

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2018
9:00 A.M.**

The Senior Center Advisory Board of the Town of Chino Valley convened for a regular meeting at the Chino Valley Senior Center, located at 1021 W. Butterfield Road, Chino Valley, Arizona.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2) INVOCATION

Boardmember Best led the invocation.

3) ROLL CALL

Present: Board Member Kathy Farber; Board Member Nancy Mitchell; Board Member Anita DeMello; Vice-Chair Joyce English; Board Member Nancy Best; Board Member Elaine Erb; Chair Mary Johnson

Staff Assistant Community Services Director Cyndi Thomas; Economic Development Project
Present: Manager John Coomer

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a)** Consideration and possible action to approve October 9, 2018 meeting minutes.

MOVED by Board Member Nancy Best, seconded by Board Member Elaine Erb

AYE: Board Member Nancy Mitchell, Board Member Anita DeMello, Vice-Chair Joyce English, Board Member Nancy Best, Board Member Elaine Erb, Chair Mary Johnson

Other: Board Member Kathy Farber (ABSENT FROM ITEM)

PASSED

5) REPORTS FROM SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD/LIAISONS

- a)** Executive - Mary Johnson

Chair Mary Johnson reported that she is learning her responsibilities in her new position as Chair of the Board.

(Boardmember Farber arrived 9:27 a.m.)

b) Activities - Elaine Erb

Boardmember Erb reported the following:

- Chuck Brown (Elvis) would provide services for December 17.
- The Senior Center Advisory Board received an offer from a man that will go to the Senior Center and teach any game people may be interested in playing (cards, board, etc.). There were people interested in cribbage.

c) Transportation - Anita DeMello, Kathy Farber

Boardmember DeMello reported that there were several planned trips, including the Mesa Swap Meet and Elks Theater, performing Christmas in the Mood, Friday, December 14. There were 10 tickets available for purchase.

d) Nutrition - Joyce English

Vice-Chair English reported the following:

- There had been several new people joining the meals.
- The annual inspection took place and the Senior Center passed.
- Meals on Wheels averaged 49 delivered meals and approximately 50 people were served daily onsite.

e) Community Services - Cyndi Thomas

Assistant Community Services Director Thomas reported the following:

- The annual NACOG audit included inspections of all paperwork, food, temperature logs, bathroom compliance, parking space compliance, size of tables, etc. The Meals on Wheels paperwork must be signed by recipients and participants for onsite meals. There were some simple corrective actions that needed to be addressed but nothing serious.
- The annual Thanksgiving feast will be the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Ms. Thomas encouraged Boardmembers to attend the lunch. If Boardmembers wanted to volunteer their services, there will be plenty to help with during the meal. The Lionesses will be helping out by bussing tables, the Parks staff will be helping with dishes and she hoped department heads and Councilmembers would help with serving.
- The Christmas feast will be on Friday, December 21st.
- The Senior Center will be closed on Christmas Eve and possibly on New Year's Eve.
- The Board will be working on the Meals on Wheels Christmas cards at their meeting on December 11th.

6) CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Call to the Public is an opportunity for the public to address the Board concerning a subject that is not on the agenda. Public comment is encouraged. Individuals are limited to speak for three (3) minutes. The total time for Call to the Public may be up to 15 minutes per meeting. Board 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.

7) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Presentation and discussion regarding May 2019 Road Maintenance Program Property Tax Ballad Measure.

Economic Development Project Manager John Coomer presented and discussed the following:

- Introduced himself as a 21-year Chino Valley resident and explained he had been in his current position since the previous March.
- Information had been publicized in several locations that the Mayor and Council had been considering how to address the road maintenance issues in Chino Valley. Road maintenance was a main concern brought up by the community. The other community concerns included attracting grocery stores to Chino Valley, and water issues.
- The most important aspect of maintaining the road was to do a good job.
- Voters would need to approve the property tax for the maintenance plan to be implemented. The ballot will be mailed.
- The Chino Valley population was between 12-13,000, but population of the surrounding areas around Chino brought that number to approximately 25,000. Those surrounding areas relied on Chino as their business hub.
- The Town maintained 154 miles of streets and the Town encompassed 64 square miles of land.
- 30 percent of the population drove to Prescott or Prescott Valley for work.
- Sales tax revenue was not sufficient to cover the Town's needs for road maintenance.
- The Roads and Streets Committee worked with the Public Works Director to form a plan to maintain the roads and the cost of the maintenance. The maintenance cycle will be seven years and will cost \$1.6 million annually. The roads would first need to be repaired and then will be maintained. Every road will be maintained every seven years over a 20-year span. Each road will be maintained 3 times every 20 years.
- The Roads and Streets Committee recommended taking to the voters a proposal for a local primary property tax that would be used exclusively for road maintenance and repair and would sunset after 20-years. It could not be used for anything else. There were two tax proposals:

Option A: Would cover the maintenance of the roads, with a property tax levy of \$1.2 million. Option A would cost the tax payer on average \$157 per year or \$13 per month per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Option B: Would be a tax levy of \$1.5 million and would cover the maintenance of the roads and leave a balance of approximately \$300,000. That balance could be spent or rolled over into the next year for road work. Option B would cost the tax payer on average just under \$200 per year or \$16 per month per \$100,000 of assessed value.

- The assessed value was approximately half of the homes market value. Mr. Coomer reviewed assessed valuation process.
- Any property tax on new construction will be added to the total and will not affect the current property owner's payment amount.
- New developments or subdivision roads will be the responsibility of the developer but after the roads were built, the maintenance would be the responsibility of the Town.
- Businesses will also be taxed.
- The HURF fund provides approximately \$300,000 annually (gas tax money of 18 cents per gallon). Half of the money went to the Highway Patrol. The Governor passed legislation that charged \$18 license fee to increase HURF funds, but that would only double the funds that were already received.
- Staff will be meeting with targeted groups first for feedback and after the first of the year, will

have several public meetings.

- Discussed the future and possible economic growth in Town and the possibility new businesses coming to town.
- The roads that were not included in the maintenance plan were roads outside the Town limits, State Route 89 (State of Arizona responsibility), and private roads made as part of a lot split.
- Dirt roads will not be paved but will be maintained.
- Road improvements, such as street widening was a possibility especially with Option B. The extra money with Option B could be used for road improvements.
- The Road funding and the ADOT agreement for road improvements connecting Road 1 East.
- Neighboring towns used sales tax that are directed towards roads. Prescott also had a property tax.
- A bond was a loan that would require repayment which included interest. The property tax would ultimately cost less. The property tax levy could not be increased.
- The Board requested a chart that incrementally calculated the assessed value with the tax value.
- Thanked the Board for their services.

9) FUTURE AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

10) ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Board Member Nancy Best, seconded by Board Member Anita DeMello to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

AYE: Board Member Kathy Farber, Board Member Nancy Mitchell, Board Member Anita DeMello, Vice-Chair Joyce English, Board Member Nancy Best, Board Member Elaine Erb, Chair Mary Johnson

PASSED - Unanimously

Submitted: November 19, 2018.

By: *Vickie Nipper, Deputy Town Clerk*

Approved: January 8, 2019.