. He said the heavy rain is a concern because of the flooding and drainage issues it brings. He said the County Engineer has been monitoring the local lakes and holding ponds and indicated Woodland Lake, Scotts Reservoir, Show Low Lake and Rainbow Lake are all holding their own. He commented that Woodland Lake is going over the spillway. He said Town crews would be monitoring the drainage and doing the best they can throughout the night. He said Navajo County declared a state of emergency and activated the emergency shelters: one in Show Low and one in Heber-Overgaard. He stated this allows expenditures associated with the storm to be reimbursed by the State. He said the Town would be tracking expenditures. He said people would probably be calling the Town on Friday and said they have coordinated extra staff to answer phones at the Police Department. He said, based on the recommendation of the IT Department, this meeting would not be televised due to the power outages occurring throughout the day.

Mr. Udall stated the site thinning demonstration has been postponed to Monday. He said the Sign Committee has completed their work and said the text changes have gone to the Town Attorney for review. Councilman Biscoe asked if they could have an additional meeting to discuss the banners used for upcoming events, as they have received positive response. Mr. Udall stated they can have as many meetings as they would like. He stated the holiday decorations are still up at Woodland Lake Park as staff has not had an opportunity to take them down. He said Youth Basketball is underway, but said it has been canceled for this Saturday due to the weather. He said they appreciate the school allowing the use of their facilities. He said Adult Basketball would start in February. He said Legislative Day would be held on January 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Show Low Council Chambers and mentioned it coincides with the Little Colorado RC&D Winter Watershed Conference. He said Representatives Jack Brown and Bill Konopnicki would be in attendance. He said they need to start thinking about doing something

for the Centennial and asked the Council to submit their ideas to him. He said he thinks the Advertising and Promotion Committee is mulling it over.

Councilwoman Wessel asked about telephone coverage on Friday. Mr. Udall stated the Town phone directs callers to dial 911 if it is an emergency. Chief Eldredge stated they have a recorded line that requests callers to dial 511 to check road conditions; but said if the power stays on, he does not anticipate a lot of calls.

ITEM NO. 9, RESOLUTION NO. 10-1099 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FY 2010 STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT STATE SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS, CERTIFYING THAT SAID APPLICATION MEETS THE COMMUNITY'S PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE CDBG SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND COMPLETE THE ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN SAID APPLICATION:

Mary French-Jones stated the State Special Projects (SSP) are a competitive round, and said any eligible project could be submitted for consideration based on National objectives. She explained the Town does not meet the objective of 50% low or moderate income; but said it does satisfy the objective of having clientele with 51% low to moderate income. She said other objectives meeting the criteria are slum blight, or a safety and urgent need. She stated Navajo County declaring a disaster and the Rodeo-Chediski Fire are large-scale examples of a safety and urgent need. She stated Nelson French of White Mountain Catholic Charities is available to discuss the projects eligible to compete. She stated White Mountain Catholic Charities provides a variety of services, including rental assistance and food banks; and said they are requesting a part-time case worker to assist with these services. She said the other project was submitted by the Pinetop-Lakeside Senior Center for renovation of the dining hall floor. She added both the food service and congregate meal program have doubled. She said there are several criteria based on National objectives, which include an environmental review being completed and approved prior to submittal; and said any required engineering work has to be done in advance. She said White Mountain Catholic Charities is exempt as it is a "program-only," and said the Senior Center has completed the environmental review by having its roof repaired last year. She stated they can prioritize projects as number one and two. She explained they received an e-mail from the State and explained if they chose to submit more than one application; the projects need to be listed in prioritized order. She said if additional funds are available, they would look at other priorities. She said there are two viable projects. Councilwoman Wessel referred to pages 29-32 of the packet, and asked if there is any particular need from either submittal. Ms. French-Jones stated the low to moderate income clientele the Senior Center serves meets the objective, and said both organizations' incomes qualify. She stated White Mountain Catholic Charities operates with a paid staff and said the Senior Center has one paid staff member. She explained both organizations have been in existence for a number of years; Catholic Charities for 15 years, and the Senior Center for 23 years. She stated the Community Development Block Grant is one grant category that can complete the project. Councilman Dodd asked why the Pinetop-Lakeside Senior Center project is included in both the regional and State applications. Ms. French-Jones stated all projects that were not withdrawn are eligible for the regional account, but said only two are eligible for the State Special Project category. Councilman Dodd verified if they did not prioritize the Senior Center in one, they could in the other. Councilwoman Wessel asked if the Town is in competition with other communities for these dollars and confirmed that if submitted,

the Town could end up with nothing. Ms. French-Jones stated it is difficult; as the Town does not meet the low to moderate income qualification, which is a handicap. Councilman Biscoe asked if Pinetop and Lakeside could be separated. Ms. French-Jones stated they are considered one community. Councilman Dodd asked if the Jackson Lane project could be scaled back and still be viable. Mr. Udall stated it has been scaled back quite a bit. Councilman Dodd asked if the State Special Project application could be submitted first to see what happens, and then submit the regional application. Ms. French-Jones stated they are working on a March deadline on the regional application and said she needs 16 days for publication, with a newspaper that only prints twice per week and a Council that meets twice per month. She explained the time schedule would not allow the submission of the applications separately.

The Work Session was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Dated this 28th day of January 2010.

PINETOP-LAKESIDE TOWN COUNCIL

/s/ Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk