

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, HELD JUNE 3, 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:

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

PRESENTATION BY KATHLEEN STEMMLER OF NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY REGARDING DEGREE PROGRAMS AND RECRUITMENT OF INSTRUCTORS:

Kathleen Stemmler stated she is the Area Coordinator for Northern Arizona University for Navajo and Apache Counties. She stated her office has been located at Northland Pioneer College White Mountain Campus for many years. She stated the Arizona Board of Regents recently passed a new measure regarding work force development. She stated they approved the transfer of up to 75 credits, from community colleges across the state, for individuals earning their Associate of Applied Science Degree, to any one of the three universities, which means another semester of transfer credits. She stated, with the proper counseling, students could complete a Bachelor's Degree in 1½ years. She stated NAU already has that 1½-year program online. She handed out packets of information to the Council, which contained information on the degree programs offered. She stated there are three Bachelor of Science degrees they offer online and on site. She stated they have found there is a lot of interest in programs such as emergency services, public management, administration, and justice. She stated they are looking for individuals who have a Masters Degree in Public Management, Business Administration, or Public Organization, and who might be interested in teaching one of the four or five courses they plan to offer. She stated the courses are in Public Organization Theory, Budgeting, Conflict Resolution, and Management and Leadership. She stated they are also looking for fifteen individuals who would be willing to work with NAU to finish their Bachelor's degree. She stated this would be a great opportunity. She stated the Arizona Universities System is a collaborative effort between the three universities to offer online programs from UofA, ASU, and NAU for the same price. Councilwoman Wessel stated she thinks this is a wonderful thing, and said part of the Town's Strategic Management Plan is to look for higher education opportunities in the community. She stated she is excited to see this. Ms. Stemmler stated it is like having a four-year institution in many ways. She stated they work well with community colleges throughout the state. She stated her phone number is 928-537-9228, and said her e-mail address is [kathy.stemmler@nau.edu](mailto:kathy.stemmler@nau.edu).

ITEM NO. 15, CURRENT EVENTS BY TOWN MANAGER:

Kelly Udall stated the patronage at the Library has increased dramatically, and said they think it would increase further. He stated the summer reading programs are in full swing, with good attendance at the first event. He stated they are continuing to tag the books, and said they hope to have that project completed soon. He stated this is a step toward a fully automated system. He stated regarding the ADOT Streetscape Project, all of the curbing for the planters are in, and said they would be removing the dirt mounds. He stated most of the foundations for the lights on the east side are in and waiting for the concrete to be poured. He stated they have run into some issues with utilities in the right-of-way, and said they have had to be creative with the placement of the lights. He stated an Enhancement Grant funded this project. He said it was awarded several years ago, and said it was recently made possible by the stimulus funding. He stated this project is funded 100% with no match required by the Town. He stated it is an ADOT project, and said they did the bidding process. He stated the Town had some input on the type of lights, but not the landscaping. He said the irrigation contractor would be up next week, as well as the landscape contractor. He said they hope to have the plants in the ground by the end of June.

Mr. Udall stated Memorial Day weekend was busy and the parks were full with anglers, hikers, and people using the Ramadas. He stated they have a girl's softball tournament scheduled for the July 4 weekend. He stated they plan to celebrate National Trails Day on Saturday, June 5, as well as the 5K Walk to Save Our Park. Councilman Dodd stated it is more of a trail hike than the typical walk on the golf course. Mr. Udall stated the Farmers' Market is going very well, with more vendors every week. Vice Mayor Crockett confirmed they hold the Farmers' Market on Wednesdays, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Udall stated the Town Citizen Newsletter would be coming out soon, and said it would be packed full of insightful articles for the summer. He stated Mary French-Jones has had a great month for grants. He said the Arizona State Library awarded the Town \$14,856 for security enhancement at the Larson Library, including a hand-held shelf reader. He said CDBG awarded a \$25,000 grant for the Senior Center, and a \$55,000 RAC Grant toward the NEPA Study for Woodland Lake Park. He stated the Town's portion is contained in the budget. He said the Town received a grant from Arizona Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School for \$296,022 for a detached sidewalk in front of the high school. He said this project would enhance the look and make it safer for the students. He said the Town also received a grant for \$67,219 by the Arizona Department of Commerce Energy Division to upgrade ball field lights with energy efficient lighting, which will save the Town money. He said the Police Department received a Highway Safety Grant for \$79, 283 for overtime for DUI and aggressive driving enforcement. Councilwoman Wessel asked if they would remove the existing sidewalk in front of the school. Mr. Udall stated they would. Councilman Dodd asked when that project would begin. Mary French-Jones stated it is an ADOT managed grant. Councilman Dodd stated they received RAC funding for the interpretation site across from the Library, and said it would be nice to have a branch off from the sidewalk for a trail through that area.

ITEM NO. 16, TOWN COUNCIL CURRENT EVENT REPORTS ON ALL COUNCIL APPOINTED COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND AFFILIATES:

Councilman Dodd stated the Forest Health Committee recommended changes to the Town Code, which the Town Council passed and is now in effect. He said there is money available for forest

thinning through the end of September to assist citizens with compliance with the new Code. He said on June 19 there would be a Forest Health and Firewise Fair at the Nature Center. He said the White Mountain Wildlife and Nature Center obtained a RAC grant to do forest health interpretation and education. He said they would do part of that at the demonstration site. He said it would include nice signs. He said the Woodland Lake Park Task Force would meet on Friday, June 4, at 10:30 a.m. He said Representative Ann Kirkpatrick entered legislation to allow the Blue Ridge School District to acquire the Big Springs Environmental Study area under the Education Land Grant Act, which would allow them to purchase it for \$10 per acre. He said Representative Kirkpatrick would make her formal announcement on Friday, June 4 at 9:15 a.m. at the Big Springs Amphitheater. He said the Walnut Creek Node Private/Public Partnership is progressing. He said Save Our Park has incorporated and has contracted with a UofA student and a UofA law professor to do the process mapping. He said they have already met with Main Street and others, and said they would be meeting with Mr. Udall and Main Street again. He said they would also attend the Task Force meeting. He said TRACKS reprinted their trail system brochure, and said they appreciate the support of the White Mountains Partnership and Advertising and Promotion Committee. He said the White Mountain Land Trust is revising its five-year strategic management plan. He stated they provided formal comments to the Forest Service on the environmental analysis for the Camp Tatiyee land exchange. He said one issue that has arisen is the status and future of the Mogollon Rim Trail. He said the Land Trust would like to help facilitate the preservation of that trail as that land exchange progresses. He said this is such a significant issue, that if it is not addressed it could be a deal breaker. He stated the Nature Center would soon begin the wetland project. He stated the Nature Center is working with the Yellow Jacket Youth Center and the Junior Leadership Academy on a kid's day camp, for youth age 11-18, at the Nature Center, June 15 through 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. He said they could register at the Yellow Jacket Youth Center. He said he attended the General Plan Advisory Committee meeting, and said it was an excellent meeting.

The Work Session adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010.

PINETOP-LAKESIDE TOWN COUNCIL

/s/ Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk