

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, HELD APRIL 1, 2010 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Mayor Smith called the Work Session to order at 6:32 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> </u>	<u>X</u>	Kim Webb	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Woody Biscoe	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	Leslee Wessel	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Norris Dodd	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			

STAFF PRESENT:

Sherwood Eldredge, Chief of Police; Rosemary Rosales, Town Attorney; Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk; and Paul Esparza, Community Development Director.

ITEM NO. 7, CURRENT EVENTS BY TOWN MANAGER:

Chief Eldredge, as Acting Town Manager, stated approximately 60 parents and children hunted Easter eggs at the Library on March 29 and 30. He said the One Book discussion would be on the book *Trunk Murderess*. He stated they have installed the new security gates, and said they would install the readers and software next. He stated April is National Poetry Month and National Jazz Month and said the Library would have displays; and said National Library Week is April 11-17. He said the Community Development Department is requesting citizens take a survey on the General Plan, and stated the survey is available on the Town’s website. He said staff is reviewing the latest submittal for Navopache Electric. He stated the Maverick Corral & Bar anticipates opening the week of April 12. He stated the Clerk’s Department has scheduled records management training on April 7 from 9 to 11:30 in the Council Chambers. He said the facilitator would be Jerry Kirkpatrick, Records Specialist for the Secretary of State and State Library, Archives and Public Records. He stated they offered this training opportunity to clerks and other record managers throughout the region and state. He stated the hours of use at the park would change on April 1, to official daylight to 10 p.m. He said the Parks Department continues to prepare the facilities for spring and summer use. He stated this weekend is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Woodland Lake Park, as well as Little League tryouts at the Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex. He stated the Parks staff would start a new work schedule in April to cover weekend use for Ramada reservations and special events. He stated adult basketball is ending; and said adult softball would begin in mid May.

ITEM NO. 8, TOWN COUNCIL CURRENT EVENT REPORTS ON ALL COUNCIL APPOINTED COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATES:

Councilman Dodd stated the Council is addressing revisions to the Town Code for Forest Health and associated codes tonight. He said it is the culmination of a lot of work by the Committee. He stated Steve Campbell and Lloyd Wilmes would like to put together a workshop/town hall to begin to educate the public about the revised codes, and to make sure they maximize the opportunities to use the grant funding, which will expire at the end of September. He stated the

Nature Center has scheduled a Forest Health and Fire Wise Fair on June 19, which would focus on the Code. He stated the Nature Center has submitted a grant proposal for forest health and interpretation at the Nature Center site and at the Town site across from the Library to educate citizens about forest thinning. He stated the Woodland Lake Park Task Force met on March 18; and continued discussion on the legislative efforts to allow Blue Ridge to obtain the Big Springs Environmental Study area under the Education Land Grant Act. He stated they are excited to use the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee to do the vetting. He stated the other focus of the meeting was continued discussion on the Walnut Creek Node Public/Private Partnership. He stated the Save Our Park Committee is taking the lead on the Walnut Creek Node, and said they would be engaging a University of Arizona MBA student to do the process mapping. He stated the Save Our Park Committee has filed for incorporation and non-profit status. He stated they are coordinating the Third Annual 5K Walk on June 5 at the Nature Center site. He stated that is also National Trails Day. He stated Mary French-Jones was able to put together a grant request to seek up to \$75,000 for funding. He stated they received an \$8,000 commitment from the Save Our Park Committee and the White Mountain Land Trust. He stated the ballpark estimate for the NEPA study is around \$90,000. He stated the limit on the RAC grant is \$75,000. He stated TRACKS is delivering new brochures to area businesses and the Chamber, and said the brochure includes trail maps. He stated they received funding from the Advertising & Promotion Committee and the White Mountains Partnership. He stated TRACKS is partnering with the Save Our Park Committee for the 5K Walk. He stated the White Mountain Land Trust is revising its 5-year strategic management plan, and said they have come to the realization they need a director to get things done. He stated they have prioritized two focal areas to pursue over the next two years; one would be working hard within the Town to secure one of the parcels identified for open space preservation through the Linking Our Landscape document; and the second would be helping to implement an urban trail network in the Town. He stated their role would be to secure trail easements. He said the Nature Center hosted a successful educator's workshop with 36 educators from 14 area schools in attendance. He said it was collaboration with the Nature Center, Audubon Arizona, the local Audubon chapter, Navajo County Education Service Administration, and Game and Fish. He stated they have finalized the Nature Discovery Series for the summer, and said they are preparing promotional materials. He stated they have scheduled 10 hands-on naturalist programs, including the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum who will bring a wildlife trailer. He stated the Council finalized the wetland agreement, and said the Nature Center is getting ready to move forward on it. He stated the Nature Center has begun a membership drive. He stated the focus is on fundraising to build a 32x64' pavilion that would ultimately become a visitor interpretative center to meet the stipulations of the lease agreement with the Town. He stated there is an ongoing T-shirt design contest in the area schools, and said they are receiving submissions.

Councilwoman Irwin stated Main Street, in coordination with the Town and the Navajo County region, is having a branding meeting. She stated she and Councilman Biscoe would be attending. She stated the idea behind it is to go to all of the communities in the region and decide how to advertise to the rest of the state. She stated Navopache Electric would have their volunteer crews out on Friday to take down the wreaths and lights. She stated the Audit Committee met.

Councilwoman Wessel stated the General Plan Advisory Committee held a meeting as well as the first public meeting, and said all went well. She stated approximately 20 people attended. She stated the GPAC survey asks questions about the elements currently in the General Plan; and

how to incorporate new elements. She stated they hope for good feedback. She stated the Little Colorado RC&D met on March 9. She stated they spoke about the Show Low Creek Watershed Enhancement Partnership and what to do with the weeds in Rainbow Lake. She stated there are a lot of options and costs involved. She stated the Partnership is reviewing the criteria for 501(c)(3) status to decide if that is the best way to go. She stated the next meeting is April 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the Executive Meeting Room. She stated the Pinetop-Lakeside Historical Society had a meeting with an individual working on a Pinetop-Lakeside pictorial history book that would include McNary and Whiteriver. She stated they had a good first general meeting with good attendance. She stated the next meeting for the general membership is April 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, with speaker Diana McNary Butler. She stated they named Georgia Dysterheft as Museum Director. She stated Jim Plaster is now on the board. She stated the museum is open.

Councilman Webb stated the Senior Citizens are doing well. He said the Humane Society is still collecting animals, and said they have a large selection of animals to adopt. He stated he has not been able to attend the transportation meeting.

Councilman Biscoe stated the Advertising & Promotion Committee signed a contract to advertise on the electronic bulletin boards in the Valley. He stated the cost is less than ½ price. He stated Main Street received verbal approval on two grants.

Mayor Smith stated the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee met this morning, and are going to be volunteering with the Easter Egg Hunt. He stated they are also preparing to assist with the 5K Walk. He stated they would promote the walk at school. He stated they are also discussing the possibility of attending the youth component of the League Conference in August. He stated the Blue Ridge School Board would meet on Tuesday. He stated their biggest issue is the budget. He stated they anticipate a large cut, but said it would depend on the May 18 election. He stated Transit Advisory has not met. He stated the Navajo and Apache County Mayor's and Councilmember's Association meeting scheduled for April 5 has been cancelled.

The Work Session adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Dated this 8th day of April 2010.

PINETOP-LAKESIDE TOWN COUNCIL

/s/ Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk