

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY

**THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

The Town Council of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona, met for a Study Session in the Chino Valley Council Chambers, located at 202 N. State Route 89, Chino Valley, Arizona, on Thursday, June 5, 2014.

Present: Mayor Chris Marley; Vice-Mayor Darryl Croft; Councilmember Linda Hatch; Councilmember Lon Turner; Councilmember Don Wojcik

Absent: Councilmember Mike Best; Councilmember Pat McKee

Staff Town Manager Robert Smith; General Services Director Cecilia Watts; Town Engineer/Public

Present: Works Director Ron Gritman; Town Clerk Assistant Liz Hart (recorder)

1) CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Mayor Marley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2) REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND REVISION OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND.

Council reviewed and discussed the official ballot language, Call of Election resolution, and voter information pamphlet.

Official Ballot Language

- Based on comments from Council on May 27, 2014, Bond Counsel Mike Cafiso revised the official ballot language as follows: vehicle purchases as part of bond expenses was deleted, the bond term was reduced from 25 to 20 years, and interest rate was reduced from 7% to 5%. These numbers might change again as the Town received more information from the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA).
- Council preferred to keep the term at 20 years.

Resolution to Call Election

Council asked about the town attorney drafting a resolution separate from the Call of Election to address certain concerns.

Pamphlet

- Title page: References to 'City' of Chino Valley should be corrected.
- Letter to voters: No comments.
- Introductory statement: No comments.
- Matters relating to the bonds: No comments.
- Estimated taxpayer cost: The tax rate increase was currently estimated at \$10.00 a month for an

- average home. Agricultural, commercial, and industrial property will be assessed at higher rates.
- Estimated issuance costs: No comments.
- Current outstanding general obligation debt and constitutional debt limitation: No comments.
- Plan of finance: Council preferred that staff assume the worst and be as conservative as possible with its assumptions and estimates.
- Information regarding polls and early/absentee voting: The town clerk's contact information and statements with regard to early/absentee voting needed to be verified and corrected.

Request for Pamphlet Arguments

- Council asked staff to verify whether or not the Town could charge its standard fee for argument submittals.
- The Town's address and phone number needed to be corrected.

Public Comment:

Steve Chontos, owner, Chino Golf Range, spoke about a situation years ago in another state in which the citizens voted a property tax to support sewerage a portion of the community. A citizen sued the municipality over being charged for the service that he could not use. The court found in his favor and the municipality decided not to charge anyone not hooking up to the system. He recommended that Council might want to reconsider the property tax for non-users. Council asked staff to consult with the bond attorney about this matter's applicability to the Town's situation.

Ronald Maines, resident, asked when WIFA would make its decision so that citizens could understand their costs. Mr. Smith stated that staff anticipated having those numbers by mid-July, as the pamphlet language was due in early August.

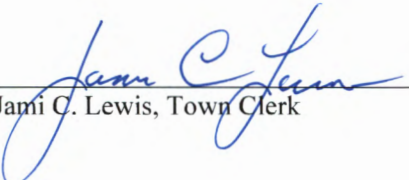
Mr. Smith requested that councilmembers send him suggested questions and answers to include in the pamphlet for Council's next discussion on June 10.

3) ADJOURNMENT

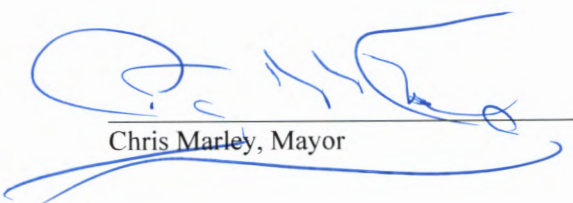
MOVED by Councilmember Linda Hatch, seconded by Mayor Chris Marley to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Vote: 5 - 0 PASSED

ATTEST:



Jami C. Lewis, Town Clerk

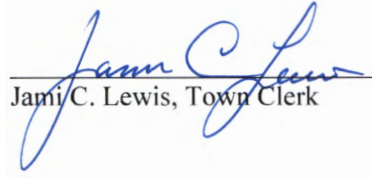


Chris Marley, Mayor

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the Town Council of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona held on the 5th day of June, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 26th day of August, 2014.



Jami C. Lewis, Town Clerk