

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DUNCAN COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017; 4:00 PM
DUNCAN TOWN HALL; 506 SE OLD WEST HIGHWAY**

CALL TO ORDER: VICE-MAYOR ICE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:00 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY COUNCILMEMBER THURMAN.

OPENING PRAYER: LED BY MANAGER BASTEEN.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** WALTER MARES SAID HE HAD SOMETHING FOR CALL TO THE PUBLIC. HE HANDED OUT SOME WOODEN AIRPLANES.

9. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE FOR CINCO DE MAYO AND VETERANS DAY FESTIVITIES:** ANTONIA VILLA TOLD EVERYONE THANKS FOR HELPING OUT AT DUNCAN HEIGHTS. SHE SAID THEY ARE AN ELDERLY COMMUNITY. SHE SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD AND HOST THE VETERANS DAY PROGRAM. SHE WILL GET A ROUGH ITINERARY TO CINDY IN AUGUST AND ADVERTISING WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER. SHE SAID THEY WILL BE ASKING FOR IN SERVICE AND COMPLETED SERVICE TO BE THERE. SHE SAID THEY WANT NAMES AND NUMBERS THAT THEY WILL ASK FOR IN MARCH AND APRIL. THEY WILL DO A HUGE BREAKFAST, A PROGRAM AND A RAISING OF THE FLAG. SHE WILL BE WORKING WITH CINDY, ISABEL AND JOHN. VICE-MAYOR ICE SUGGESTED POSTING ON THE DUNCAN WEBSITE THAT WE NEED THE NAMES AND NUMBERS OF VETERANS IN THE AREA.

COUNCILMEMBER THURMAN SAID SHE AND ISABEL HAVE BEEN TALKING AND CAME UP WITH A BRIEF ITINERARY TOGETHER FOR CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVITIES. THEY WOULD LIKE TO HOLD SOMETHING IN CENTENNIAL PARK. THE ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A CAKE WALK, THEY WILL TRY TO CONTACT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HAVE A SALSA CONTEST. SHE CONTACTED A FEW PEOPLE TO POSSIBLY SELL TAMALES, NACHOS AND TORTILLAS THAT DAY. THEY ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A MARIACHI BAND, SO IF ANYONE KNOWS ANYTHING LET US KNOW. THEY HOPE TO HAVE FOLKLORIC DANCERS. SHE SAID EVERYTHING SHOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER THE BICYCLE RODEO, SO EVERYONE OUT AT THE FAIRGROUNDS CAN COME INTO TOWN AND HAVE SOME AFTERNOON FUN. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THE PIÑATAS ARE ON ORDER FROM SAFFORD. SHE SAID PRIDE SOCIETY DONATED \$200. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR VETERANS DAY AS TONI HAS

DESCRIBED AND CINCO DE MAYO AS ANNE HAS DESCRIBED. VICE-MAYOR DENISE ICE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

- 3. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** MANAGER BASTEEN REPORTED THAT THE ROOF ON THE SENIOR HOUSE IS COMPLETE. THE CARPET STILL NEEDS TO BE RIPPED OUT.

AT 4:12PM, COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW ARRIVED AT THE MEETING.

MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE WILL SEND THE FMI GRANT OUT FOR BILL PUPO'S PROPOSAL. HE DID RECEIVE A REVISED PROPOSAL FROM BILL PUPO.

4. REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS:

- **DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY:** MARILYN THORNE REPORTED THAT THEY HAD A MEETING AND BARBARA HAS OFFICIALLY RETIRED, BUT SHE IS WORKING AS A SUBSTITUTE AND HELPING ASHLEY GERMAINE WHO WILL BE THE NEW BARBARA. THEY HAD A QUESTION ABOUT THE LAMPPOSTS THEY HAD PURCHASED FROM PRIDE SOCIETY. THE MANAGER SAID HE THINKS THEY AGREED TO PUT IT BY THE FLAGPOLE, BECAUSE IT WOULD GIVE THE FLAG SOME ALUMINATION. MARILYN ASKED IF THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT THREE LAMPPOSTS. MANAGER BASTEEN ASKED IF THEY HAD THREE. SHE SAID YES. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE WILL HAVE TO GET WITH DVEC ON ELECTRICAL. SHE SAID WHILE YOU'RE TALKING TO HIM THE BOARD WAS INTERESTED IN PUTTING IN A SECURITY LIGHT, BUT BECAUSE THE ACCOUNT IS IN THE TOWN'S NAME, SHE ASSUMES THAT THE MANAGER WOULD HAVE TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT THAT. MANAGER BASTEEN ASKED IF THEY WANT A SECURITY LIGHT EVEN WITH ALL THREE LAMPS GOING IN. SHE SAID YES, IT IS REALLY DARK OUT THERE AND SEVERAL PEOPLE ARE LEAVING THEIR VEHICLES IN THE PARKING LOT. SHE SAID IF THEY FALL IN THE PARKING LOT OR WHATEVER THEY WOULD BE LIABLE. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THEY PROBABLY NEED TO PUT UP SIGNS SAYING "PARK AT YOUR OWN RISK". MARILYN SAID JACKIE TALKED TO THE PEOPLE AT DVEC AND THEY SAID TO TALK TO THE TOWN. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THAT IS NO PROBLEM.
- **ANNEXATION REPORT:** MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE IS MEETING WITH STEVE FROM DVEC NEXT MONDAY AND THEY WILL POSSIBLY HAVE SOMETHING READY FOR THE BOARD THIS MONTH OR IF NOT, IN APRIL. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW ASKED IF THAT WAS FOR THE TOWN ANNEXATION. HE SAID YES.
MANAGER BASTEEN SAID ON THE FIRE ANNEXATION, HE HAS RECEIVED THE LIST AND IT LOOKS GOOD, SO HE WILL RETURN IT TO DUSTIE AND SHE WILL MOVE ON FROM THERE TO THE NEXT PHASE. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THEY HAVE A REAL TICKING CLOCK ON THAT ONE AND SHE IS SURE DUSTIE IS AWARE OF THAT, SO SHE IS PERFECTLY HAPPY TO HELP IN ANYWAY SHE CAN. VICE-MAYOR ICE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY SHOULD PUT SOMETHING IN THE NEWSLETTER ON THE WEBSITE. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID YES. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW SAID THEY ONLY HAVE A MONTH AND A HALF TO GO. HE SAID IT WAS AN EYE OPENER WHEN THEY LOST THE MUDER HOUSE THE OTHER DAY.
- **DUNCAN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**
- **BIRDING TRAIL:** COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THE BIRDING TRAIL IS LOOKING GREAT. IT HAS BEEN INTERESTING, BECAUSE THE LAST HIGH WATER HAS TAKEN A BIG CHUNK OUT OF THE BANK ON THE TOWN SIDE AND THEY HAVE FOUND EVIDENCE OF A BEAR SCRAMBLING UP THE BANK. SHE SAID TALKED TO THE MANAGER, BECAUSE THEY HAVE HAD AN ONGOING PROBLEM WITH DUMPING AND SHE HOPES THEY CAN RESOLVE THAT. THE MANAGER SAID THE GUYS SHOULD HAVE PICKED UP THAT TRASH. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID HOMER IS HERE

TODAY TO HELP EVERYONE HERE IN THIS ROOM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF HAVING A PROGRAM LIKE THAT.

- **GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** SUPERVISOR RICHARD LUNT REPORTED THAT MARCH 24TH IS THE LAST DAY FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO HEAR ANY BILL. HE WAS THERE YESTERDAY AND MET WITH SENATOR GRIFFIN AND REPRESENTATIVE DREW JOHNS. HE SAID A LOT OF BILLS HAVE BEEN KILLED THAT COULD POTENTIALLY EFFECT THE TOWNS, CITIES, AND COUNTIES. HE SAID THE STATE WANTS US TO RAISE TAXES TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND WE ARE DOING WHAT THE STATE MANDATES BY STATUTE AND THEY NEED TO HEAR THAT WE FIGHT THE SAME FIGHTS EVERY YEAR.

HE SAID SOME OF THE BILLS STILL GOING ON ARE OUT OF ABOUT 40 AND ABOUT 20 OF THOSE HAVE BEEN KILLED.

HE SAID WE APPRECIATE JOHN LIEBERENZ AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE HELPING WITH THE JAVELINA CHASE. THE SPRING RAMPAGE IS COMING UP, IT IS VERY FAMILY FRIENDLY. HE SAID COME AND SUPPORT WHAT LOCAL PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO DO.

VICE-MAYOR ICE WANTED TO KNOW IF WORK WILL BE DONE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS, LIKE IMPROVEMENTS. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID IN HIS OPINION THE FAIRGROUNDS SHOULD BE THE SHOWCASE OF THE COUNTY. HE SAID THEY REALLY NEED TO DO SOME WORK ON THE ARENA, THEY NEED MORE SAND SO IT STAYS SOFT. THE NEW ANNEX IS COMING IN AND IT WILL BE USER FRIENDLY. HE SAID THE PEOPLE THAT USE IT OUGHT TO BE THE ONES THAT DESIGN IT. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW SAID THAT THEY ARE PUTTING ALL NEW LIGHTING, BUT THE PUBLIC WON'T SEE THAT. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID THE PA SYSTEM NEEDS SOME WORK. HE SAID EVERY YEAR THEY DO SOMETHING TO IMPROVE THE FAIRGROUNDS. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW SAID THE PA SYSTEM WAS PUT IN WHEN HE WAS OUT THERE. VICE-MAYOR ICE SAID THEY REALLY NEED A NEW ONE. JOHN LIEBERENZ SAID THE VENUE AS IT STANDS TODAY, WITHOUT MAKING ANY IMPROVEMENTS IS ONE OF THE BEST VENUES FROM THE CYCLING POINT THAT IS ANYWHERE TO BE FOUND. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW SAID THERE WAS A GUY THAT WAS THE LIAISON BETWEEN THE STATE RACING AND HIM AND HE WOULD COME OUT A COUPLE OF WEEKS BEFORE THE RACES AND HE SAID IT WAS REALLY WEIRD TO HIM THAT THE TWO SMALLEST COUNTIES IN THE STATE DID THE MOST WITH THEIR FAIRGROUNDS THAN ANYONE ELSE. HE SAID THAT WAS GREENLEE AND APACHE COUNTIES. HE SAID WE SHOULD BE PROUD.

WALTER MARES SAID THAT THE FAIRGROUNDS HAS PEOPLE OUT THERE AT NIGHT AND ISN'T THAT EXPENSIVE TO JUST HAVE A FEW PEOPLE OUT THERE. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID HIS POINT IS WELL TAKEN, BUT HE WOULD JUST AS SOON SEE FAMILIES USING IT. MR. MARES SAID THIS IS JUST A COUPLE OF PEOPLE. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID HE WANTS THE FACILITIES TO BE USED. VICE-MAYOR ICE SAID IT IS KIND OF LIKE THE DUNCAN POOL, WE LOSE MONEY, BUT WE WANT IT TO BE USED. ANTONIA ASKED WHY IF THEY WANT THE FACILITIES TO BE USED, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HORSE RACES AND THE MUD DRAGS THAT ARE NOW OBSOLETE. SHE SAID NOW THEY ARE TRYING TO PROMOTE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL IN THE MUD. SHE SAID IT IS A CONCERN OF HERS, BECAUSE DRINKING GOES ON AT THOSE EVENTS TOO. SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF HE THINKS THE RACES WILL EVER COME BACK TO DUNCAN. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID COUNTIES ARE THE MOST LITIGATED ENTITY THERE IS. HE SAID ATTORNEYS REALIZE THAT THEY CAN HAVE A LAWSUIT COME UP AGAINST THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY CAN USE THE TAX PAYER MONEY TO COVER THOSE. HE SAID THEY USED TO HAVE BETTERMENT MONEY FOR THE HORSE RACES, BUT THAT NO LONGER EXIST. HE SAID SAFFORD TRIED LAST YEAR, BUT THEY LOST MONEY BIG TIME. HE SAID THEY HAD A DEATH IN WILLCOX AT THE MUD DRAGS. HE SAID INSURANCE WON'T TOUCH IT. HE SAID THEY BROUGHT IN THE VOLLEYBALL, THEY WILL BRING IN EVENTS THAT ARE COVERED WITH INSURANCE. HE SAID THE COUNTY HAS A LIQUOR LICENSE AND THEY WILL USE IT WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH IT OR NOT. ANTONIA SAID THEY SHOULD HAVE HAD A MUD RACE WHERE ANYONE COULD JOIN.

WALTER MARES SAID THAT MAYBE THE GIRLS SHOULD WEAR CUTOFFS INSTEAD OF SPANDEX. MELODY COX ASKED WHY THE SPRING RAMPAGE DOES NOT HAVE A CARNIVAL. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID ON THE CARNIVAL YOU HAVE TO GUARANTEE THEM SO MUCH AND IF THEY DON'T MAKE IT, THE COUNTY HAS TO PAY IT. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THE RAMPAGE WAS MOVED TO ONLY ONE DAY AND THAT IS ANOTHER REASON FOR NO CARNIVAL. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID THERE WILL BE BULL RIDING AND AN EASTER EGG HUNT.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THAT BULL RIDING IS A BIG DEAL AND THEY HAVEN'T REALLY LOOKED AT GETTING THE WORD OUT ON THAT. SHE SAID SHE THINKS THE TOURISM COUNCIL CAN HELP WITH THINKING OF NEW WAYS TO GET THE WORD FURTHER OUT. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID THE RAMPAGE WAS KIND OF THE KICK OFF FOR THE JUNIOR RODEO. SOMEONE SAID THERE WILL NOT BE A JUNIOR RODEO THIS YEAR. VICE-MAYOR ICE ASKED WHY THEY ARE NOT HAVING A JUNIOR RODEO. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW SAID THEY DON'T HAVE A STOCK CONTRACT. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID RIGHT NOW THEY ARE WORKING ON THAT. HE SAID THE COUNTY HAS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF DIFFERENT EVENTS. HE SAID ALSO THANK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ANYTIME THERE IS AN EVENT, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BENDS OVER BACKWARDS.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE SAW AN ARTICLE TODAY IN THE WILLCOX NEWSPAPER ABOUT THE FACT THAT IT IS THE SAME PROPERTY THAT IS BEING MISMANAGED BY AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES THAT HAVE CAUSED THESE PROBLEMS AGAIN. SHE SAID ADEQ IS STILL PURSUING SOME KIND OF CONSEQUENCES FROM LAST YEAR. SHE SAID SHE DOESN'T SEE ANYONE TALKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT ONE LIFE WAS LOST AND A LOT OF SEVERE PROPERTY DAMAGE, DAMAGE TO ROADS IN DUNCAN, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN GREENLEE COUNTY IS TERRIBLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN GETTING ON AND OFF BUSES. SHE SAID THERE IS NOT A BIG BENEFIT TO BUSINESSES. SHE SAID THERE IS REALLY NO UPSIDE, SO HER QUESTION IS WHO IS COORDINATING ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS SITUATION. SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE IS JUST INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS LOOKING AT DIFFERENT ASPECTS OR IS ANYONE LOOKING AT THE WHOLE THING. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID THERE IS AN ADOT COMMITTEE THAT MEETS EVERY MONTH AND HE IS TRYING TO GET ON THAT AGENDA AND HAVE THOSE KIND OF THINGS ADDRESSED. HE SAID THEY WILL TELL YOU THEY ARE TRYING TO SAVE LIVES BY DIVERTING THE TRAFFIC. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW SAID THIS HIGHWAY IS NOT DESIGNED FOR 10,000 VEHICLES A DAY. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID IT IS NOT DESIGNED FOR THE WEIGHT EITHER.

- **CITIZENS AGAINST CRIME:** SHERIFF SUMNER SAID HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THINGS IN LINE BEFORE THEY START TO PUSH THE CITIZENS AGAINST CRIME MEETINGS. HE SAID THEY WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE CRIMES THAT HAVE ACTUALLY HAPPENED AND THEN TALK ABOUT USING THE ENGRAVERS TO MARK PERSONAL PROPERTY. HE SAID THEY WILL PROBABLY HAVE IT IN ONE TOWN ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AND ANOTHER TOWN ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AND ANOTHER TOWN ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH OR MAYBE JUST HAVE FIVE MEETINGS IN THREE DAYS.

- **GREENLEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:** HE SAID THEY ARE STILL WORKING HARD ON GETTING SOME MORE PATROLS OUT IN THE DUNCAN AREA. HE SAID HE TRYS TO GET DOWN HERE AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK AND GO BY THE SCHOOL.

HE SAID ON THE I-10 TRAFFIC, IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN ON OCCASION, BUT TO HIM IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OUT THERE TRYING TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY SAFE. COUNCILMEMBER THURMAN TOLD SHERIFF SUMNER THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THEY ARE DOING TO PROTECT THE KIDS GETTING OFF THE BUSES AND HAVING TO CROSS THE ROAD.

HE SAID OUR LOCAL ADOT HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS, THEY HAVE BEEN OUT HERE EVERY SINGLE TIME WITH EVERY CLOSURE WITH DELBERT GARDNER. HE SAID THERE WAS A MISCOMMUNICATION THAT HAPPENED AND THE LOCAL GUYS WERE GETTING SOME HEAT PUT

ON THEM. HE WROTE AN E-MAIL ABOUT THE LACK OF DPS OFFICERS AND THE LACK OF ADOT PERSONNEL AND THE LACK OF RESOURCES, WHEN NORMALLY THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE IS RESPONSIBLE WHEN NOW IT IS BEING PUSHED UP TO THE TOWN OF DUNCAN. HE ALSO BROUGHT UP THE FUNDING AND HOW THEY ARE GOING TO REPAIR OUR ROADWAYS AS WELL WITH THE RIPPLING IN THE ROADS WHICH HE GOT A GOOD PHOTO OF AND ALSO THE DOLLARS BEHIND IT. HE SAID THAT IS WHY HE TALKED TO THE LOCAL ADOT AND THE LOCAL DPS AND MADE IT VERY CLEAR AND SENT IT TO THE COLONEL MAJOR OF THE DPS AND TALKED TO FRANK MILSTEAD, THE DIRECTOR OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL, AND TOLD HIM THIS IS ABOVE LOCAL ADOT AND LOCAL DPS CONTROL. HE SAID HE SENT THE E-MAIL TO BECKY NUTT AND DREW JOHNS AS WELL. HE SAID ONE GENTLEMAN CAME OUT FROM THE HIGHWAY PATROL AND BROUGHT A COMPUTER AND A MAP TO SHOW WHERE THEIR TRAFFIC STOPS ARE OCCURRING AND SHOWING ACCIDENTS ON I-10 AND ULTIMATELY HE SHOWED NO ACCIDENTS IN GREENLEE COUNTY. HE SAID HE TOLD THE GUY THAT THERE WAS AN OLDER COUPLE WHO RAN OFF THE ROAD UP HERE AND THEIR AIR BAG DEPLOYED SO THEY AVOIDED A COLLISION AND THERE WERE TWO OTHER ACCIDENTS. HE TOLD THE GUY THAT HIS MAP IS NOT ACCURATE AND IT IS A CATCH 22. HE SAID IF HE HAD AN OFFICER WORKING OVER HERE THEN YOU WOULD GET THE DOTS ON THE MAP. HE SAID THEY ARE GOING TO CALL A STATE MEETING TO GET THE HEADS OUT HERE TO TALK ABOUT THIS ISSUE. HE SAID THEY WANTED TO MEET AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE IN CLIFTON AND HE TOLD THEM NO, THEY WILL BE MEETING IN DUNCAN. HE SAID THEY DIDN'T KNOW IF THE DUNCAN TOWN HALL WOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSEDLY COMING, SO HE TOLD HIM HE WILL GET WITH THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND HE IS SURE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL ALLOW THE USE OF THE GYM.

HE SAID HE IS WORKING ON GETTING SOME MORE OFFICERS DOWN IN THIS AREA. HE APOLOGIZED FOR NOT CONTACTING THE MANAGER FOR THE CENTRAL DISPATCH, HE FOUND OUT IT WAS LIMITED TO ONLY A FEW PEOPLE ABOUT PERSONNEL ISSUES AND THE BUDGET.

5. **JAVELINA CHASE:** JOHN LIEBERENZ REPORTED THAT AT 10:30 AM, HE FOUND HIMSELF IN A FUEL STATION IN PHOENIX. HE SAID THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS. HE SAID THERE WAS A GENTLEMAN TALKING ABOUT THE PRICE OF GAS AND HE ASKED WHERE JOHN WAS FROM AND HE TOLD HIM DUNCAN. THE GUY SAID ISN'T THAT WHERE THEY HAVE THE JAVELINA STAMPEDE? JOHN SAID THE JAVELINA CHASE. THE GUY SAID THAT IS THE ONLY CLAIM TO FAME THAT DUNCAN HAS. JOHN TOLD HIM THAT WAS NOT TRUE, DUNCAN IS NOT ONLY A GOOD COMMUNITY IN A BEAUTIFUL VALLEY, BUT THEY HAVE SOME OF THE BEST BIRDING THAT HE WILL EVER KNOW. THE GUY SAID HE WILL MAKE HIS WAY TO DUNCAN FOR THAT REASON AND HE WILL PROBABLY STAY AT THE SIMPSON HOTEL. MELODY COX SAID THEY HAVE ROCK HOUNDING TOO. JOHN SAID THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT DUNCAN HAS.

HE REPORTED THAT THIS YEAR THEY ARE EXPANDING THE EVENTS. THEY ARE HAVING BIKE RACES NOT ONLY FOR THE YOUTH, BUT FOR THE MASTERS. THEY ARE INCLUDING TWO DIRT ROAD EVENTS, ONE IS 20 MILES LONG AND ONE IS 60 MILES LONG.

HE SAID THEY ARE BRINGING INTEREST TO THE RESIDENTS BY EXPANDING THE BIKE RODEO AND EXPOSING HIGH LEVEL ATHLETES TO OUR YOUTH. HE SAID THERE IS INTERACTION BETWEEN THE ATHLETES AND YOUTH. THEY SEE THE ATHLETES ARE TRIM, FIT AND THEY GIVE GOOD ADVICE. THEY ARE BROADENING THEIR HORIZONS AND PROGRESSIVELY EXPANDING TO BECOME CLOSER TO A SELF SUSTAINING OPERATION. THEY NEED MORE PARTICIPATION AND THE ONLY WAY TO GET THAT IS TO DRAW MORE INDIVIDUALS.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THAT THE EXPANSION TO THE DIRT ROADS BRINGS ANOTHER CLASS OF CYCLISTS THAT WE HAVE NEVER SEEN HERE BEFORE AND THE FELLOW THEY

WORK WITH WHO IS A GREAT EXPERIENCED BUSINESS MAN IN THIS WHOLE REALM, SAID WE HAVE ROADS LIKE NO ONE ELSE DOES AND THIS IS GOING TO BE A BIG SUCCESS OVER TIME. JUST THIS PAST WEEK THEY HAD AS HOTEL GUESTS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADVENTURE CYCLING AND HIS DAUGHTER, WHO WERE RIDING THE SOUTHERN TIER. DUNCAN IS ON THE ADVENTURE CYCLING MAP BECAUSE OF EFFORTS THEY MADE OVER THE YEARS. HE CAME TO SEE FOR HIMSELF WHAT THE SOUTHERN TIER WAS LIKE. SHE TOLD HIM THEY WERE EXPANDING INTO THESE OFF ROAD RACES, HE SAID THIS IS A WHOLE NEW MARKET FOR YOU. HE SAID THEY WERE VERY WISE TO EXPAND INTO THIS. SHE SAID BEING A COUNCILMEMBER SHE KNOWS WHAT A STRAIN THE TOWN IS UNDER FISCALLY, BUT SHE THINKS THEY SHOULD SUPPORT THIS EVENT BECAUSE OF WHAT IT STANDS TO BRING TO THE TOWN FINANCIALLY, NOT JUST THIS YEAR BUT MUCH MORE SO IN FUTURE YEARS.

JOHN SAID THE ROAD EVENT WILL GROW, BUT IT WILL STABILIZE. HE SAID BY GETTING THE DIRT ROAD EVENT STARTED THERE WILL BE SO MUCH MORE EXPANSION. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID IT COSTS THEM ALOT IN PERMITS TO RUN A RACE ON THIS ROAD, BUT INDIVIDUALS CAN COME RIDE THOSE ROADS WITH CHEAP PERMITS ALL YEAR ROUND. SHE SAID DUNCAN NOW HAS A BICYCLE REPAIR BUSINESS, CHESTER HUPP, AND HE IS NOW ON THE MAP. SHE SAID ANOTHER PLUS, IS THAT THE TOWN OFFERS CAMPING IN THE PARK. **COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW MADE A MOTION TO LET THE MANAGER DECIDE WHAT THE TOWN CAN AFFORD. COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **ECONOMICS OF BIRDING PRESENTATION:** COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON INTRODUCED HOMER HANSEN TO THE COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC. HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORLD WIDE RENOWN OF "WINGS OVER WILLCOX" AND THAT HAS RUN FOR OVER 20 YEARS BY A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS. IT IS BECAUSE OF HOMER THAT THEY HAVE ORGANIZED A BIRDING TRAIL. HE HAS SOME SURPRISING INFORMATION ABOUT THE ECONOMICS OF BIRDING.

HE SAID HE IS THE FIFTH GENERATION OF WILLCOX AND HE APPRECIATES SMALL TOWNS BECAUSE HE IS FROM A SMALL TOWN.

HE SAID BIRDING IS MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN YOU REALIZE. OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN TRACKED SINCE 1955. PEOPLE COME IN TO LOOK AND THEY NEED TO EAT, AND BUY GAS, AND SOMETIMES SPEND THE NIGHT. HE SAID DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES LIKE BIRDING GIVE YOUR COMMUNITY EXPOSURE. ACCORDING TO WILDLIFE RECREATION, BIRDING IS AMERICA'S NEWEST BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY.

IN 1955, THE BIG FOCUS WAS ON HUNTING AND FISHING. IN THE 1980'S PEOPLE STARTED GOING OUT HIKING AND DOING WILDLIFE ASSOCIATED RECREATION AND THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE RECOGNITION OF BIRD WATCHING. NOW 84% OF WILDLIFE WATCHERS ARE BIRDERS AND THAT IS OVER 15% OF THE POPULATION OF THIS COUNTRY. HE SAID ARIZONA IS A HOTSPOT FOR BIRDS. HE SAID THERE ARE 914 SPECIES AND ARIZONA HAS OVER HALF OF THOSE. WE ARE NUMBER THREE IN THE COUNTRY FOR BIRD SPECIES. DUNCAN IS ALMOST, BUT NOT QUITE IN THE HEART OF THINGS, BUT DEFINITELY ON THE EDGE. THEY HAVE WATER HABITAT AND LAND HABITAT, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT.

WILLCOX RECEIVED 1600 VISITORS PER YEAR AND 74% WERE FROM OUT OF STATE AND A THIRD OF THOSE BOUGHT SOMETHING IN TOWN AND 5% COME BACK TO ANOTHER EVENT DURING THE YEAR. THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING FOR DUNCAN.

HE JUST WANTED TO OFFER ENCOURAGEMENT, BECAUSE HE THINKS THEY ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED, SHE COULD USE SOME HELP AND WOULD WELCOME IT.

- 7. TOWN GARBAGE SERVICE PRESENTATION:** CASSANDRA FREE SAID THEY ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO PRICE EVERYTHING AND COMING UP WITH SOMETHING THAT WILL BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE FOR THE TOWN OF DUNCAN. SHE SAID THEY HAVE A GARBAGE TRUCK READY TO GO AND A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN GET ALL THE GARBAGE CANS TO SUPPLY THE TOWN WITH. VICE-MAYOR ICE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY WOULD PICKUP ONCE A WEEK AND PROVIDE THE CANS. CASSIE SAID YES, AND THEY WOULD ALSO HAVE A ROLL OFF DUMPSTER. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY COULD START RECYCLING ALSO. CASSIE SAID SHE WOULD LIKE THAT. THE MANAGER SAID HE HAS LOOKED INTO RECYCLING AND FOR THEIR AREA IT IS NOT FEASIBLE. HE SAID SAFFORD IS LOSING MONEY ON RECYCLING. VICE-MAYOR ICE ASKED IF THEIR DECISION DEPENDS ON IF THE TOWN WILL RAISE THE RATES. SHE SAID THEY ARE STILL THINKING ABOUT IT. THE MANAGER SAID SHE COULD GIVE US THE PROPOSAL, BUT IT WOULD HAVE TO GO OUT TO BID. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED WHEN THE CURRENT CONTRACT EXPIRES. THE MANAGER SAID IT IS ON A YEARLY CONTRACT. THE MANAGER SAID THEY WOULD KEEP THE SAME CONTRACT UNTIL THE END OF DECEMBER. VICE-MAYOR ICE ASKED WHY THEY DECIDED TO START A BUSINESS. CASSIE SAID IT WAS A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY THAT STARTED OUT WITH HER HUSBAND'S BUSINESS PARTNER, BUT HE DROPPED IT AND SO SHE IS STILL TRYING TO PURSUE IT.
- 8. TOWN CODE ENFORCEMENT:** THE MANAGER SAID HE TALKED WITH THE NEW COUNTY ATTORNEY ABOUT ENFORCING TOWN CODES. HE SAID THE COUNTY CANNOT ENFORCE THEM, BUT WE CAN. HE SAID THEY WOULD SEND OUT A NOTICE AND THEY CAN GET AROUND COURT TIME IF THEY DO NOT SEND SOMEONE TO JAIL AND THAT WAY THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS. HE SAID THE NOTE WOULD GO OUT AND THE CODE STATES THAT THE COUNCIL IS THE BOARD SO THEY COULD HEAR THE CASES AND IF THERE ARE FEES, THEY CAN PUT A LIEN AGAINST THEIR PROPERTY TAXES AND THEY COULD HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO TAKE THEIR LAND. VICE-MAYOR ICE WANTED TO KNOW IF THE MONEY BEING PLACED ON THEIR TAXES, WOULD COME TO THE TOWN. THE MANAGER SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK INTO THAT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW WHICH COURT HANDLES SMALL CLAIMS. THE MANAGER SAID THE JUSTICE COURT. THE MANAGER SAID HE THINKS THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW THEY WILL DO THIS AND SO HE WILL SEND SOMETHING TO THE PAPER. **COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION THAT THE DUNCAN TOWN COUNCIL ENDORSE THE PLAN OF THE TOWN MANAGER FOR ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL CODES INCLUDING ACTIONS INVOLVING LIENS IF POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE AND SMALL CLAIMS COURT ACTIONS. COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**
- 9. CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:** THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH AT 4:00 PM.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: RECAP ON PRESENTATION OF THE NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING TEAM ON GILA FLOODING ISSUES – DISCUSSION ONLY. ADOT’S BILL HARMON REPORT RECAP, DISCUSS RETREAT FOR FIVE YEAR PLAN

11. ADJOURNMENT: AT 6:05 PM, COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW 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 9TH DAY OF MARCH, 2017. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

DATED THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2017.
