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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING TOWN COUNCIL WATER AND UTILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018
3:30 P.M.

The Town Council Water and Utilities Subcommittee of the Town of Chino Valley, convened for a public meeting in the Council Chambers Conference Room, located at 202 N. State Route 89, Chino Valley, Arizona.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2) ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-Mayor Lon Turner, Chair; Councilmember Corey Mendoza;
Councilmember Jack Miller

Staff Present: Cecilia Grittman, Town Manager
Frank Marbury, Public Works Director

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Consideration and possible action to accept the March 2, 2017 public meeting minutes.

MOVED by Councilmember Jack Miller, seconded by Councilmember Corey Mendoza to approve the March 2, 2017 public meeting minutes.

Vote: 3 - 0 PASSED - Unanimously

4) CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Call to the Public is an opportunity for the public to address the Subcommittee concerning a subject that is not on the agenda. Public comment is encouraged. Individuals are limited to speak for three (3) minutes. The total time for Call to the Public may be up to 15 minutes per meeting. Subcommittee action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date, or responding to criticism.

Vice-Mayor Turner opened the call to the public.

Garry Beverly asked if this subcommittee allowed any provisions for citizen representation, as he would be willing to help out. He spoke about his credentials as a resident of Chino Valley for 44 years; a farmer using ground water; and for the last 10 years, a participant with the Citizen's Water Advocacy Group in Prescott. The group's mission is to protect the base flow of Verde River and to ensure a sustainable water supply for the citizens in the active management area, of which Chino Valley is a part. He also spoke about water issues regarding ground water management, ground water allowance for subdivisions, and recharge credits, all issues he felt Chino Valley will need to address.

Vice-Mayor Turner closed the call to the public.

5) OLD BUSINESS

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion regarding future discussions with Chino Valley Irrigation District and possible meeting topics.

Town Manager Gritman stated that she has a meeting on February 16 with Senator Fann, the Mayor and Vice-Mayor to go over topics; and a meeting February 23 with the City of Prescott. There will not be a quorum so these will be private meetings and not open to the public. The discussions will be about potential contract negotiations and will be shared with the rest of the Council in a future executive session.

The subcommittee desired to come back after those meetings, have a recap and decide on the final topics for discussion.

- b) Discussion regarding agenda topics pertaining to water issues to be discussed at the February 21, 2018 Council Retreat.

Vice-Mayor Turner stated the subcommittee knew some of the topics but there may be additional ones after the Prescott meeting. Ms. Gritman stated that since there will be a couple of executive sessions prior to the retreat, there may not be a need to discuss a lot.

Mr. Marbury reported that items to be discussed at the retreat included the capacity of the sewer plant, settling pond or receiving pond, or a whole separate facility further out north of town in Paulden, as was previously brought up by representatives from Kimley-Horn.

- c) Report and discussion regarding items of work the Town Manager has assigned to Water Consultant Mark Holmes.

Mr. Marbury reported on key water resource strategic planning components that included the following topics for discussion:

1. Completing a new Analysis of Assured Water Supply (AAWS) for the Town's historically irrigated acres (HIA) known as the Wine Glass Acres.
2. Providing water resource information to key staff regarding water rights, types of water service, assured water supply requirements, and Prescott AMA requirements.
3. Chino Valley Irrigation District (CVID) and current discussions regarding a potential agreement between the Town and CVID.
4. Analysis of private utilities within the Town and the planning for potential acquisition.
5. Discussions between the Town and the City of Prescott for re-engagement of acquiring the Prescott water service area within the Town as part of prior discussions.

The subcommittee preferred that, before deciding on priorities, they would want to have a ball park idea of the costs and what would come out of the budget. Mr. Marbury stated that Mark Holmes was on an hourly basis as a consultant with the Town but he should be able to get an estimate on the costs.

The subcommittee preferred to set the order of priorities after the meetings with the City of Prescott and the Council retreat; however, they did want the City of Prescott to be the first priority once everything was reassessed, along with Wine Glass Acres, as that was time sensitive.

- d) Discussion regarding future Water and Utility Subcommittee meeting dates and discussion topics.

Vice-Mayor Turner stated that since the Council meeting on February 27 will have an executive session to discuss these topics, he scheduled the next Water and Utility meeting for March 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Gritman will present a response to the Call to the Public from Garry Beverly at the March 6 meeting.

- e) Discussion regarding Town Policy concerning usage of Long Term Storage Credits.

Mr. Marbury explained that long term storage credits were from wastewater the town processes. A developer proposed that if they developed a residential subdivision using their water rights for their certificate of assured water supply, they wanted it in the development agreement that they would get back a certain portion of the wastewater recharge credits. This should probably be a Council policy before every residential developer in town starts asking for this credit.

Ms. Gritman commented that it could be brought to the full Council to develop a policy stating that residential development would not get their recharge credits back. This would first be discussed in a study session after Mr. Marbury researched the legal aspects and industry standard practice in the surrounding communities.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councilmember Jack Miller, seconded by Councilmember Corey Mendoza to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Vote: 3 - 0 PASSED - Unanimously

Submitted: January 31, 2018.

By: *Vickie Nipper, Deputy Town Clerk*

Approved: _____, 2018.