

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
DUNCAN COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017, 5:00 PM
DUNCAN TOWN HALL; 506 SE OLD WEST HIGHWAY**

CALL TO ORDER: MAYOR WATERS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW, COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON, COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN, VICE-MAYOR DENISE ICE, MAYOR BILLY WATERS, AND TOWN MANAGER JOHN BASTEEN JR. ARE PRESENT. VICE-MAYOR DENISE ICE AND TOWN ATTORNEY DAVID WARD ARE ABSENT. QUORUM PRESENT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY MAYOR WATERS.

OPENING PRAYER: LED BY COUNCILMEMBER THURMAN.

- 1. REVIEW FY 2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET:** MANAGER BASTEEN REPORTED THAT NOTHING ON THE BUDGET HAS CHANGED FROM THE LAST MEETING. HE SAID IF ANYONE HAD QUESTIONS THEY CAN ASKED THEM NOW. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED HOW HE SETS ASIDE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCIES. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IT IS PART OF THE GENERAL FUND. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IF THEY HAVE A FLOOD THAT IS THAT BIG, IT IS USUALLY CLEARED WITH THE STATE AND THEY SET UP FOR A REIMBURSEMENT. SHE ASKED WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO OUR ROADS. COUNCILMEMBER THURMAN SAID THEY WILL GIVE YOU THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO RESTORE THE ROAD TO THE CONDITION IT WAS IN BEFORE. MAYOR WATERS SAID THEY HAD AN ISSUE OUT ON THE DIKE AND THEY PAYED TO HAVE THE DIKE FIXED THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE. COUNCILMEMBER THURMAN SAID WHEN THEY HAD THE FLOOD IN DUNCAN PROPER AND WITH THE SEWER PONDS AND THEY FOUND OUT THE PROBLEM WAS NOT PUTTING COVERS ON THE DRAINS AT THE CAR WASH SO THEY PAYED FOR THAT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED HOW THE TOWN MANAGER DEALS WITH MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURE. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID PRE-PLANNING, TRYING TO GET TO THE PROBLEM BEFORE. SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF HE HAS A FUND ADEQUATE FOR POTENTIAL FAILURE. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID NO, NOT THROUGH THE TOWN OF DUNCAN AND THAT IS WHY THEY GO AND GET GRANTS LIKE CDBG AND FMI. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF THERE SHOULD BE A FAILURE THAT IS NOT PRE-PLANNED, WHAT IS THE COURSE OF ACTION ON THAT. MAYOR WATERS SAID THE BUDDY SYSTEM, GET IN TOUCH WITH SOMEONE AND LET'S FIX IT. HE SAID CDBG KNOWS THE TOWN'S REVENUES ARE TIGHT AND THEY HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN ABLE TO GIVE US MONEY FIRST BEFORE THEY EVER PAY OUT. MAYOR WATERS SAID THE TOWN HAS DONE WHATEVER THEY HAVE ADVISED THEM TO DO. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THAT THE USDA IS FACING EXTREME CUTS, SO IF YOU HAD TO DO WITHOUT THAT ADVICE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, HOW WOULD THAT WORK. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THE COUNCIL WOULD DECLARE AN EMERGENCY IF SOMETHING HAPPENS. COUNCILMEMBER THURMAN SAID MOST WILL TRY TO HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. MAYOR

WATERS SAID GREENLEE COUNTY CAME IN LAST TIME TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY TO GET HELP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. COUNCILMEMBER THURMAN SAID THEY MET WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR DAYS. FEMA COMES IN FIRST AND THEN THEY TURN EVERYTHING OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BECAUSE THEY WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THAT THEY KEEP SAYING THAT THE STATE IS PUSHING THINGS HARD TO THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO WASH THEIR HANDS AND LET US FIGURE OUT HOW WE WILL TAKE CARE OF IT OURSELVES. SHE ASKED IF ANYONE KNOWS HOW THAT WILL AFFECT EMERGENCY PLANNING FUNDS. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW SAID THE ARIZONA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS HAS A FANTASTIC LOBBY IF YOU READ THERE E-MAILS ACCORDING TO THEIR LOBBYISTS THEY DID GOOD THIS YEAR. HE SAID THERE IS NOTHING AT THIS TIME THAT IS GOING TO AFFECT US.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED THE MANAGER WHAT HE WORRIES ABOUT AT THIS TIME ABOUT THIS BUDGET. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID WE HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR WHAT THEY ARE WORKING ON NOW. HE SAID HE FEELS COMFORTABLE WITH THIS BUDGET, BUT THEY CAN ALWAYS USE MORE. MAYOR WATERS SAID THIS BUDGET IS THE BEST HE HAS SEEN IN YEARS. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN THEY HAD TO BORROW MONEY OUT OF ONE OF THE OTHER ACCOUNTS. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF IT IS LEGAL WHEN YOU DO THAT. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID YES, AS LONG AS IT GETS PAYED BACK. HE SAID THEY HAVE DONE REALLY WELL THIS YEAR AND HAVE GIVEN SEVERAL DONATIONS TO YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND DIFFERENT EVENTS. HE SAID THEY HAD A BIG CHUNK OF MONEY THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY FOR RETIREMENT ISSUES, BUT IT HASN'T AFFECTED THE BOOKS. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED WHAT THE STATUS IS ON THAT. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID AS FAR AS THE BACK RETIREMENT ON EMPLOYEES GOES, THAT HAS ALL BEEN PAID. HE SAID THEY HAVE NOT BEEN HIT WITH ANYTHING WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND IT HAS NOT AFFECTED THE TOWN. HE SAID THE COUNTY HAS, BUT THE TOWN HAS NOT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF WE WON'T BE AFFECTED. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE DOESN'T THINK THEY WILL, THEY HAVE NOT HAD A POLICE FORCE SINCE 1995. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF HE FEELS CONFIDENT WITH THIS BUDGET. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE WISHED THEY HAD MORE FOR ROADS. HE HAS GOTTEN ESTIMATES ON MAIN STREET, HIGH STREET, AND HILL STREET AND THEY WILL ALL COST ABOUT \$300,000 EACH. HE SAID OUR BUDGET IS ABOUT 1.2 MILLION DOLLARS AND THE REST IS ALL GRANTS THAT THEY WILL BE APPLYING FOR. HE SAID HURF GIVES THE TOWN ABOUT \$60,000 A YEAR FROM THE STATE FOR ROADS. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW ASKED IF THAT HAS GONE DOWN. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IT HAS GONE UP COMPARED TO THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED HOW THE STATE'S ESTIMATED AMOUNTS FOR THE BUDGET USUALLY COME OUT. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IT IS USUALLY PRETTY CLOSE, MAYBE A LITTLE BIT UNDER.

2. **ADJOURNMENT: AT 5:15 PM, COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

CERTIFICATION:

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF THE DUNCAN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THE 27TH DAY OF JULY, 2017. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.

CYNTHIA NICHOLS, TOWN CLERK