

**Town of Chino Valley
MEETING MINUTES
AD HOC MAGISTRATE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

**June 11, 2012
4:30 P.M.**

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

Councilmember Linda Hatch called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Councilmember Linda Hatch (Chair), Councilmember Darryl Croft, Mayor Chris Marley

Guest present: Judge John Walker

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3a. May 14, 2012 minutes.

Councilmember Darryl Croft moved, Mayor Chris Marley seconded to accept the minutes as written.
Passed

4. OLD BUSINESS

4a. Review of magistrate contract.

Councilmember Linda Hatch advised of two changes magistrate functions.

- magistrate should adhere to liens hearing officer
- shared court – the Council could to decide to disband the Chino Valley magistrate court and hire another court to provide services.

John Walker discussed the history of the Chino Valley court system and his understanding of shared court.

The committee contacted Ton Kack by phone clarifying the term - shared court.

Topics of discussion:

- severability date – September 1
- hearing officer – magistrate may agree to act as upon agreement
- property lien due to non-payment, etc

4b. Review of possible proposed changes of the Town code regarding magistrate position.

The committee discussed the following topics.

- o 34.01 jurisdiction
- o 34.02 serve a term of 2 years and there after a minimum of 2 but not more than 4 years
- o The use of associate or judicial magistrate, pro tem are not allowed in municipal courts.

Councilmember Linda Hatch advised she will get the changes to the town attorney for revisions.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. NEXT MEETING DATE: June 25 at 4:30 pm

8. ADJOURN

Mayor Marley moved, Councilmember Croft seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. passed.

Submitted this 27th day of June 2012.

By: *Liz Hart, Town Clerk Assistant*