

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DUNCAN COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018; 5:00 PM
DUNCAN TOWN HALL; 506 SE OLD WEST HWY.**

CALL TO ORDER: MAYOR WATERS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:05 PM.

ROLL CALL: COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW, COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN, VICE-MAYOR DENISE ICE, MAYOR BILLY WATERS, AND TOWN MANAGER JOHN BASTEEN JR. PRESENT. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON AND TOWN ATTORNEY DAVID WARD ARE ABSENT. QUORUM PRESENT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY MAYOR WATERS.

OPENING PRAYER: LED BY VICE-MAYOR ICE.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS WRITTEN. COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** STEVE LUNT, MANAGER FOR DUNCAN VALLEY ELECTRIC, REPORTED ON PROPOSITION 127 AND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS IT WILL HAVE ON ARIZONA RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AND THEIR MEMBERS.

HE SAID HE ATTENDED A SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND THEY TALKED ABOUT THEIR POWER BILL AND STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND FREE LUNCHES AND ABOUT 65% OF STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES. THE SCHOOL'S ELECTRIC BILL FOR THE YEAR IS ABOUT \$130,000. HE SAID THEIR ESTIMATION IF THIS PROPOSITION PASSES WILL BE AN INCREASE OF AROUND 40%. SOME OF THE BIGGER UTILITY COMPANIES WILL HAVE AN INCREASE OF AROUND 50%, BUT THEY THINK THEIRS WILL INCREASE BY 40%. 40% OF \$130,000 IS ABOUT \$50,000 WHICH IS A TEACHER'S SALARY THAT THE SCHOOL WOULD LOSE. HE SAID IT IS NOT LIKE THEY CAN COME UP WITH ANOTHER \$50,000 SOMEWHERE. HE SAID THE TOWN KNOWS THAT WE ARE NOT ON THE ECONOMIC HIGH SCALE.

HE SAID IT IS GREAT IF ALL YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT IS THE ENVIRONMENT, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THAT. THIS PROPOSITION WILL EFFECT ONLY ABOUT HALF OF THE UTILITIES IN ARIZONA. HE SAID SALT RIVER PROJECT AND ANY OF THE CITY UTILITIES LIKE CITY OF MESA AND THE CITY OF SAFFORD AND ALL THE TRIBAL UTILITIES LIKE THE NAVAJO, TOHONO O'ODOHAM, SAN CARLOS IRRIGATION PROJECT AND ALL ELECTRICAL PROJECTS LIKE IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE STATE ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THIS PROPOSITION, BECAUSE THEY ARE A DIVISION OF THE STATE. HE SAID THE ONLY ONES AFFECTED ARE APS, TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER, MORENCI WATER & ELECTRIC, NAVAJO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND NINE CORPORATIVES IN ARIZONA.

DUNCAN VALLEY ELECTRIC ALREADY GETS ABOUT 25% OF ITS POWER FROM RENEWABLE RESOURCES. THAT HAS BEEN DONE GRADUALLY OVER THE YEARS TO BUILD THAT UP AND THEY HAVE DONE IT IN AN ECONOMIC WAY, SO IT HASN'T IMPACTED VERY MUCH THE COST OF

POWER. IT HAS SET THEM UP FOR THE FUTURE WHEN COAL AND GAS ARE NOT AS ECONOMICAL THEN WHAT THEY HAVE IN SOLAR WILL BE ECONOMICAL. HE SAID THEY THINK THERE IS A SENSIBLE APPROACH TO GETTING MORE RENEWABLES AND THEY THINK IT CAN BE DONE, BUT WHEN YOU HAVE A GOVERNMENT MANDATE THAT SAYS YOU WILL DO THIS AND YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE AND THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE, THAT SHOULD FRIGHTEN ANYONE NO MATTER WHAT THE POLICY IS.

THE BALLOT MEASURE SAID THIS WILL HAPPEN IF YOU VOTE YES AND NO ONE CAN CHANGE THAT EXCEPT FOR ANOTHER PROPOSITION. HE SAID THIS IS A CHANGE TO THE ARIZONA CONSTITUTION AND MOST OF THE TIME THIS WILL NOT CHANGE, SO IF SOMETHING BETTER COMES ALONG THEY ARE STUCK WITH THIS ONE.

HE ENCOURAGED THE COUNCIL TO SHARE THIS WITH THE CITIZENS THEY COME IN CONTACT WITH ABOUT WHAT A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT THIS CAN BE TO EVERYONE IN THE STATE, BUT ESPECIALLY TO THOSE IN ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED AREAS AND THE CHALLENGES THEY HAVE. THEY ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THIS WILL DO TO THE SCHOOLS AND TO THOSE ON FIXED INCOMES. HE SAID THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT SAY WE SHOULD PASS THESE KINDS OF THINGS NO MATTER THE COST AND THAT WORRIES HIM. HE SAID THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE DONE, BUT NOT AT THE DETRIMENT OF OTHERS.

VICE-MAYOR ICE ASKED IF HE IS GETTING A FEEL OF WHAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING. HE SAID HE THINKS MOST PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON AND ARE WANTING TO VOTE NO. HE SAID IT IS HARD TO GAUGE STATEWIDE, BECAUSE WHEN THEY DO A STATE WIDE POLE THEY LOOK AT THE DEMOGRAPHICS, SO THERE MIGHT BE ONE PERSON IN THE WHOLE COUNTY OF GREENLEE THAT THEY CALL AND ALL THE SUDDEN THE ONE PERSON THEY POLE BECOMES THE SPOKESPERSON FOR ALL OF GREENLEE COUNTY. HE SAID RIGHT NOW THE NO VOTES ARE LEADING, BUT THERE IS STILL ABOUT 20% WHO ARE UNDECIDED. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW ASKED IF HE SEES THIS HURTING THE ELDERLY ON FIXED INCOMES MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW WANTED TO KNOW WHY THE RENEWABLE ENERGY AND WATER POWER ARE NOT COUNTING. STEVE SAID IT IS BECAUSE THEY ARE ALREADY IN SERVICE. HE SAID IF IT PASSES IT IS NOT GOING TO CUT INTO APS' PROFIT OR TUCSON ELECTRIC'S PROFIT, IT IS GOING TO CUT INTO THE CONSUMERS' POCKETS.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT:** MAYOR WATERS REPORTED THAT AFTER THE RAINS THE CREW DID A GOOD JOB OF CLEANING UP THE CEMETERY, BECAUSE IT WAS BAD. HE HAS ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH NATIONAL GUARD ON SOME EQUIPMENT AND THE GENTLEMAN IS SUPPOSED TO GET BACK WITH US AND PUT US ON A LIST. MAYOR WATERS SAID HE TOLD THEM THE TOWN NEEDS A LOADER, A DUMP TRUCK AND A BLADE.
4. **COUNCIL REPORTS:** COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW SAID HE IS GOING TO HAVE A MEETING SOON, BUT HE HASN'T HAD TIME.
5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** THE MANAGER SAID THEY ARE WORKING ON CLEANUP AND THE LAMP POSTS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DONE. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW WANTED TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LIGHT IN FRONT OF STAGE STOP. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IT WAS HIT BY A SEMI TRUCK.

THEY ARE ALSO WORKING ON THEIR SEWER GRANTS AND THE WATER PIPELINE. HE SAID THEY HAVE BEEN PULLED OFF TO FIX ROADS AT HUNTER ESTATES. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW WANTED TO KNOW IF UNITED WAY WILL ISSUE A GRANT FOR REPAIR ON INFRASTRUCTURE. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID DURING THEIR PRESENTATION LAST MONTH THEY SAID THAT INFRASTRUCTURE IS THE HARDEST TO GET GRANTS FOR. HE SAID FMI WILL DO MORE THAN UNITED WAY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE. HE SAID UNITED WAY IS MORE INTO EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES. HE SAID THERE ARE OTHER ROUTES THEY CAN GO TO COVER PARTS OF IT. MAYOR WATERS SAID HE THINKS THEY NEED TO GET A GOOD AERIAL OF IT AND TALK TO THE STATE ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THEY ARE HAVING AT HUNTER ESTATES WITH FLOODING. THE CLERK SAID THEY SHOULD PUT THE DRONE OUT THERE WHEN IT IS FLOODING. THE MANAGER SAID THEY WALKED IT AGAIN TO SEE WHAT THEY COULD DO. HE SAID WHATEVER IS IN THAT LITTLE DRAW ABOVE MESQUITE COMES OFF OF THERE AND IT IS A LOT. HE SAID THEY DID PUT UP SOME CONCRETE BARRIERS TO HELP ALLEVIATE SOME OF THAT WATER JUMPING OVER. VICE-MAYOR ICE SAID MAYBE THEY CAN TALK THE OLD MAINTENANCE GUY TO COME IN FOR A WEEK AND WORK ON THAT, HE DID A GOOD JOB YEARS AGO. MAYOR WATERS SAID HE THINKS THAT DITCH ON MESQUITE NEEDS TO BE CLEANED BACK OUT. THE MANAGER SAID THAT WILL BE ON GOING FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.

THE MANAGER REPORTED THAT CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK IS GOING TO BE ON DECEMBER 8TH, THE SECOND SATURDAY OF DECEMBER. HE SAID CLIFTON'S IS ON THE 1ST. HE SAID DUNCAN'S THEME IS CLASSIC TREASURERS. HE SAID CLIFTON'S THEME IS A VINTAGE CHRISTMAS, SO DUNCAN MADE THEIR'S A SIMILAR THEME SO PEOPLE COULD ENTER FLOATS AT EITHER PARADE. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW SAID IT WOULD BE NICE IF THEY COULD DO A NICE FLOAT FOR LORDSBURG, CLIFTON, AND DUNCAN'S PARADES. HE SAID THEY WOULD NOT HAVE HAD A GOOD PARADE LAST YEAR IF IT WERE NOT FOR LORDSBURG. COUNCILMEMBER THURMAN SAID THIS IS THE THIRTEENTH YEAR.

HE ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY ADDED A DISCLAIMER AT THE END OF THE AGENDA THAT THE COUNCIL HAS THE OPTION TO VOTE ON EACH AGENDA ITEM OR NOT DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION AND THAT WAY THEY DON'T HAVE TO VOTE ON SOMETHING THAT DOES NOT NEED A VOTE. THE CLERK SAID SHE IS NOT SURE ON THE SECOND SENTENCE IF THEY WANT THAT INCLUDED OR NOT. THE MANAGER SAID HE WILL CHECK WITH KAY GALE ON MONDAY, BECAUSE HE HAS A MEETING SCHEDULED WITH HER.

THE MANAGER REPORTED THAT THE SENIOR CENTER IS UP AND GOING, MEANING THEY CAN HAVE THEIR MEALS THERE AND IN TALKING WITH GLORIA THAT IS UP TO ROYCE. THE GIRL SCOUTS HAVE ASKED ABOUT THE MEALS AND THEY PROCEEDED TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT WITH THE COUNTY AND HE TOLD HAYDEN TO HOLD OFF, BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME ISSUES. HE SAID SEACUS PROVIDES THE MEALS FOR THE SENIORS AND EVERYTHING IS SET ON DIETARY GUIDELINES SO THEY WERE UPSET THAT THE GIRL SCOUTS WANTED TO COME IN AND FIX THE MEALS FOR THEM. HE SAID THEY PUT ON THE PERMIT THAT THEY ARE GOING TO PROVIDE 100 MEALS EVERYDAY THREE TIMES A DAY, SO THEY ARE PLANNING ON HAVING BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER. HE SAID THE KITCHEN HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED YET, UNTIL HE CAN GET SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW ASKED WHAT STILL NEEDS TO BE FIXED THERE, JUST THE SINK? THE MANAGER SAID ONE SINK WORKS AND THEY WILL HAVE TO PULL

THE SINK OUT TO FIX THE FAUCET ON THE BIG SINK. COUNCILMEMBER THURMAN SAID THERE IS A LOT MORE TO IT THAN JUST FIXING FOOD.

6. GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: NOT AVAILABLE

7. GREENLEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT: NOT AVAILABLE

8. FOLLOW UP ON CEMETERY AND WATERLINE: MANAGER BASTEEN ASKED PETRA IF SHE HAD ANYMORE QUESTIONS. HE SAID HE TALKED TO HER ON THE 4" WATERLINE AND SHE SEEMED TO BE HAPPY WITH THAT. PETRA SAID SHE WAS HAVING TROUBLE HEARING HIM.

SHE SAID SHE IS STILL ASKING THAT HE MOVE ALL THAT TRASH FROM THE CEMETERY. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID SHE IS TALKING ABOUT THE WEED PILE THAT THEY JUST BURNED TODAY. MAYOR WATERS SAID HE DID NOT SEE THAT MUCH TRASH UP THERE THIS TIME. HE SAID HE SAW A COUPLE OF BAGS. THE MANAGER SAID HE TOLD PETRA HE WOULD LOOK FOR ANOTHER AREA AND HE THINKS HE FOUND ONE, BUT IT NEEDS TO BE SURVEYED. MAYOR WATERS ASKED WHERE. THE MANAGER SAID IT IS ON SKYLINE ROAD. HE SAID IT GOES THROUGH A PERSON'S PROPERTY NEXT TO TOWN PROPERTY. MAYOR WATERS SAID HE THINKS IT WAS BETTER THIS TIME WITH NO TRASH MIXED INTO THE WEED PILE. THE MAYOR SAID THE MANAGER KEEPS TWO DUMPSTERS CONSTANTLY AROUND TOWN.

PETRA SAID SHE HAS TALKED TO ALOT OF PEOPLE SINCE SHE WAS HERE LAST TIME AND EVERYBODY AGREES WITH HER THAT IS SACRILEGIOUS AND THERE IS TRASH MIXED IN THERE, NOT JUST BRUSH. MAYOR WATERS TOLD THE MANAGER HE CAN GO AHEAD AND CHECK ON THAT OTHER PROPERTY AND SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO TO MOVE IT. MAYOR WATERS SAID HE THINKS THEY WILL HAVE THE SAME ISSUES NO MATTER WHERE IT IS AT. COUNCILMEMBER BARLOW SAID THEY SHOULD PUT A FENCE AROUND IT AND PADLOCK THE GATE. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THEY PADLOCKED THIS ONE AND PEOPLE STARTED DRIVING OVER THE BURHMS. MAYOR WATERS SAID THERE WAS NOT THAT MUCH TRASH UP THERE THIS TIME.

PETRA SAID THE TOWN HAD A TRAILER LOADED WITH BRUSH AND TRASH AND SHE WENT OVER THERE TO MAKE SURE SHE WAS NOT SEEING SOMETHING DIFFERENT AND THEY UNLOADED BLACK TRASH BAGS OF TRASH. SHE SAID SHE AND JOHN WERE THERE AND SOME GUY DROVE THROUGH AND HE HAD BRUSH AND TRASH ALSO. THE MANAGER SAID HE ASKED THEM ABOUT THE TRASH BAGS AND THEY SAID THEY WERE FULL OF LEAVES, SO HE ASKED THEM TO DUMP THE LEAVES AND TAKE THE TRASH BAGS AWAY.

PETRA SAID THEY HAVE TO THINK OF A SOLUTION OTHER THAN OVER THERE. SHE SAID THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN TOWN COMPLAINING ABOUT IT, BUT NO ONE SAYS ANYTHING ABOUT IT. SHE SAID PEOPLE OVER HERE OFF THE HIGHWAY WERE COMPLAINING THAT THE TRASH IS BLOWING DOWN TO THEIR PROPERTY, BUT THEY DON'T COME OVER AND COMPLAIN ABOUT IT. MAYOR WATERS ASKED THE MANAGER TO LOOK AT THAT PROPERTY. THE MANAGER SAID TO GET IT SURVEYED THEY WILL HAVE TO WAIT ABOUT TWO MONTHS. HE SAID HE HAS EVEN ASKED PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS. HE SAID HE HAS A LADY THAT IS SUPPOSE TO SURVEY AT THE SEWER PONDS AND HUNTER ESTATES AND SHE IS ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF OUT RIGHT NOW.

9. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING – DECEMBER 6-7, 2018 AT THE MESA CONVENTION CENTER – PALO VERDE ROOM:** VICE-MAYOR ICE ASKED THE MANAGER IF HE HAD RESERVED SPACE FOR THE TWO NEW COUNCILMEMBERS TO ATTEND. THE MANAGER SAID NO. HE WANTED TO KNOW IF EVERYONE IS GOING. THE VICE-MAYOR SAID SHE THINKS IT SHOULD JUST BE THE TWO NEW MEMBERS. SHE SAID SHE WAS LOST UNTIL SHE RECEIVED THAT TRAINING. COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW MADE A MOTION FOR THE MANAGER TO SEND MARYANN AND VALERIE TO ATTEND THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING – DECEMBER 6-7. COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED. VICE-MAYOR ICE INSISTED THAT THEY GO.

10. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR FALL CAR SHOW THE END OF OCTOBER:** MAYOR WATERS SAID THE CAR SHOW WILL BE HELD AT CENTENNIAL PARK FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH. THE VICE-MAYOR SAID SHE LIKED IT THAT THEY ASKED THAT PEOPLE CONTACT THEM IF THEY WANT TO BE VENDORS. THE MAYOR SAID HE DID NOT WANT PEOPLE SELLING FOOD, SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD GO TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSES. THE MAYOR SAID ANYTHING THEY COLLECT THEY TURN BACK TO THE TOWN FOR THE NEXT CAR SHOW. THE MAYOR SAID HE ENCOURAGES THE COUNCIL TO GET OUT AND SEE HOW THE CAR SHOW IS SET UP FOR SAFETY. COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FALL CAR SHOW AT THE END OF OCTOBER. COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

11. **CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:** THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2018 AT 5:00 PM.

12. **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:** SWEAR IN THE NEW COUNCIL, PICK A VICE-MAYOR

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: EMPLOYEE BONUSES:** AT 5:50 PM, COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

AT 5:54 PM, COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW MADE A MOTION TO GIVE YEAR END BONUSES WITH THE SAME RATE AS LAST YEAR, TO BE PAID BY THE THURSDAY BEFORE BLACK FRIDAY. COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** AT 5:55 PM, COUNCILMEMBER DOUG BARLOW MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER ANNE THURMAN SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

CERTIFICATION:

Regular Meeting Minutes, October 11, 2018

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE DUNCAN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THE 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

DATED THIS 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

CYNTHIA NICHOLS, TOWN CLERK