

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, HELD MARCH 4, 2010 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Mayor Smith called the Work Session to order at 6:31 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:

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

ITEM NO. 14, CURRENT EVENTS BY TOWN MANAGER:

Kelly Udall stated the Town is working hard to prepare the parks for spring events. He said the National Arbor Day Foundation has recognized the Town for the 25th consecutive annual Tree City Award. He said they are also getting ready for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3. He stated the tree thinning at the exhibition site has been completed. He said the General Plan Advisory Committee would meet at 3:00 p.m. on March 11, and a public meeting would begin at 6:00 p.m. that evening. He encouraged the public to attend. He stated the recycling program would start up again around April 1, and said products would be dropped at the Waste Management and Holbrook sites. He stated, due to the winter weather, there are a lot of potholes; and said they are getting them repaired as soon as possible. He said the *Town Citizen* newsletter is being prepared and said it should be available by the middle of this month. He noted the newsletter would be distributed at the Library, Chamber of Commerce, and on the Town's website. He explained the Town has initiated a community service program to further the Mayor's challenge to celebrate community service. He stated this program would allow the public to see another side of the employees as they volunteer back to the community. He noted the use of employees' flex time to participate in the program would be made up.

ITEM NO. 15, TOWN COUNCIL CURRENT EVENT REPORTS ON ALL COUNCIL APPOINTED COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATES:

Councilman Dodd stated the Forest Health Committee did a fantastic job with the forest thinning educational project located across from the Library. He said they would be creating some educational interpretive signs using Resource Advisory Committee funds. He said they focused on Code enforcement at their last meeting; and said there are a lot of civil sanctions that have not been widely used. He commented they could use the civil sanctions first, and then proceed with criminal enforcement if needed. He said they have deferred to the Legal Department for a Code wide enforcement. He said the text amendment should come before the Council in April. He said the Town was successful in transferring the Forest Thinning Assistance Grant from the Lakeside Fire Department to the Town. He said they are looking into the Town doing

reimbursements outside of Town limits. He explained the desire would be to allow everyone to tap into the funds, which must be used by September. He said he wants to get the word out as soon as the Town addresses the Code text amendments. He said the White Mountain Wildlife and Nature Center has a Forest FIREWISE Fair scheduled on June 19. He said there is a lot going on to make that happen. He said he provided some comments on the issues document for the General Plan Advisory Committee. He said the Woodland Lake Park Task Force has not met since the last report, but said he and others are working on the Walnut Creek Node public/private partnership proposal utilizing a team of students and professors, including legal people. He said they hope to have the proposal back next week. He said there would be a Walk for the Park on June 5, and said this year it would be held at the Nature Center site. He stated the White Mountain Land Trust met and said they are doing aggressive strategic management planning. He said they are developing strategies to secure initiatives to help the Park and to implement the urban trail network. He said the RAC grant has been tentatively approved to move forward, and noted the Save Our Park Committee has also been working on that. He said he had nothing to report on TRACKS.

Councilwoman Irwin stated the Yellow Jacket Youth Center has a lot of activities for spring. She said the Easter Bunny would visit on April 3 and said they plan to be open during spring break. She said they are planning the Memorial Day weekend carnival, educational programs with the kids, and have an application for a \$17,000 grant with United Way.

Vice Mayor Crockett stated Pinetop-Lakeside Advocates Against Drugs is an outstanding organization and said they are doing everything they can to rid the area of illegal substance abuse. He noted there are many activities planned. He stated he attended the Northern Arizona Council of Governments on behalf of the Mayor, and learned about activities in the northern part of the state. He said some activities would be coming to fruition soon. He said the Chamber of Commerce P.L.A.N. Luncheon would be held on April 13 at El Rancho, with food provided by My Sister Can't Cook Catering. He noted Trevor Allen with QmaSS Marketing would be speaking at the meeting. He stated there was a comparison of the Pinetop-Lakeside Chamber to the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce. He said the Gilbert Chamber has approximately 650 members, and said the Pinetop-Lakeside membership of 443 is significant for a Chamber this size. He stated the Chamber of Commerce's sponsorship dinner is scheduled for April 22 at The Gathering Place. He said many sponsors are contributing and said no money would be used from the Chamber's budget. He said there were 140 seats available and only 20 are left. He stated Dave Pratt would be the Master of Ceremonies. He said there are many great auction items, and said they look forward to a good event.

Councilwoman Wessel reiterated the General Plan Advisory Committee meeting would be held on March 11. She stated the Little Colorado RC&D has asked her to serve on the Board of Directors. She stated the Pinetop-Lakeside Historical Society had a good-turnout for the kick off meeting yesterday, and said they approved by-law changes and planned for a good summer.

Councilman Webb stated the Pinetop-Lakeside Senior Center is doing well. He said the White Mountain Humane Society has a lot of pets for adoption; and said they are looking for volunteers to help out.

Councilman Biscoe stated Main Street would be giving their presentation on March 18. He said a notice was sent to the membership and said they received 56 positive e-mails and 26 positive

phone calls in response. He said the Advertising and Promotion Committee is working hard to get the private partnership organized with local businessmen and said they would meet again on March 17. He said they had a good meeting on Monday with the hoteliers, and said there was a good turnout. He noted that everyone is positive and bookings are up, and said they are excited about the numbers they are seeing this year.

Mayor Smith stated the Mayors Youth Advisory Committee has been discussing how they might participate in the Walk for the Park; and said some members would attend the Save Our Park meeting this Saturday. He said they were going to meet today to start working on the verbiage for the Strategic Management Plan, but did not have a quorum, and said they would meet again before spring break. He said NACOG approved the trade with Holbrook for transportation funding. He said the Blue Ridge School Board met a couple of days ago and discussed a school dress code. He said they received an impeccable audit report. He said the Transit Advisory Committee has not met for quite some time.

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

Dated this 11th day of March 2010.

PINETOP-LAKESIDE TOWN COUNCIL

/s/ Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk