

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, HELD JULY 1, 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>X</u>	<u> </u>
Woody Biscoe	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	Leslee Wessel	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Norris Dodd	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Udall, Town Manager; Rosemary Rosales, Town Attorney; Susan Stein, Deputy Town Clerk; Paul Esparza, Community Development Director; and Sherwood Eldredge, Chief of Police.

PRESENTATION ON THE 2009 SITGREAVES COMMUNITIES WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN UPDATE:

Lloyd Wilmes reported this is the fourth year in which they have been presenting wildfire protection updates. He stated they captured the work completed this year in the report. He said their wildfire protection efforts run from Forest Lakes to Hon-Dah. He said they have treated over 90,000 acres within the plan area, and said a small amount of acreage has been treated on private lands. He said essentially they treat the same acreage more than once, and said the acreage on the maps does not necessarily coincide with the report. He said there is a substantial amount of money being spent, and said a substantial number of acres are being treated.

Mr. Wilmes stated activity is slow in the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside. He said they are still offering the grant program and added they are receiving a few calls each week; primarily from the Pinetop Lakes and Pinetop Country Club areas. Councilman Dodd asked Mr. Wilmes if he has seen a surge in treatments as a result of their community outreach programs. Mr. Wilmes stated he gave a presentation at the Woodland Hills Homeowners' meeting and said questions were asked. He added there is some interest within the community, but said they are not receiving a lot of calls. Councilman Dodd asked Mr. Wilmes to explain the difference in treatment activities between Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside. Mr. Wilmes stated he thinks the difference in Show Low moving forward with treatments is the 90-10 grant offered there. He said they have treated many properties since last year, and said it is a big contrast from Pinetop-Lakeside. Kelly Udall said they have prioritized areas, and asked Mr. Wilmes how the Town could help in its community outreach efforts to clean properties in priority areas. Mr. Wilmes said it is eight years after the fire, and said interest is not high. He said the priority areas were dangerous and could use a lot of work. He said some areas are at high risk for structure-to-structure fires. He said they have used the newspaper and radio to get the word out, and said they are also attempting to contact individual homeowners' associations. He stated they received a 3 percent return on letters sent to priority areas.

Councilman Dodd said the Forest Health Committee, in working with the Town, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension and the two fire departments, has recognized the need for education and enforcement. He said it would ultimately be up to the Town to bring this to the public eye. He said only 10 people attended the Firewise and Forest Health event at the White Mountain Wildlife and Nature Center, which was disheartening. He said the public has not responded well to date; and said he would hate to begin enforcement, but said there may be no other way to get it done.

Councilman Webb asked if Show Low is more in tune, because it was closer to the last fire, and asked if Pinetop-Lakeside residents do not think it could happen here. Mr. Wilmes said it is possible, but said he thought the real motivator was the 90-10 grant money. Councilman Dodd said the local 50-50 grant is available until the end of September. Councilwoman Irwin asked how much grant money is left. Mr. Wilmes said about \$130,000. He said the grant covers both fire districts and areas around the Town. Mr. Udall said they did a lot of marketing, and said obviously they were not successful in getting participants. Councilman Dodd stated Zone 1 enforcement would begin at the end of one year. Councilman Webb said people do not think about cleaning up until a fire happens. Mr. Udall said he would ask staff to begin code enforcement, and asked Mr. Wilmes how to begin the program. Chairman Dodd suggested the fire departments could help with enforcement. Mr. Wilmes stated the Lakeside Fire District is training auxiliary sheriffs to help with code enforcement. He said there would be more prescribed burns and asked for support in forming groups to help the fire districts organize the smoke with the least impact to surrounding communities.

ITEM NO. 14, CURRENT EVENTS BY TOWN MANAGER:

Mr. Udall stated the Maverick and Old Town Node site plans have been completed, and said there would be a presentation at a future Council meeting. He added the Sierra Blanca Nursing Facility is almost complete and in the process of hiring. He said he hopes local residents could obtain employment there. He said the Parks and Recreation Department is busy this weekend with a girl's fast pitch softball tournament at Mountain Meadow Recreation Center, and the Medieval Mayhem Festival on July 9-11. He added staff is also working with soccer camp, youth football, and 16 adult softball leagues. He said the kids' summer camp is going well. He said an Eagle Scout would help landscape the roundabout in front of the Blue Ridge Middle School, and added the Town would fill in the bullnoses with cinders. Vice Mayor Crockett said Joey Wright, the volunteer, would start work on the roundabout on August 4. He mentioned that any help with the project would be appreciated. Mr. Udall stated the Lakeside Village Streetscape project is moving along. He said they suggested some planting changes, and said they would add boulders with gravel. He said the lights would arrive at the end of the month.

The Work Session adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Dated this 6th day of July 2010.

PINETOP-LAKESIDE TOWN COUNCIL

/s/ Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk