

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

**CHINO VALLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
202 N. STATE ROUTE 89, CHINO VALLEY, AZ**

Present: Mayor Jack Miller; Vice-Mayor Eric Granillo; Councilmember Annie Perkins; Councilmember Tom Armstrong; Councilmember John McCafferty; Councilmember Sherri Phillips

Absent: Councilmember Robert Schacherer

Staff Present: Town Manager Cindy Blackmore; Town Attorney Andrew McGuire; Officer Steve Sellers (Sgt. at Arms); Development Services Director Laurie Lineberry; Public Works Director/Town Engineer Frank Marbury; Economic Development Manager Maggie Tidaback; Community Services Director Cyndi Thomas; Audio Visual Technician Lawrence Digges; Town Clerk Erin N. Deskins

1) CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) INTRODUCTIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS

- a)** Presentation and discussion regarding an update on the Mayoral Youth Council program.

Maggie Tidaback, Economic Development Manager, presented the following:

- This topic had been discussed over the last year and staff was excited to get young people engaged in Chino Valley.
- The program was a leadership program to get young people engaged in civil engagement and report back to Council with what they hear from the community via meetings they will hold every few months.
- Staff would be starting with a pilot program with six students from grades 9-12.
- The application process would begin in the first quarter of 2024.
- One of the activities the kids would be involved in was attending the League of Arizona Cities & Towns Conference.
- The benefits for the children included:
 - Resume building (college applications)
 - Graduates would have a special graduation ceremony with the mayor.
 - Real-time interaction in the community
 - Establishes a network that benefits the community's future.

Council and staff discussed the following:

- Council inquired how long the kids would be in the program.
 - Staff stated it was a one-year term.

3) CALL TO THE PUBLIC- Individuals requesting to speak, please complete a Speaker Comment Card and return to the Clerk.

Call to the Public is an opportunity for the public to address the Council on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Council that is not on the agenda. Public comment is at the discretion of the Council and not required by law. Individuals are limited to speak for three (3) minutes, yielding of time will not be permitted. The total time for Call to the Public may be up to 30 minutes per meeting. Council 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. Disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated; this includes loud outbursts, profanity and disruptive discussions among our audience.

Les Oster presented the following:

- He had some questions about how much water the mine would use and how Road 5 would fare when it was not designed for large truck traffic. He was concerned about the blind drives, intersections, and the propensity for accidents along Highway 89. He also had concerns about the noise and blasting coming from the mine and how people were going to sleep. He was also concerned about home devaluation. He stated that there should be a noise ordinance. He wanted to know who was going to be in control of the operation, the Town or the County.

Jerri Bullins presented the following:

- She presented a picture to Council of the proposed mine from her front porch as a demonstration of how personal the issue was to her. Her address did not fall within the Town boundaries, but the address stated Chino Valley and she always considered herself a resident of Chino Valley and her daughter graduated from Chino Valley High School. When she read the article in the paper quoting the Mayor as saying it wasn't the Town's fight, she was deeply hurt. She understood the logic, but it still made them feel as though they didn't matter. She argued that it was Chino Valley's fight. She attended the meeting that included a presentation recommending increasing water and wastewater rates for high users and asking Town residents to conserve water when just across Reed Road a mine would have full access to the same water source 24/7 for 20 years with no penalty, extra cost, or liability for damages.

Guy Rogenson presented the following:

- He also had a Chino Valley address but was not a resident. He owned a rescue ranch at the base of Sullivan Buttes. The proposed mine was 15,860 feet as the crow flies from his residence. He asked what Chino Valley wanted to be. He was in a unique position as he was in that business. He knew of another municipality that was challenged with a mining operation which would have occurred in the county, but the municipality was able to block it because the operation would have had to use their roads to move the aggregate. He wanted to know who the district supervisor was. He wondered if the Town had been offered incentives by the mine company for roads. He inquired if the Town had thought about developing the area for trails like Prescott had done. He asked when Town leadership was notified of the operation. He inquired if the Economic Development Manager supported the project.

Vickie Niesley presented the following:

- She was also not a Town resident. Regarding the mine, she understood that the Council's hands were tied, but her hands were tied too, and she needed the Town's help. She was requesting that the Council look into A.R.S. 11-812 regarding mining laws and work with legislators to work on the laws and make a difference. She stated that she wasn't against mining, she just didn't want it in her back yard.

4) **CURRENT EVENT SUMMARIES AND REPORTS**

This item is for information only. The Mayor, any Councilmember, or Town Manager may present a brief summary or report of current events. If listed below, there may also be a presentation on information requested by the Mayor and Council and questions may be answered. No action will be taken.

- a) Status reports by Mayor and Council regarding current events.

Councilmember Perkins presented the following:

- She had an update for the 9/11 Memorial Foundation.
- The airplane sign had been corrected and replaced.
- The car show held during Territorial Days raised over \$2,000 for the foundation.
- They were currently working with Fire Chief Freitag to establish a memorial for the Granite Hotshots at Station 62 on Road 3 North.

Councilmember Armstrong presented the following:

- He had attended the airshow, Grinder, and Harvest Fest. All the events were great and had a good turnout.

- b) Status report by Town Manager Cindy Blackmore regarding Town accomplishments, and current or upcoming projects.

Cindy Blackmore, Town Manager, presented the following:

- The overlay on Road 2 North was complete.
- Town-wide road striping project was currently underway.
- Wanted to recognize the success of recent events and how hard staff had worked on them including National Night Out, Chino Grander, Harvest Fest, and Chino Grand Prix.
- The Forest Service gave notice that they would be doing prescribed burns that would be seen from Chino Valley. Citizens could view their plans on their website. The Town would be sharing information regarding the burns on the Town website as it became available.
- The Town Clerk would be holding a Potential Candidate Open House for anyone wanting to run for a Council seat to get more information on that process. Anyone interested could register by calling or emailing the Clerk's office at 928-636-3130 or clerks@chinoaz.net.

5) CONSENT AGENDA

All those items listed below are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Any Councilmember may request to remove an item from the Consent Agenda to be considered and discussed separately.

MOVED by Vice-Mayor Eric Granillo, seconded by Councilmember Tom Armstrong to approve Consent Agenda items a, b, c, d, and e.

AYE: Mayor Jack Miller, Vice-Mayor Eric Granillo, Councilmember Annie Perkins, Councilmember Tom Armstrong, Councilmember John McCafferty, Councilmember Sherri Phillips

6 - 0 PASSED - Unanimously

- a) Consideration and possible action to approve a cooperative purchasing agreement with San Tan Auto Partners, LLC, dba San Tan Ford, to purchase a 2024 Ford F250 support truck for the Streets Division for \$54,062.67.
- b) Consideration and possible action to approve a cooperative purchasing agreement with San Tan Auto Partners, LLC, dba San Tan Ford, to purchase a 2024 Ford F550 dump truck for the Streets Division for \$82,631.91.
- c) Consideration and possible action to approve the September 12, 2023, study session minutes.
- d) Consideration and possible action to approve the September 12, 2023, regular meeting minutes.
- e) Consideration and possible action to approve the September 19, 2023, study session minutes.

6) ACTION ITEMS

The Council may vote to recess the public meeting and hold an Executive Session on any item on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for the purpose of discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney. Executive sessions are not open to the public and no action may be taken in executive session.

7) ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councilmember Sherri Phillips, seconded by Vice-Mayor Eric Granillo to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

AYE: Mayor Jack Miller, Vice-Mayor Eric Granillo, Councilmember Annie Perkins, Councilmember Tom Armstrong, Councilmember John McCafferty, Councilmember Sherri Phillips

6 - 0 PASSED - Unanimously



Jack W. Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erin N. Deskins

Erin N. Deskins, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

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 Chino Valley, Arizona held on the 10th day of October, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2023.

Erin N. Deskins

Erin N. Deskins, Town Clerk