

**NOTICE OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE CHINO VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MINUTES
TUESDAY, February 28, 2012
4:30 P.M.**

Carl Tenney called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

Members present: Vice Mayor Carl Tenney (chair), Councilmember Linda Hatch, Mayor Chris Marley

Staff present: Town manager Robert Smith, Magistrate John Walker, Finance Director Vera Smith, Town Engineer Ron Grittman, Utilities Supervisor Chris Bartels, Joe Grassi, Rhonda Apolinar

Approval of Minutes

3a) January 17, 2012.

Mayor Chris Marley moved: Councilmember Linda Hatch seconded; passed

4) New Business

4a) Presentation by Judge John Walker on FY2012/2013 Municipal Court budget.

John Walker presented items of interest regarding the municipal court budget.

- Employee wage compensation equivalent to their abilities and experience.
- Starting a dialog on creative ways of financing the compensation.
- Begin the discussion today and set a budget foundation for the future.
- Establishing consistent cap in the court budget, which would standardized, reoccurring yearly and by which the court could plan accordingly.

John Walker presented ideas of funds, which in part can be used to defray costs.

- Judicial Collection Enforcement Fund
- Fill the Gap fund
- Items which would be cut from the budget, pro-tem judges, a full time salary line item, and credit card expense.

John Walker advised he is looking to maximize collection, increase revenue, and apply cost savings from the operations budget to reduce differential.

The committee discussed wages in relation to the Comp and Class study, and the need for a bailiff. Bailiff position will go to Council for budgeting for this year.

4b) Committee discussion regarding water/sewer system expansion.

Ron Grittman displayed a map of the water and sewer system in Chino Valley. The committee discussed

- Utilities buy-in fee based on recoup of capital cost.
- Possible sequence of expansion of the systems.
- Benefit differences in residential vs. commercial hook-up.

- Explore NACOG for areas of opportunity.

Vera Smith advised current rates for water and sewer are high. They need to be re-addressed, as the rates are not adequate for expenses.

The committee directed Robert Smith to investigate the possibility of matching funds. Ron Grittmann was tasked to providing drawing of the (3) three districts for boundaries and costs. He will also provide information on connection of towns system to private water companies.

4c) Committee discussion regarding purchasing of private water companies.

Ron Grittmann advised in 2007 an evaluation of private water companies connecting to the Town system was addresses. At that time, the estimated cost of hook-up was (5) million dollar in water capital cost. He will provide information by next meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2012.

5) Adjournment.

Councilmember Linda Hatch Moved.; Vice Mayor Carl Tenney seconded. Passed at 5:40 P.M

Submitted this 8th day of May, 2012.

By: *Liz Hart, Town Clerk assistant*