



**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 AT 6:00 PM**

Members Present: Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer, Vice Mayor Debbie Hunseder, and Council Members, Lisa O'Neill, and Laura Jones

Other Municipal Officials Present: Susan Guthrie, Town Manager; Charity Brooks, Town Clerk; Stephen Polk, Town Attorney; Randy Taylor, Police Chief; Joni Westcott, Parks and Recreation Manager; Chell Smart, Public Information Officer; Ruth Mayday, Community Development Director.

Zoom: Marney Babbitt-Pierce, Council Member.

Audience: Approximately eleven members of the public were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER – *Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.*

2. ROLL CALL – *All members present.*

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Patti Israel from Clarkdale commented on the safety hazard that old Cyprus trees pose where they live in Lamplighter Village. The trees have passed their life expectancy and are beginning to fall during heavy storms. The trees could cause significant property damage or personal damage. Residents of Lamplighter Village have tried to contact the property owner, but have not had any success.

Em Short from Clarkdale wanted to publicly thank Town Manager Susan Guthrie for taking immediate action and fixing the drainage issues at Lamplighter Village after they were brought to the attention of the Council at their meeting on Nov. 8, 2022.

Rick Hendrickson from Lamplighter Village in Clarkdale stated that a Cyprus tree recently fell between his and his neighbor's home. Luckily, there was no damage, but they are a safety hazard and need to be removed.

4. REPORTS

A. Current Events – *(submitted electronically)*

A brief summary of current events. The Council will not propose, discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on any matter in the summary. Reports submitted electronically:

- Mayor's Report
- Vice-Mayor's Report
- Councilmembers' Reports

B. Organizational Reports – (submitted electronically)

Reports regarding regional organizations submitted electronically:

- CAT – Cottonwood Area Transit - *No meeting.*
- VVTPPO – Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization – *Meeting held. Minutes shared electronically.*
- NACOG - Northern Arizona Council of Governments – *Meeting held. Minutes shared electronically.*
- NAMWUA - Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association – *No meeting.*
- TPAC – Transportation Policy Advisory Council – *No meeting.*
- VFLC – Verde Front Leadership Council – *No meeting.*
- Greater AZ Mayor's Organizational Report – *No meeting.*
- Sustaining Flows Committee – *No meeting.*
- Verde Front – *Duplicate. To be removed from future templates.*
- Yavapai Committees for Young Children – *Meeting held. Will share minutes when available.*

C. Finance Report (submitted with Council packet)

List of specific expenditures made by the Town during the previous month and a monthly summary report.

D. Board and Commission Minutes (submitted with Council packet)

Acknowledgement of receipt of minutes and draft minutes of the previous month's Board and Commission Meetings.

- Parks and Recreation Commission - Jan. 11, 2023.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are of a routine nature or have been previously studied by the Town Council at a work session or during New Business discussion. They are intended to be acted upon in one motion. Council members may pull items from consent if they would like them considered separately.

A. Approval of Minutes

Consider and act upon the draft minutes from the regular meeting held on Feb. 28, 2023.

B. Proclamation - Verde Valley Stand Down

Consider and act upon a Proclamation to recognize the Verde Valley Stand Down that will be held on Wednesday, March 22, at the Clark Memorial Clubhouse in cooperation with Verde Valley communities and Verde Valley Veteran Service Organizations.

Action: Approve consent agenda items A and B as written:

Motion: Vice Mayor Hunseder

Second: Council Member Jones

Vote: Approved 5-0

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer	Aye
Vice Mayor Debbie Hunseder	Aye
Council Member Lisa O'Neill	Aye
Council Member Marney Babbitt-Pierce	Aye
Council Member Laura Jones	Aye

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution #1691 - Supporting Wild and Scenic Protection for the Upper Verde River and its Tributaries

Discuss, consider and act upon Resolution #1691, requesting the United States Congress pass legislation to designate the Upper Verde and its critical tributaries beginning at the Prescott National Forest boundary and continuing approximately three river miles upstream of the Lower TAPCO River Access Point in Clarkdale, as a 'Wild and Scenic River' to permanently protect this unique place for present and future generations.

Nancy Steele with Friends of the Verde River gave a presentation to Council highlighting the importance of passing the Resolution to designate the Upper Verde and its tributaries as a Wild and Scenic River.

Action: Approve Resolution #1691 – Supporting Wild and Scenic Protection for the Upper Verde and its tributaries:

Motion: Vice Mayor Hunseder

Second: Council Member O'Neill

Vote: Approved 5-0

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer	Aye
Vice Mayor Debbie Hunseder	Aye
Council Member Lisa O'Neill	Aye
Council Member Marney Babbitt-Pierce	Aye
Council Member Laura Jones	Aye

B. Verde Valley Fire District Annual Update

Fire Chief Danny Johnson provided an annual update to the Council regarding the Verde Valley Fire District.

C. Caballero Park Bid Consideration

Discuss, consider and act upon a request by staff to reject all bids submitted for the Caballero Park Improvement Plan.

Parks and Recreation Manager Joni Westcott provided Council with an update on the bid packages received, explaining that one packet was incomplete and the remaining two packets were far above budget. Ms. Westcott also explained that some changes could be made to the packet to possibly bring in lower bids.

Action: Approve the request by staff to reject all bids submitted for the Caballero Park Bid consideration allowing the bid package to be reissued with possible revisions:

Motion: Vice Mayor Hunseder

Second: Council Member Babbitt-Pierce

Vote: Approved 5-0

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer	Aye
Vice Mayor Debbie Hunseder	Aye
Council Member Lisa O'Neill	Aye
Council Member Marney Babbitt-Pierce	Aye
Council Member Laura Jones	Aye

- 7. POSSIBLE VOTE TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Council may vote to discuss the following matters in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body and/or A.R.S. §38-431.04 (A)(7) for discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the public body to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.**

A. Centerville Road Extension Property Acquisition

Action: Move to enter into Executive Session:

Motion: Council Member Jones

Second: Council Member O'Neill

Vote: Approved 5-0

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer	Aye
Vice Mayor Debbie Hunseder	Aye
Council Member Lisa O'Neill	Aye
Council Member Marney Babbitt-Pierce	Aye
Council Member Laura Jones	Aye

8. RESUMPTION OF REGULAR MEETING - Immediately following the executive session, the Council will resume public session. *Meeting was called back to order at 7:31 p.m.*

A. Centerville Road Extension Property Acquisition

Discussion and possible action regarding the Centerville Road Extension Property Acquisition.

Action: Motion to direct the Town Manager and Town Attorney to move forward with the authorization to acquire the appraised portion of 781 Calle Medina and to extend an offer to the owner of 771 Calle Medina for the appraised value and authorize the Town Manager to execute all documents necessary to complete these transactions:

Motion: Council Member Jones

Second: Vice Mayor Hunseder

Vote: Approved 5-0

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Mayor Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer	Aye
Vice Mayor Debbie Hunseder	Aye
Council Member Lisa O'Neill	Aye
Council Member Marney Babbitt-Pierce	Aye
Council Member Laura Jones	Aye

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Town Council did not propose items to be placed on a future agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT - *Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:35 p.m.*

APPROVED:

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Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Mayor

ATTESTED/SUBMITTED:

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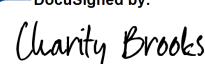
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Charity Brooks, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Clarkdale, Arizona held on the 14th day of March 2023. I further certify that meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Date approved by Town Council: March 28, 2023

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Charity Brooks, Town Clerk