

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, HELD FEBRUARY 4, 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>	_____	Stephanie Irwin	<u>X</u>	_____
Vice Mayor Rich Crockett	<u>X</u>	_____	Kim Webb	<u>X</u>	_____
Woody Biscoe	<u>X</u>	_____	Leslee Wessel	<u>X</u>	_____
Norris Dodd	<u>X</u>	_____			

STAFF PRESENT:

Rosemary Rosales, Town Attorney; Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk; and Sherwood Eldredge, Chief of Police.

ITEM NO. 7, WHITE MOUNTAIN HUMANE SOCIETY QUARTERLY REPORT:

Joe Sprague, Director of the White Mountain Humane Society, reported on the number of animals returned to their owners, euthanized and adopted. He said there were 1,255 adoptions in 2009 compared to 922 in 2008, and 1,337 euthanizations in 2009 compared to 1,720 in 2008. He stated the shelter is currently working on reducing the number of animals euthanized, and said they have dramatically increased the number of adoptions. He stated there used to be a sign at the intersection of White Mountain Blvd. and Porter Mountain Road, and now there is not. He said many people do not know where they are located. He said they are doing a lot of advertising, but said they need to promote their location and spay and neuter clinic. Councilman Dodd stated they are doing a great job and asked where they are on fundraising. Mr. Sprague stated they have revamped the shelter and said a full-time person is conducting fund raising. He said they have 15 fundraisers scheduled and said they are beginning to send direct mail State-wide. He said they are receiving a good response. He said the ultimate goal is to make it a low to no-kill shelter. Councilwoman Wessel asked for a copy of his report. He stated he would provide it to Lu Anne Frost. Mayor Smith stated it is good to hear from the Humane Society as it had been a while since they received a report.

ITEM NO. 13, TOWN COUNCIL CURRENT EVENT REPORTS ON ALL COUNCIL APPOINTED COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATES:

Councilman Dodd stated the Forest Health Committee has submitted text change information to the Council for review tonight. He stated the thinning project has to be rescheduled again due to the weather. He said, along with the White Mountain Nature Center, they would be holding a Firewise and Forest Health Day with Jim Paxon on June 5. He stated the Woodland Lake Park Acquisition Task Force Committee met today. He said he received an update from Carmen Gallus of Ann Kirkpatrick's office that draft legislation would be issued in March for the Big Springs Environmental Study Area acquisition. He stated the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee would take the lead and make this project one of their initiatives. He added the Save Our Park Committee is in the process of incorporating and said it would be separate from the

White Mountain Land Trust. He said they heard an update on the citizens' initiative and said they plan to move forward in a month. He said he gave the same presentation that he had at the Council Retreat on alternative funding approaches, which discussed redirecting the focus on the Walnut Creek Node and developing a partnership with a potential for no cash outlay by the Town to buy the 98 acres. He said the Save Our Park Committee and the White Mountain Land Trust made a commitment to hire a consultant to assist in assembling the public-private partnership. He said the agreements from the Forest Service should be received in the next month or so. He added there is a good chance to obtain funding from the Resource Advisory Committee grants that would be coming out soon. He stated they may be able to move the NEPA study forward without any cash contribution from the Town. He said the White Mountain Land Trust continues to support the Woodland Lake Park acquisition activities. He said the Natural Resource Working Group has not met for a while.

Councilwoman Irwin stated the Arts Commission would probably have to proceed with a volunteer. She stated she and Councilwoman Wessel went to the Legislative Day last Friday and said Representative Konopnicki was there with not a lot of good news. She said the Legislature would put the sales tax increase on the ballot on May 18. She stated they are looking at alternatives to closing the State parks.

Vice Mayor Crockett stated the Chamber of Commerce cancelled their retreat due to snow. He said the P.L.A.N. luncheon at El Rancho included a presentation by the CEO of Summit Health Care.

Councilwoman Wessel stated the General Plan Advisory Committee is moving ahead. She said they are receiving documents from the Town Planner and Consultant relating to statutory requirements and preliminary goals and objectives. She stated the Little Colorado RC&D held a Winter Watershed Conference for two days in Show Low. She explained they discussed weather modification strategies; and said out of the 17 Western states, 11 are performing weather modification. She said this could increase the amount of snow pack in the mountains. She said some interesting points were brought up and said it might be effective to bring discussion back. She said a study determined that if they increased the snow pack on Mt. Baldy, it would benefit the ski resort and all those downriver from Mt. Baldy, but not impact any cities and towns with snow removal costs. She said they also talked about the Four Forest Restoration Initiative and how water management is involved. She said the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality also provided information on water challenges and sustainability. She said they heard a presentation on where the water really is, and the rate of recharge. She stated the Pinetop-Lakeside Historical Society balance currently is \$5,399, and said they are looking at contracting to publish a Pinetop-Lakeside historical book, working on a rummage and bake sale, and working on distribution of a poster informing the public about the Museum hours. She said it would be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from March to October. She said they hold meetings once per month with guest speakers.

Councilman Webb stated the Pinetop-Lakeside Senior Citizens were hampered by the snow. He said he asked Jude Steinmetz for a list of those not physically able to shovel their driveways, in hopes they could have youth assist. He said he has not met with the Transportation Committee.

Councilman Biscoe stated the Advertising and Promotions Committee meeting was cancelled due to the snow. He said they are looking at private funding to have a representative bring

events up from the Valley. He stated that Main Street is helping these efforts and said they are creating a list of completed projects to be placed on the Main Street website.

Mayor Smith stated the Public Safety Retirement System Board met and reviewed the financials. He explained the Mayors Youth Advisory Committee was very excited about how they were received at the retreat, and said they did a good job in presenting their ideas. He said they are expected to meet next week. He stated the Blue Ridge School Board met two nights ago and reported on the storm damage, and said they are working with insurance representatives and contractors. He said the Northern Arizona Council of Governments would meet on February 25 in Flagstaff. He said the Transit Advisory Committee has not met for a while. He said the Mayors and Councilmembers Association met a couple of weeks ago, with a presentation by Ken Sweet from NACOG.

The Work Session was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Dated this 11th day of February 2010.

PINETOP-LAKESIDE TOWN COUNCIL

/s/ Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk