

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DUNCAN COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 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 DEBORAH MENDELSON, COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN, VICE-MAYOR DENISE ICE, MAYOR BILLY WATERS, TOWN MANAGER JOHN BASTEEN JR. ARE PRESENT. COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW AND TOWN ATTORNEY DAVID WARD ARE ABSENT. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY MAYOR WATERS.

OPENING PRAYER: LED BY MAYOR WATERS.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** MAYOR BILLY WATERS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS WRITTEN. VICE-MAYOR DENISE ICE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** THERE WERE NO COMMENTS.

3. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** MANAGER BASTEEN THANKED THE OFFICE STAFF & COUNCILMEMBER THURMAN FOR DOING A GOOD JOB ON THE CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION. FOURTEEN PEOPLE ENTERED THE SALSA CONTEST AND THE WINNERS WERE JIMMY AND SPENCER GALVIN IN FIRST PLACE, SECOND PLACE WENT TO ERIC ROBINETTE, AND THIRD WAS A TIE BETWEEN ANGIE MONTOYA AND ROGER RODRIGUEZ. HE SAID A LOT OF PEOPLE ATTENDED AND IT WENT WELL FOR THE FIRST YEAR.

LIGHTS WERE INSTALLED AROUND THE LIBRARY AND HE DOESN'T THINK THEY WILL NEED AN EXTRA SECURITY LIGHT ONCE EVERYTHING IS IN.

HE ALSO REPORTED THAT USUALLY ADOT SWEEPS THE HIGHWAY BEFORE THE BIKE RACES, BUT THEY DID NOT THIS YEAR, SO THE GUYS SWEPT IT. MAYOR WATERS SAID IT LOOKED DANGEROUS FOR THEM AT TIMES. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE THINKS THEY NEED BIGGER CAUTION SIGNS.

HE REPORTED THAT THE GUYS SHOULD BE WORKING ON THE POOL AND VETERANS PARK NEXT WEEK. THEY WILL BE BRINGING IN DIRT AND LOWERING THE SPRINKLERS AND HE WAS ABLE TO GET ONE OF THE TRAILERS UP THERE. HE RECEIVED A LETTER TO TAKE THE GUILIANO TRAILER OUT. MAYOR WATERS SAID HE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE THEM TO COURT, BUT BABBITT HEIGHTS REALLY NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID TWO DIFFERENT GUEST WENT UP TO SEE THE PLANE AND THEY BOTH CAME BACK SHAKEN UP BY WHAT THEY SAW. MAYOR WATERS SAID THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO PURSUE THAT. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE THINKS THEY HAVE GOTTEN AROUND THAT.

HE SAID HE HASN'T GOT A PERMIT BACK FROM ADOT YET, THE LAST TIME HE HEARD THEY WERE WAITING ON DVEC FOR THEIR INSURANCE. MAYOR WATERS ASKED IF THAT WAS FOR THE WATERLINE, THE MANAGER SAID IT WAS FOR THE LAMPPOSTS GOING DOWN HWY 70.

4. REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS:

- **DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY:** THE CLERK REPORTED THAT MARILYN CALLED AND SAID THAT ASHLEE SAID THANKS FOR GETTING THE LIGHTS FIXED AND THE SUMMER PROGRAM IS GETTING UNDERWAY AND THEY HAVE A LEGO THEME RIGHT NOW, SO SHE SAID TO DROP BY AND SEE WHAT THE KIDS HAVE BUILT WITH LEGOS.
- **ANNEXATION REPORT:** ON THE FIRE ANNEXATION REPORT, MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THAT THE FIRE CHIEF HAS PROVIDED THE IMPACT LETTER AND IT SHOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN MAILED OUT TO THE CITIZENS. HE WILL CHECK ON IT.
- **DUNCAN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**
- **BIRDING TRAIL:** COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSONH REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE PREMIERE BIRDING REFERENCE SITES, THE ARIZONA FIELD ORNITHOLOGIST OFFICIAL WEBSITE HAS NOW PUBLISHED THAT SAME REPORT THAT HOMER HANSON SHOWED AND THAT COVERS THE TRAILS IN DUNCAN AND BLACKJACK, SO IT IS CREATING MORE BUZZ FOR THIS AREA. THE MOMENTUM IS BUILDING AND NOW THE CUB SCOUTS ARE INVOLVED AND THAT IS EVEN MORE FUN THAN SHE IMAGINED. MAYOR WATERS ASKED WHERE THE VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSONH SAID THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN IS WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO RESTRICT VEHICLE ACCESS TO, BUT THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF OTHER TERRITORY THAT IS NOT RESTRICTED AND YOU CAN STILL DRIVE IN THERE, JUST NOT WHERE THE NESTING IS.
- **GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** SUPERVISOR RICHARD LUNT SAID THE TOWN HAD A FANTASTIC CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION. HE ALSO SAID THAT IF THE TOWN IS GOING TO GET ANOTHER BANKING INSTITUTION IN DUNCAN THE COUNTY NEEDS YOUR HELP. THEY HAVE BEEN TALKING TO TAMILEE SMULL WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. HE SAID THEY NEED PEOPLE TO OPEN ACCOUNTS AND HAVE THEIR LOANS TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW BANK. THEY NEED LETTERS ON LETTERHEAD IF YOU OWN A BUSINESS OR LETTERS FROM PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS ALSO, STATING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE A BANK IN DUNCAN AGAIN AND THAT YOU WOULD USE THE SERVICES. HE SAID THE LETTERS NEED TO COME TO HIM OR AKOS KOVACH BY THE END OF MAY.

SUPERVISOR LUNT ALSO TALKED ABOUT CUTS IN THE STATE BUDGET. HE SAID THEY GOT BACK 10 MILLION DOLLARS IN HURF FUNDS. HE SAID THAT IS WHAT THE COUNTY USES FOR THE ROADS. THE COUNTIES HIGHWAYS ARE NEEDING HELP. HE SAID THEY REFUSE TO RAISE A 10 CENT ON GAS TAX AND NO ONE LIKES TAXES, BUT SOME BUSINESSES HAVE GONE FROM 25% TO 30% TAX DOWN TO 17%, SO THAT REALLY HURTS. HE SAID THE COUNTY PROVIDES THE SERVICES FOR THE STATE AND HE THINKS THE STATE HAS PUT A LOT OF COUNTIES IN THE PREDICAMENT AND THEY HAVE TWO CHOICES, QUIT GIVING SERVICES OR RAISE TAXES LOCALLY. HE SAID GREENLEE COUNTY IS FORTUNATE BECAUSE THE MINING INDUSTRY IS DOING VERY WELL. THEY PAY ABOUT 95% OF THE TAXES IN GREENLEE COUNTY. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD TO PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY. HE SAID HE WANTED TO START A POINT OF ORIGIN TAX, WHICH IS A TAX THAT BEFORE YOU SEND YOUR TAXES TO THE STATE, YOU WOULD BE ALLOWED TO KEEP A CERTAIN PORTION OF THAT. THEN PEOPLE REALIZED THAT IT WAS NOT SUCH A GOOD IDEA, BECAUSE IT WOULD AFFECT THEIR BUDGET. A SERVANCE TAX IS BASED ON POPULATION, SO MARICOPA COUNTY GETS 61 CENTS OUT OF EVERY DOLLAR. GREENLEE COUNTY GETS 1/3 OF A CENT, BECAUSE OF THEIR POPULATION.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE HEARD THE STATE PASSED AN 11TH HOUR FURTHER BUSINESS TAX CUT IN THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION, SO THE BUSINESS TAXES ARE GOING TO GO EVEN LOWER. SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF THAT WILL APPLY TO FREEPORT AND WILL THAT LOWER THE AMOUNT THEY GET FROM THE STATE? SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID IT WILL APPLY TO FREEPORT AND IF THE STATE COLLECTS LESS REVENUE, IT WILL EFFECT THE COUNTY AND THE TOWN. SHE SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO DO SOME CALCULATIONS TO SEE HOW FREEPORT IS BENEFITING FROM THAT AND THEY CAN KEEP THAT IN MIND IF THEY TALK TO THEM ABOUT FUTURE GRANTS. SHE SAID SHE IS VERY CONCERNED THAT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO CUT ALL THE CDBG FUNDS. SHE ASKED SUPERVISOR LUNT WHAT HE THINKS WILL HAPPEN BASED ON HIS CONTACTS. HE SAID HE GETS HIS INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND THEY SAID THEY ARE NOT IN THE BUDGET. MR. LUNT THINKS THAT BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE WILL BE ABLE TO OVERRIDE THAT. HE HOPES AKOS IS RIGHT, BUT TRUMP SAYS NO AND NACO SAYS IT IS ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THEY SHOULD PROBABLY NOT PLAN ON GETTING THOSE GRANTS. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID THAT WOULD BE THE PRUDENT THING TO DO. HE SAID THE COUNCIL SHOULD THANK THE ARIZONA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS, THEY LOBBY HARD FOR THE CITIES AND TOWNS. THEY ARE A POWERFUL LOBBY AND THEY ARE ALWAYS WORKING.

- **CITIZENS AGAINST CRIME:** SHERIFF SUMNER SAID THEY ARE STILL WAITING TO FINALIZE TWO THINGS ON THE CITIZENS AGAINST CRIME SCHEDULE BEFORE THEY START. HE SAID THEY REALLY WANT TO PUSH "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING". HE SAID SOMEONE CALLED IN THE BIG HEROINE CASE AND AT THE MORENCI MOTEL SOMEONE CALLED THAT IN AND THEY CAUGHT PEOPLE WITH PIPES IN THEIR POCKETS AND DRUGS IN THEIR ROOM. THEY ALSO HAD A CASE IN CLIFTON WITH METH FOR SALE THAT FINALLY OPENED UP, SO IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO REPORT THINGS THEY SEE. THEY HAVE A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 23RD AT THE SENIOR APARTMENTS AND AT HILDA'S RESTAURANT.

- **GREENLEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:** SHERIFF SUMNER SAID HE HAS BEEN PATROLING THE NEIGHBORHOODS, LETTING PEOPLE KNOW THEY ARE OUT THERE. HE SAID THE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD. VICE-MAYOR ICE SAID THEY ARE MORE FRIENDLY NOW AND THEY TALK AND THEY WAVE, THEY REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.

HE SAID THERE HAVE BEEN HEARING SOME CONVERSATIONS THAT COME OUT OF THE JAIL TO PEOPLE LETTING THEM KNOW TO GET RID OF THEIR STUFF, BECAUSE THE SHERIFF WILL CATCH THEM.

HE SAID THE JAVELINA CHASE WAS A GOOD SUCCESS, IT WAS TAXING ON THEM, BUT EVERYONE DID A GOOD JOB. HE BELIEVES THE PATH THEY USED IN THE PAST WAS MUCH SAFER AND HE TALKED TO JOHN AND HE SAID IT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN THAT WAY AGAIN.

THE NEXT INTERSTATE 10 MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH IN LORDSBURG AT 11:00 AM NEW MEXICO TIME. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE. HE SAID AT THE LAST MEETING IN SAFFORD, THE GRAHAM COUNTY PD CHIEF WAS CONCERNED ABOUT SOME ISSUES. THE SHERIFF WANTS TO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO WHEN IT IS COMPLETE GRID LOCK AND SOMETHING HAPPENS, HOW ARE THEY GOING TO GET TO SOMEBODY THAT NEEDS HELP ARE THEY GOING TO GET A FRONT END LOADER TO PUSH EVERYTHING OFF THE ROAD, SO THE TRAFFIC CAN KEEP GOING? COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF SOMEONE FROM THE COUNCIL SHOULD GO TO THE MEETING IN LORDSBURG. THE SHERIFF SAID THAT WOULD BE GOOD IF SOMEONE CAN.

HE SAID ONE BIG PROBLEM THEY HAVE IS THE DURATION OF THE CLOSURES, ARE THEY TRULY MONITORING? A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO HE SAID ONE SIDE WAS WAITING ON THE OTHER SIDE TO TELL THEM WHEN THE FREEWAY WAS GOING TO OPEN.

HE SAID HE IS EXCITED THAT MORENCI DECIDED TO HAVE THEIR GRADUATION A WEEK LATER THAN DUNCAN, IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER.

5. **BILLINGSLEY HOUSE UPDATE:** MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THE ATTORNEY IS WORKING ON THE CONTRACT, BUT HE NEEDED TO ASK EVERYONE WHAT THEY WANTED ON THE CONTRACT. HE WONDERED IF THE BILLINGSLEYS AND PRIDE SOCIETY COULD STAY AFTER THE MEETING SO THEY COULD DISCUSS IT. **COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **ORTON FAMILY FOUNDATION PRESENTATION:** AKOS KOVACH PASSED OUT SEVERAL HANDOUTS TO THE COUNCIL. HE SAID THE ORTON FOUNDATION IS A REALLY SMART OUTFIT ON TERMS OF HOW THEY SPEND THEIR MONEY AND INVEST IN THE COMMUNITY. THEY DON'T NECESSARILY PUT CASH INTO THE COMMUNITY, WHEN THEY SEE CERTAIN LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE AND ACTIVITY GOING ON, THEN THEY HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO PUT MONEY INTO IT. THE ORTON FAMILY HAS BEEN DOING THIS FOR OVER A DECADE. THEY HAVE DONE THIS PROJECT IN A NUMBER OF STATES. ONE OF THEIR PRIMARY GOALS IS TO INVOLVE EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY. IT IS REALLY DIFFICULT TO GET PEOPLE TO SHOW UP TO A MEETING AND THE WAY THEY DO THEIR OUTREACH IS TO GO TO EACH NEIGHBORHOOD AND HAVE A BLOCK PARTY OR AN AFTERNOON TEA. WHEN PEOPLE ARE IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD AND IN THEIR OWN COMFORT ZONE, IT IS A DIFFERENT DYNAMIC. THEY MAKE SURE EVERYONE'S VOICE IS BROUGHT INTO THE MIX. ONE THING WE NEED TO DO IN THIS COMMUNITY IS BUILD OUR NEXT GROUP OF LEADERS, TO GET MORE PEOPLE TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING ANYONE WHO IS NOT CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING.
THE LAST HANDOUT IS ASKING WHETHER OR NOT THE TOWNS OF CLIFTON, DUNCAN AND THE COUNTY WANT TO PARTNER UP AND PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY NETWORK ANALYSIS AND THAT IS FROM THE ACTUAL OUTREACH PART OF THE PROCESS. THIS WILL SET THE PROCESS FOR WHAT THE COMMUNITY OF DUNCAN WANTS AND WHAT THE COMMUNITY OF CLIFTON WANTS AND IT HAS TO BE A GRASS ROOTS EFFORT. THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE IF IT IS SOMETHING DUNCAN WANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN, IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING THEY CAN ROLL INTO THEIR FIVE YEAR PLAN. HE SAID THIS IS NOT THE COUNTY TELLING YOU IT HAS TO BE DONE. THE MANAGER SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO READ ABOUT IT AND DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO DO IT.

7. **CURRENT STATUS OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION RETURNING TO DUNCAN:** AKOS REPORTED THERE ARE TWO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OPENING A BANK IN DUNCAN. THEY NEED LETTERS OF SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT. IT'S OUR OPPORTUNITY AS A TOWN AND A BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUALS TO INVITE THESE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND LET THEM KNOW THEY ARE WELCOME HERE. THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND THESE LETTERS OF SUPPORT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. IT IS NOT JUST THE CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT MONEY THAT IS IMPORTANT, BUT LOAN DOLLARS. LET THE PUBLIC KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE LOAN DOLLARS COMING THROUGH THE INSTITUTION. THEY WANT TO HAVE A TOWN HALL WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND PARTNER WITH THE TOWN OF DUNCAN IN THE TOWN HALL AND INVITE EVERY BUSINESS ENTITY TO COME TO THE TOWN HALL TO EXPLAIN TO THEM HOW IMPORTANT THE LETTERS OF SUPPORT WILL BE. THE BUSINESSES THAT DON'T SHOW UP WILL BE VISITED TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT. SUPERVISOR LUNT NEEDS TO

COORDINATE WITH THE MANAGER TO ORGANIZE A TOWN HALL MEETING IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OR EARLY EVENING. THEY CAN GET SAMPLE LETTERS FROM THE COUNTY OR COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON CAN ALSO HELP. THERE IS A 90 TO A 120 DAY PROCESS AND THE CLOCK DOESN'T START CLICKING UNTIL THEY GET THOSE LETTERS TO THE ENTITIES. JOAN JOHNS SUGGESTED PUTTING A NOTICE ON THE WATER BILLS.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:** THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH AT 5:00 PM.
9. **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:** THE BILLINGSLEY HOUSE CONTRACT, COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WOULD LIKE TO REVISIT TRASHY PARTS OF TOWN, ORTON FAMILY FOUNDATION YES OR NO
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** AT 5:55 PM, COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

CERTIFICATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE DUNCAN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THE 11TH DAY OF MAY, 2017. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

DATED THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY, 2017.

CYNTHIA NICHOLS, TOWN CLERK