



**SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE**

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024, AT 6:00 PM

(To listen to the full audio of the meeting, please visit www.clarkdale.az.gov – agendas & minutes)

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

Other Municipal Officials Present: Susan Guthrie, Town Manager; Charity Brooks, Town Clerk; Joni Westcott, Parks and Recreation Director; Lou Andersen, Public Works Director; D.K. Green, Grants Manager; Chief Taylor, Police Chief

Zoom: Two members of the public were present.

Audience: Approximately 13 members of the public were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL - All members present.

Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer acknowledged the recent passing of long-time Clarkdale resident, Jorge Olguin. Mr. Olguin also served on the Planning Commission for many years.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nathan Porter – resident. Would like to see sidewalks installed along Clarkdale Parkway due to the danger of the narrow roadway. Also suggested adding more police presence or a light-up speed-limit sign.

4. MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

A. Special Event Liquor License Recommendation - Historic Downtown Clarkdale Criterium

5. REPORTS

A. Current Events

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.*
- VVTPO – Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization – *Meeting scheduled for March 27.*
- NACOG - Northern Arizona Council of Governments – *Meeting held Feb. 22.*
- NAMWUA - Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association – *No meeting.*
- TPAC – Transportation Policy Advisory Council – *Recently met and discussed Federal Grants.*
- VFLC – Verde Front Leadership Council – *Met last month.*
- Greater AZ Mayor's Organizational Report – *No meeting.*
- Sustaining Flows Committee – *Took a trip to headwaters of the Verde River.*
- Yavapai Communities for Young Children – *Will meet in April.*

6. 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 a 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. 27, 2024.

B. Mingus Union High School Facilities Use Agreement

Consider and act upon a 2024 Facility Use Agreement with Mingus Union High School that includes a rental fee that is consistent with past fees for the same event.

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

Motion: Vice Mayor Hunseder

Second: Councilmember 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. NEW BUSINESS

A. Selna Mongini Park

Discussion only and review of the final Selna Mongini Park plan.

Parks and Recreation Director Joni Westcott gave an update on the final Selna Mongini Park Plan, noting that there is recent controversy regarding the pickle ball courts and the plan may need to be modified.

Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer opened the floor for public comment.

Wendy Jackson spoke in opposition to the pickle ball courts in Selna Mongini Park, stating her house abuts the park. Ms. Jackson is concerned about the noise the courts will generate.

B. Ratification of an Application for a Local Jurisdiction Affordable Housing Plan Grant

Discuss, consider and act upon a request to ratify an application for a Local Jurisdiction Affordable Housing Planning Grant through the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH).

Grants Manager D.K. Green spoke briefly on the topic.

Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer opened the floor for public comment. Resident Amanda Arnold stated that the affordable housing sounds great and asked if the homes will be owned or rentals. Town Manager Susan Guthrie stated the purpose of the plan is to answer those types of questions.

Action: : Approve a request to ratify an application for a Local Jurisdiction Affordable Housing Plan Grant through the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) and authorize the Town Manager to sign all required documents related to this grant should it be awarded:

Motion: Council Member O'Neill

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

C. Ratification of an Application for a State of Arizona SMART Fund Grant

Discuss, consider and act upon a request to ratify the submission of an application for a State of Arizona SMART Fund Grant for the design of the Cement Plant Road Multi-Modal Improvement Project in the amount of \$280,000.

Grants Manager D.K. Green spoke briefly on the topic.

Action: : Approve a request to ratify the submission of the SMART Fund Grant application for design of the Cement Plant Road Multi-Modal Improvement Project in the amount of \$280,000 and authorize the Town Manager to sign all required documents related to this grant should it be awarded:

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

D. Resolution #1710 - Accepting and Dedicating a Portion of Cement Plant Road as Public Right-of-Way

Discuss, consider and act upon Resolution #1710, accepting and dedicating a portion of Cement Plant Road as Public Right-of-Way.

Action: : Approve Resolution #1710, accepting and dedicating a portion of Cement Plant Road as Public Right-of-Way and authorize the Mayor, Town Attorney and Town Clerk to execute all documents necessary:

Motion: Council Member Babbitt-Pierce

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

- 8. POSSIBLE VOTE TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Council *did not 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. § 38-431.03(A)(4) Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation:**

A. YAN Water Rights Settlement

Council did not enter into executive session. This matter was not discussed.

- 9. RESUMPTION OF REGULAR MEETING - Immediately following the executive session, the Council will resume public session.**

A. YAN Water Rights Settlement

No action taken.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Action: Motion to Adjourn:

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

Mayor Prud'homme-Bauer adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:23 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, Mayor

ATTESTED/SUBMITTED:

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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 12th day of March 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Date approved by Town Council: March 26, 2024

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Charity Brooks, Town Clerk