

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DUNCAN COMMON COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019; 5:15 PM  
DUNCAN TOWN HALL; 506 SE OLD WEST HIGHWAY**

**CALL TO ORDER:** MAYOR THURMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:46 PM.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. VICE-MAYOR DOUG BARLOW SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.
  
2. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** THERE WERE NO COMMENTS.
  
3. **MAYOR'S REPORT:** MAYOR THURMAN REPORTED THAT THEY MET WITH SENATOR MCSALLY ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>. THOSE INVOLVED WERE COUNTY MANAGER KAY GALE, SUPERVISOR RICHARD LUNT, THE MAYOR FROM CLIFTON AND MAYOR THURMAN, AND THE TWO MANAGERS FROM DUNCAN AND CLIFTON. MAYOR THURMAN SAID SHE FELT GOOD ABOUT HOW THE MEETING WENT AND SENATOR MCSALLY CAME JUST TO DISCUSS THEIR CONCERNS AND THEY WERE THERE FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS. SHE WAS VISITING WITH EVERYONE IN THE STATE IN HER DISTRICT TO SEE WHAT THEIR CONCERNS WERE. SHE ALSO REPORTED THAT SHE JOINED A CONFERENCE CALL TODAY WITH SEAGO. SHE SAID THEIR WERE FIVE DIFFERENT ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. MAYOR THURMAN SAID THEY TALKED ABOUT WATER RIGHTS, WHICH SEEMS TO BE THE BIG TOPIC AND IT IS A BIG CONCERN.
  
4. **COUNCIL REPORTS:** COUNCILMEMBER SMITH HAD NOTHING TO REPORT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON REPORTED THAT THE JAVELINA CHASE IS COMING UP APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup>. THEY ARE NOT HAVING THE ROAD RACES THIS YEAR, ONLY MOUNTAIN BIKE RACES. SHE SAID SHE FEELS THEY ARE PRETTY MUCH ON TRACT TO MEET THEIR GOAL AND NOT HAVE TO GO OUT AND ASK FOR MONEY. THEY FEEL OPTIMISTIC THAT THEY ARE GETTING TO THAT POINT. SHE ALSO REPORTED THAT SHE HAPPENED TO LOOK ON THE LOCAL FIRST ARIZONA WEBPAGE ON GREENLEE COUNTY THAT WAS PART OF A GRANT THEY GOT TO DO FEATURES ON SIX RURAL TOWNS IN ARIZONA AND THEY LUMPED GREENLEE AS A TOWN. SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF ANYONE ELSE LOOKED AT THAT. COUNCILMEMBER SMITH SAID SHE WAS AT THE TOURISM COUNCIL MEETING AND THE TOURISM COUNCIL SUGGESTED THAT INSTEAD OF HIGHLIGHTING ONE TOWN THEY WOULD HIGHLIGHT THE ENTIRE COUNTY. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID JOHN BASTEEN AND OTHERS SUGGESTED THAT THE WHOLE PROCESS SEEMED TO BE WEIGHTED PRETTY HEAVY TOWARD THE TOWN OF CLIFTON. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO BRING LOCAL FIRST IN A FEW YEARS AGO. SHE SAID SHE CALLED KIMBER AND EXPRESSED HER CONCERNS AND KIMBER ASSURED HER SHE REALLY DIDN'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN AND SHE WOULD GET BACK AND MAKE SURE THEY HAD SOME INPUT ON THE WEBSITE, BUT SHE IS NOT HAPPY WITH IT AT ALL. SHE WANTED TO ASK OTHERS TO LOOK AT IT.

MAYOR THURMAN ASKED WHERE TO FIND IT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID YOU CAN FIND THE LINK ON GROWING GREENLEE ON THE GREENLEE CLARION. SHE SAID THERE ARE A LOT OF ERRORS AND SHE DOES NOT THINK IT PORTRAYS DUNCAN AT ALL ACCURATELY OR WELL ENOUGH. SHE SAID SHE THINKS THEY CAN DO A LOT BETTER ON REPRESENTING OUR COMMUNITY TO THE PUBLIC. COUNCILMEMBER SMITH SAID IT IS USER PRODUCED, SO IF WE SEND INFORMATION TO THEM THAT IS HOW IT STARTS TO CHANGE AND MOLD. THEY DON'T GO SEARCHING FOR INFORMATION, THEY RELY ON INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW WHO WAS SUPPOSE TO BE DOING THAT FOR DUNCAN? COUNCILMEMBER SMITH SAID SHE DOES NOT KNOW, SHE SAID ANYONE CAN ADD INFO. THE MORE INPUT IT RECEIVES FROM OUR SIDE THE MORE ACTIVITY IT WILL LOOK LIKE IT HAS AND SHE JUST LEARNED THAT.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA HAD NOTHING TO REPORT. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** MANAGER BASTEEN REPORTED THAT THEY HELD THE FIRST OF FIVE MEETINGS ON US HIGHWAY 70 AND THEY TALKED ABOUT A DETOUR THAT WOULD START BEFORE THE STATE LINE AND BYPASS DUNCAN AND EVEN SAFFORD. HE SAID HE IS TOTALLY AGAINST BYPASSING DUNCAN. HE WOULD RATHER HAVE THE TRAFFIC THAN TO HAVE PEOPLE BYPASSING DUNCAN. THEY ARE OPEN FOR SUGGESTIONS. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW HOW THEY COULD GIVE THEIR SUGGESTIONS. HE SAID THEY CAN GIVE THEIR SUGGESTIONS TO HIM OR SUPERVISOR LUNT OR SHERIFF SUMNER AND THEY WILL PASS THEM ON.

SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID YES, THERE WERE A LOT OF SUGGESTIONS, BUT HE THINKS THE SHERIFF REPRESENTED US WELL. HE BROUGHT UP SAFETY CONCERNS, SHOULDER CONCERNS, SAFETY IN THE TOWN, AND IF THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT, HOW WOULD WE GET TO THOSE PEOPLE? THE SHERIFF ALSO BROUGHT UP ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND HOW HE HAS TO STOP TRAFFIC SO THE SCHOOL BUSES CAN GET FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL TO THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HE ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE TRUCKS IN LORDSBURG, BECAUSE THERE THEY PULL OFF AND THERE ARE TRUCK STOPS ESPECIALLY ON THE EAST SIDE, WHICH THEY DO IF THEY KNOW THE ROAD WILL NOT BE SHUT DOWN FOR VERY LONG.

THE MAIN CONCERN IS SAFETY AND CAN THE ROAD REALLY HANDLE IT. HIGHWAY 80 WAS BROUGHT UP, BECAUSE THEY SAID WEST BOUND CAN GO TO HIGHWAY 80 AND EAST BOUND CAN GO TO HIGHWAY 191 AND 70. NEW MEXICO SAID HIGHWAY 80 WILL NOT HANDLE IT, IT WILL BE POWDER IN NO TIME AT ALL. THE SHERIFF SAID THE SAME THING WILL HAPPEN TO US HIGHWAY 70, IN FACT IT IS ALREADY HAPPENING. THE SHERIFF SAID THE WHOLE THING ABOUT BYPASSING WAS EXTREMELY FAR FETCHED. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID WHOEVER PUT THE MAP TOGETHER HAS NEVER BEEN THROUGH THERE, IT IS NOT AN EASY ROUTE TO GO.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID IT WAS MORE THAN A YEAR AGO THAT THEY WERE ALL AT THAT MEETING IN SAFFORD AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THEN? SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID ADOT HIRED A CONSULTANT FROM WSP AND THEY ARE THE ONES THAT GOT THIS GROUP TOGETHER AND NEW MEXICO WAS THERE AND BRETT JENSON WHO IS A SERGEANT OUT OF SILVER CITY AND LIVES IN VIRDEN AND THERE WAS ADOT AND THE CITY OF SAFFORD AND GREENLEE COUNTY AND MANAGER BASTEEN WAS THERE, BOTH COUNTY ENGINEERS WERE

THERE, THE GREENLEE COUNTY SHERIFF WAS THERE, BUT THE GRAHAM COUNTY SHERIFF WAS NOT THERE.

SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID WHAT THEY ARE DOING IS MORE OF A BRAIN STORMING AND WSP HAVE CONTRACTED TO COME UP WITH SOME TYPE OF SOLUTION TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. THEY REALIZE THAT HIGHWAY 75 AND 70 ARE MAJOR PROBLEMS, 191 TO HIGHWAY 70 IS A PROBLEM, THE SHERIFF SAID WHEN HE STOPS THE SCHOOL BUSES THE TRUCKS ARE STOPPING FOR TWO MILES STOP AND GO AND THAT IS WHERE THE DANGER IS, PEOPLE IN TOWN CAN'T CROSS THE STREET. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID ALL THESE THINGS WERE BROUGHT UP MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, SO WHAT IS NEW ABOUT IT? SHERIFF SUMNER EXPLAINED THAT THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD THAT MET IN MORENCI SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WERE VOTING ON DECISIONS AROUND THE STATE AND BILL HARMON BROUGHT UP THAT THEY NEEDED TO DO A STUDY IN THIS AREA, BECAUSE BEFORE THEY CAN DO ANYTHING AT ADOT THEY HAVE TO HAVE A STUDY DONE, SO THIS IS BASICALLY A STUDY GATHERING INFORMATION AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS AND MAKING PRIORITIES.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW IF MANAGER BASTEEN, SUPERVISOR LUNT, AND SHERIFF SUMNER ARE ON THE SAME PAGE. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE WASN'T THERE, HE WAS ON THE PHONE. SHERIFF SUMNER SAID THE MANAGER WAS TEXTING HIM. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE A UNITED FRONT IN THIS. SHE SAID IF THEY ARE ALL THREE ON THE SAME PAGE, SHE THINKS THEY HAVE A CHANCE OF GETTING HEARD.

SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID ONCE THIS STUDY COMES OUT IT WOULD BE BEST IF BOTH COUNTIES AND THE TOWN OF DUNCAN TO SHOW UP AT THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD. HE SAID IT SHOWS YOU CARE WHEN YOU SHOW UP. HE SAID SHERIFF SUMNER HAS TAKEN THE LEAD ON THIS AND DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB. SHERIFF SUMNER SAID SUPERVISOR LUNT IS ALWAYS THERE AS WELL AND SPEAKING TO THE PEOPLE ABOUT IT. HE SAID HE WAS A LITTLE FRUSTRATED BECAUSE OF ALL THE GROUND WORK THEY HAD ALREADY WENT THROUGH, BUT THEY WERE MORE SO AT THIS MEETING LOOKING AT HOW TO FIX THE COMMUNICATION AND HE PERSONALLY IS BEYOND THAT. WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD AND LOOK AT THE INFRASTRUCTURE NOW. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE AGENDA WILL BE AT THE NEXT MEETING, BUT HE WILL BE SPEAKING ABOUT SAFETY CONCERNS.

MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE ASKED AT THE MEETING WHY THEY DON'T DO SOMETHING WITH THE GAS TAX. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID THEY ARE USING GAS TAX TO FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THEY ARE TAKING AWAY FROM THE CITIES AND COUNTIES. THEY CAME UP WITH A FEE OF \$32 ON THE VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, BUT RIGHT NOW IT IS IN THE HOUSE TO REPEAL THAT AND SET IT AT A FEE OF \$18. HE DOESN'T THINK THE SENATOR WILL APPROVE IT, BUT YOU NEVER KNOW AND THE GOVERNOR SAID IF IT COMES THROUGH HE WILL VETO IT. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IT IS NOT JUST ARIZONANS, YOU HAVE PEOPLE FROM OTHER STATES COMING IN. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID THAT IS WHY IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE A GAS TAX AND IF THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED IT SINCE THE NINETIES IT TAKES ABOUT 4 TIMES AS MUCH MONEY TO RE-DO A ROAD THAN TO KEEP IT MAINTAINED. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IN THAT MEETING THAT THEY HAD TAKEN HURF FUNDS AWAY BY ABOUT A THIRD. HE SAID WE ARE NOT THE ONLY PLACE WITH ROAD PROBLEMS IN THE STATE, COCHISE COUNTY TALKED ABOUT GOING BACK TO DIRT ROADS, BECAUSE THEY ARE EASIER TO MAINTAIN. SHERIFF SUMNER SAID

THAT BILL HARMON SAID HE IS OVER SIX COUNTIES NOW, INSTEAD OF JUST THREE SO HE AND THE MONEY AND THE SAME AMOUNT OF EMPLOYEES ARE GETTING SPREAD THIN.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED WHEN THE BILL PUPO MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR. THE MANAGER SAID IT IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 19.

MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THEY DO HAVE THE PAINT FOR THE PLANE NOW, IT WAS DONATED BY THE COMPANY. HE SAID THEY JUST NEED TO PRESSURE WASH IT AND HOPEFULLY THAT WILL BE DONE BY THIS WEEKEND AND THEN THEY CAN PAINT THE PLANE. YENTZ CONCRETE IS SUPPOSED TO COME AND LOOK AT THE PEDESTAL AND SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THE BOLTS, EITHER DRILL THEM OUT AND INSTALL NEW ONES OR FABRICATE SOMETHING NEW. THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO COME NEXT WEEK.

HE REPORTED THAT HE HAD THREE EMPLOYEES ATTEND THE NOXIOUS WEED TRAINING AND THEY WILL GIVE US AS MUCH AS THE TOWN CAN HANDLE AND IT IS TO SPRAY THOSE WEEDS THAT ARE DESIGNATED FOR THE PROGRAM AND A LOT OF THAT IS STILL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. MAYOR THURMAN WANTED TO KNOW IF SOMEONE CAME TO THE TOWN AND WANTED THEIR PROPERTY SPRAYED CAN THE TOWN DO THAT. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IF THEY WANTED TO TAKE UP TIME. HE SAID LUNT'S DAIRY EASILY SPENDS \$300,000 JUST ON WEEDS. HE SAID THERE IS A DIFFERENT SPRAY FOR EACH WEED. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW THE NAME OF THE WEEDS THEY ARE TARGETING. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID RUSSIAN KNAPP WEED, STAR THISTLE, AND WHITE TOP. HE SAID TOM LOVETT SAID THEY CAN SPRAY THE MUSTARD WEED, BUT YOU WILL GO THROUGH A LOT OF SPRAY.

MANAGER BASTEEN REPORTED THEY HAD A LAMPPOST HIT ON THE HIGHWAY AND IT HAS BEEN FIXED AND REPLACED AND THE COMPANY WILL BE BILLED FOR THE LIGHT AND REPAIRS.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE WAS ANY PROGRESS ON THE WATER SPOUT. THE MANAGER SAID NO.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID CONGRATULATIONS FOR GETTING THAT PAINT FOR FREE.

- 6. GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** SUPERVISOR LUNT REPORTED THAT SENATOR MCSALLY CAME OUT AND MET WITH THE COUNTY AND TWO TOWNS. HE SAID HE THANKED HER PUBLICALLY AND WE WERE EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT A SENATOR WOULD COME OUT TO VISIT BECAUSE THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN VERY OFTEN. SHE WAS NOT THERE TO CAMPAIGN, SHE WAS THERE TO LISTEN TO THEIR CONCERNS.

HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED THEY HAD SO MANY ATTEND THE NOXIOUS WEED TRAINING. THEY HAD 29 PEOPLE THERE. HE SAID THE COUNTY HAS PUT MONEY INTO THIS AND IT IS ONLY GOOD IF WE HELP OURSELVES. THAT IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WHEN YOU ARE GIVEN THE HERBACIDE YOU MONITOR BECAUSE THEY NEED TO SHOW THE EFFECTIVENESS. IF THEY GO OUT FOR GRANTS THEY CAN SHOW THAT IT IS DOING GOOD AND THEY CAN GET MORE MONEY.

THE JAVELINA CHASE IS ON APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup>, THE TOWN HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THIS AND WE HOPE IT WILL REALLY GROW.

APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> IS THE GREENLEE COUNTY RAMPAGE. LENDSEY BASTEEN AND STAFF HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB, THEY WILL HAVE TRACTOR PULLS, A RODEO, AND FAMILY EVENTS ALL DAY LONG. HE SAID FAMILIES NEED TO COME TO SHOW SUPPORT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW WHERE THEY CAN GET POSTERS. HE SAID CALL LENDSEY BASTEEN.

HE SAID THE INDUSTRY TARGETING STUDY COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A MEETING ON MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM AT THE DUNCAN ANNEX AND THEY WILL BE FURNISHING A DINNER. ON MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> THE JUNIOR RODEO STARTS AGAIN AND IT STARTS AT 5:00 PM. THE RODEO DRAWS PEOPLE FROM LORDSBURG, ANIMAS, WILLCOX AND SAFFORD. THE RODEO IS FREE FAMILY FUN AND THEY DON'T CHARGE TO GET IN AND THOSE INVOLVED DO A GREAT JOB.

HE REPORTED ON THE 191 CLOSER UP PAST THE MINE, ADOT CAME AND SPOKE WITH THE COUNTY YESTERDAY AND SET A DATE OF MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> TO REOPEN THAT. CITIZENS FROM THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT BEING ABLE TO GET UP TO THEIR PLACES IF THEY HAD EMERGENCIES. BEFORE THEY CLOSED IT, THE COUNTY WENT TO FMI AND FMI HAS BENT OVER BACKWARDS. HE SAID THERE IS A PLAN WHERE THE EMERGENCY VEHICLES CAN GET THROUGH AND DO WHAT THEY NEED. SOME RESIDENTS WANTED TO GO THROUGH THE MINE AT A SPECIFIC TIME. FMI HAS NOT RULED ON THAT, BUT THEY HAVE 125 HAUL TRUCKS NOW ON THAT ROAD. HE SAID THERE IS A LOT OF MUCK ON THE ROADS, WHICH WOULD BE HARD FOR A REGULAR VEHICLE TO GET THROUGH.

FMI BOUGHT HAY AND HAS DONATED TO THE RANCHERS WHO NEED IT AND THE COUNTY GOT IT UP THERE AND IT IS BEING DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE THAT NEED IT. FMI IS GOING UP TOMORROW TO MEET WITH RESIDENTS. THE COUNTY IS GOING IN UPPER EAGLE TO SEE IF THEY CAN GET IN AND FIX THE CROSSINGS YET, SO PEOPLE CAN GET IN AND OUT, BUT AS OF NOW NO ONE IS ABLE TO GO ACROSS THE BRIDGE. HE SAID THE ABUTMENT OF THE BRIDGE ON ONE SIDE BLEW OUT AND THAT WAS THE SUPPORT FOR THE BRIDGE. THEY HAVE COME UP WITH A SOLUTION THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY ADOT AND THEY WILL START WORK AS SOON AS THEY CAN. INSTEAD OF HAVING A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY DO THE JOB, FMI CAN DO IT AND HOPEFULLY CUT TWO WEEKS OFF THE TIME.

FMI HAS BENT OVER BACKWARDS TO BE ACCOMODATING AND TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET THE ROAD OPENED. HE SAID IT'S THEIR ONLY WAY TO NORTHERN GREENLEE COUNTY. THE SHERIFF HAS BEEN INVOLVED AND WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE COUNTY AND FMI THEY CAN HANDLE THINGS A LOT BETTER.

THE HIGHWAY BELONGS TO ADOT, BUT THE BRIDGE BELONGS TO FMI. FMI HAS EXPEDITED EVERY TIME THEY HAVE TALKED TO THEM AND THEY BENT OVER BACKWARDS TRYING TO ACCOMMODATE THE COUNTY. PEOPLE HAVE ASK IF THEY CAN WALK ACROSS THE BRIDGE, THEY SAID NO, SAFETY IS ALWAYS FIRST.

THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS FOR HIM.

- 7. GREENLEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT:** THE SHERIFF AGREED THAT FMI HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS IN TRYING TO EXPEDITE EVERYTHING AS QUICKLY AS THEY CAN. HE SAID THERE WAS A LOT OF CONCERN ABOUT EMERGENCIES HAPPENING UP THERE. WHEN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT NEED TO GET THROUGH THEY WILL SHUT DOWN EVERY HAUL TRUCK AND ESCORT THEM THROUGH. HE SAID HE WALKED ACROSS THERE THE OTHER DAY AND GOT A FAMILY OF A THREE YEAR OLD GIRL THAT NEEDED TO GO DOWN TO THE CLINIC ACROSS THERE AND IT WASN'T A TRUE EMERGENCY, BUT IT WAS THE DAY THE STORM WAS COMING IN SO THEY COULD NOT GO NORTH. HE HELPED THEM GET DOWN TO THE CLINIC. HE REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TAXED PRETTY HARD THIS WEEK WITH AN ONGOING SEARCH EFFORT. THE SHERIFF IS IN CHARGE OF SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS ANYWHERE

IN THE COUNTY, BUT THEY WERE FLOODED WITH RESOURCES COMING IN. HE SAID IT HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL AS OF NOW.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED THE SHERIFF IF THERE IS ANYTHING THEY LEARNED FROM THAT TO WARN THE PUBLIC ABOUT IN TERMS OF KAYAKING ON THE GILA? HE SAID THEY SHOULD WEAR A PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE OR LIFE JACKET. THERE WAS NOTHING PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS RIGHT NOW, EXCEPT FOR THE FAST FLOW.

HE SAID SOME GOOD NEWS IS GRAHAM COUNTY FOUND THE PERSON WHO WENT IN THE RIVER OVER THERE. THE PERSON WENT MISSING FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> AND WAS FOUND TWO DAYS AGO.

VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID GREENLEE COUNTY HAS ONE HECK OF A SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM AND WE SHOULD BE PROUD AND IT IS BECAUSE OF THE SHERIFF AND VOLUNTEERS THAT DO THIS. THE SHERIFF SAID A COUPLE OF GUYS HAVE BEEN OUT THERE EVERY DAY AND THEY HAVEN'T QUIT WHEN HE TOLD THEM TO QUIT. THEY SAID NO WE WANT TO FIND THIS GUY FOR THE FAMILY. HE SAID WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT SAFETY FIRST AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET SOMEONE HURT. HE SAID THE WATER GOT SO SWIFT TODAY, THEY PULLED OUT TWO HOURS EARLY.

HE SAID HE HAS ALREADY REPORTED THAT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS 24 HOUR COVERAGE GOING IN THE COUNTY NOW, THEY DID ADJUST THE HOURS A LITTLE BIT.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED WHAT WAS GOING ON THE OTHER NIGHT AROUND 2:00 AM. THE SHERIFF SAID IT WAS A DPS CALL, BUT THEY ASSISTED UNTIL SOMEONE GOT OUT THERE. HE SAID IT WAS A FATAL ACCIDENT ON HIGHWAY 75 WITH ALCOHOL INVOLVED.

SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID THE GILA RIVER PEAKED THIS MORNING ABOUT 8:00 OR 9:00 AM AND THE SAN FRANCISCO PEAKED YESTERDAY, SO EVERYTHING IS RECEDING NOW. THE SAN FRANCISCO IS A FAST MOVING RIVER, SO IT RECEDES QUICKLY. THE GILA IS A SLOW MOVING RIVER AND THAT REALLY HELPS SAFFORD, BECAUSE IF THOSE TWO RIVERS PEAKED AT THE SAME TIME IT COULD REALLY CAUSE A LOT OF DAMAGE. SAFFORD'S PEAKED YESTERDAY AND WAS 12'6" AND THE GILA PEAKED THIS MORNING AT ABOUT 12'4".

8. **CONSIDERATION OF HOW TO SPEND 2020 CDBG FUNDS: VICE-MAYOR DOUG BARLOW MADE A MOTION THAT THE MANAGER GETS AN ESTIMATE ON WHAT THE COUNTY WOULD CHARGE FOR CHIP-SEAL ON CHAPARRAL FROM HWY 75 TO THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND IF THERE IS ANY MONEY LEFT TO FIND OUT WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT DRAINAGE OUT THERE FOR THE SAME PROJECT. COUNCILMEMBER VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**
  
9. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-03-14 TO RAISE WATER, SEWER AND REFUSE FEES: THE CLERK TOLD THE COUNCIL THE REASON THIS IS ON THE AGENDA IS THAT THE CODE BOOK STATES THAT A RESOLUTION MUST BE PASSED FOR RATE CHANGES. MAYOR THURMAN READ THE RESOLUTION TO THE PUBLIC. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-03-14. COUNCILMEMBER MARYANN MENDOZA SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**
  
10. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR A BUY OUT OF THE LEASE ON THE CELL TOWER: THE MANAGER REPORTED THAT AMERICAN TOWER DID RAISE THE PAYOFF AMOUNT TO \$188,000,**

WHICH IS ABOUT \$16,000 MORE THAN THEY HAD ORIGINALLY AGREED TO. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID HE THINKS THEY SHOULD ACCEPT THEIR OFFER AND THAT IS JUST FOR TEN YEARS RIGHT AND THEN THEY HAVE ANOTHER CONTRACT? THE MANAGER SAID RIGHT. **COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUY OUT OF THE LEASE ON THE CELL TOWER. VICE-MAYOR DOUG BARLOW SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

- 11. JET PLANE AT THE PARK – TIME TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX:** COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE IS GLAD THE MANAGER WAS ABLE TO GET THE PAINT FOR FREE. HE SAID THEY ARE ASKING A CONCRETE PERSON TO COME AND LOOK AT THE PEDESTAL, BECAUSE THE BOLTS ARE CONCRETED IN.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID WHEN SHE FIRST PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA IT SEEMED THAT THIS PROJECT WAS NEVER GETTING DONE, BUT NOW SHE WOULD LIKE TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, BECAUSE THAT PARK AND NEIGHBORHOOD MATTER. THEY BOTH REALLY NEED OUR ATTENTION; TWO COUNCILMEMBERS LIVE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD AND IT HAS A KILLER VIEW AND IT IS A BEAUTIFUL PART OF THE TOWN AND VISITORS DO GO UP THERE, ESPECIALLY TO LOOK AT THE PLANE AND MOST COME DOWN IN SHOCK.

SHE AND HER HUSBAND TOOK A WALK FROM THE PARK THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THEN BACK BY THE WATER TOWER. SHE SAID THEY FOUND A REALLY NEAT TRAIL THAT IS NOT USED ROAD THAT GOES OVER TO THE HIGH SCHOOL. SHE SAID SHE TALKED TO JOHN ABOUT IT AND IT IS PRETTY MUCH ALL ON TOWN PROPERTY. SHE SAID IT IS AN EXTREMELY LOW COST PATHWAY THAT COULD BECOME A RECREATIONAL PATHWAY FOR NEXT TO NOTHING AND BECAUSE THE WATER TOWER IS ALREADY THERE, THEY COULD CREATE A SMALL WATER FEATURE THAT WOULD ATTRACT MIGRATORY BIRDS AND THEY COULD HAVE BENCHES LOOKING OUT OVER THE BEAUTIFUL WASH AND PATHS COULD GO TO BENCHES. THEY COULD WALK THE PATH WITH HOMER HANSEN, THE BIRDING EXPERT. THEY ARE ALREADY KNOWN AS A BIRDING DESTINATION AND THEY COULD DO THIS WITHOUT GRANT MONEY.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO GET MORE FOCUSED ON HELPING THAT PART OF TOWN. MAYOR THURMAN SAID THE ROAD THAT SHE IS DISCUSSING IS VERY MUCH USED. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE NOTICED THERE IS NO TRASH OUT THERE. COUNCILMEMBER SMITH SAID IT ALL GETS BLOWN DOWN BEHIND THE HILL. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THEY ACTUALLY WALKED DOWN INTO THE WASH. MAYOR THURMAN SAID THERE ARE FOUR WHEELERS THAT GO BACK THERE AT ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT AND SHE DOES NOT KNOW IF THAT WOULD BE A GOOD PATH OR NOT BECAUSE OF THE TRAFFIC THAT'S ON THERE. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF SHE IS TALKING ABOUT ILLEGAL ACTIVITY. THE MAYOR SAID NO, SHE IS TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE ON FOUR WHEELERS AND DIRT BIKES. THE MAYOR SAID IF YOU DO THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO RESTRICT IT TO PEOPLE WALKING. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THEY HAVE A BIRDING TRAIL THAT THEY SHARE WITH PEOPLE WHO RIDE AND THROW TRASH EVERYWHERE AND DOESN'T KNOW WHY THEY COULDN'T DO THAT ON ANOTHER TRAIL.

VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID THAT WILL BE THE ONLY WATERING PLACE UP IN THAT AREA AND IT IS GOING TO DRAW JAVELINA. MAYOR THURMAN SAID THERE IS ALREADY JAVELINA THERE. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID IF THERE IS A FENCE, ANIMALS WON'T GET IN THERE AND THERE IS NOT A LOT OF VEHICULAR DAMAGE THERE. SHE SAID SHE CAN WAIT AND BRING

IT UP AGAIN WITH BILL PUPO, BUT IT HAS BEEN PROBABLY TWO YEARS AGO THAT SHE BROUGHT UP THE IDEA THAT THEY NEED TO FOCUS ON THE PARK AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO MAKE THEM BETTER, SAFER FOR CHILDREN, FEWER DRUG DEALS, AND BETTER FACILITIES FOR KIDS. SHE SAID SHE DOES NOT WANT TO DROP THIS, THEY HAVE A LOVELY PARK ON THE HIGHWAY WHY CAN'T THEY MAKE A LOVELY PARK UP THERE? COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE WANTS TO SEE IF ANYONE ELSE IS INTERESTED IN STARTING TO FOCUS ON THAT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SAID THERE IS STILL A LOT TO BE DONE UP THERE.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE KNOWS THAT THE MANAGER HAS A GREAT IDEA TO PUT A SPLASH PAD UP THERE AND GET RID OF THE OLD SOLAR PANELS THAT ARE THERE.

VICE-MAYOR BARLOW ASKED THE MANAGER IF THE PEOPLE THAT BROUGHT IN THE OLD MOBILE HOME HAVE GOTTEN A MOBILE HOME PERMIT. THE MANAGER SAID NO, THEY ARE NOT HOOKED UP TO WATER YET EITHER. HE IS STILL HAVING ISSUES WITH THEM, HE PICKED UP TWO DOGS TODAY AND HE WAS OUT THERE BEFORE THE MEETING TRYING TO PICK UP ANOTHER.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED IF THEY ARE PLANNING ON MOVING IN THERE. MAYOR THURMAN SAID THERE IS SOMEONE LIVING IN THERE RIGHT NOW. THE MANAGER SAID THEY MOVED THE TRAILER UP THERE IN THE DARK. HE SAID THE LADY THAT OWNS THE PROPERTY TELLS HIM THAT SHE WANTS TO GET RID OF THE MOBILE HOME AND SHE WANTS TO BUILD UP THERE. SHE CAME AND GOT BUILDING PERMITS AND INFORMATION, BUT HE HAS NOT HEARD BACK FROM HER.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SAID THERE ARE TWO VEHICLES SETTING ACROSS, SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY CAN GET RID OF THEM. THE MANAGER SAID HE TRIES TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE OWNER TO SEE IF THEY CAN PULL THEM OUT, IF THEY GET WRITTEN CONSENT THEY CAN GET RID OF THEM. HE SAID IF THEY DON'T GET BACK WITH HIM, HE CAN PUT A LETTER ON EACH VEHICLE AND PULL THEM OUT THEMSELVES.

HE SAID THE LAST TIME HE CHECKED THERE WERE TWENTY CARS THEY NEED TO GET RID OF AT BABBITT HEIGHTS. THERE WERE MORE, BUT SOME GOT REPOSSESSED WHEN THEY CLEANED UP ONE PROPERTY. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF THAT IS THE HOUSE ACROSS FROM THE PARK? THE MANAGER SAID YES. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THAT PROPERTY. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IT STILL BELONGS TO USDA AND THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO PUT IT UP FOR AUCTION, BUT HE HAS NOT HEARD ANYTHING. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF THE CLEAN UP HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE ON IT. THE MANAGER SAID YES. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID IT LOOKS A LOT BETTER. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW IF IT IS HABITABLE. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE HAS NEVER BEEN IN IT, DUSTIE WOULD BE THE ONE TO ASK.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID WHEN SHE WENT TO THE REALLY EXCELLENT GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP LAST YEAR, THE LADY WHO WAS TEACHING THE COURSE SAID SHE HAD A PERFECT CASE TO MAKE TO A FUNDER FOR THE HAS AND HAS NOTS IN OUR TOWN COMPARING THE PARK BELOW TO THE PARK ON TOP. SHE REALLY WANTS TO GET MOVING ON THIS, BUT SHE IS NOT SURE WHAT THE NEXT STEP SHOULD BE.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SAID THE FIRST STEP WAS GETTING THE AIRPLANE PAINTED AND BACK UP.



VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID THE WATER SYSTEM IS NOT FAR FROM BEING DONE. THE MANAGER SAID YES. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY STARTED ON A WATER SYSTEM. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID THAT WAS STARTED A LONG TIME AGO. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THE MANAGER HAS TALKED ABOUT A SPLASH PAD THAT WILL DRAIN INTO THE BABY POOL, IS THAT SOMETHING HE HAS TO GET A GRANT TO DO? MANAGER BASTEEN SAID YES, HE NEEDS A GRANT FOR ALL THE CONCRET WORK THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO. HE TALKED TO THE GUY THAT ENGINEERED CLIFTON'S SPLASH PAD TO COME OUT AND DO OURS. OURS WILL BE EASIER, BECAUSE THEY WON'T HAVE A SEPARATE SYSTEM. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THIS AGAIN WHEN THEY HAVE THEIR MEETING WITH BILL PUPO.

**12. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO INVITE AND/OR COMPOSE A LETTER TO THE STATE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVES TO COME AND ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ABOUT THE WATER ISSUES:**

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SUPERVISOR LUNT DID NOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THIS TODAY, BUT HE HAS BEEN BULLDOGGING THIS WATER SITUATION AT THE STATE LEVEL BECAUSE HE IS VERY CONCERNED, NOT JUST ABOUT THE FARMERS AND RANCHERS ALONG THE GILA RIVER WHO HAVE BEEN LOSING THEIR ACCESS TO WELLS THEY PERMITTED THROUGH THE STATE. WELLS THAT HAVE BEEN CAPPED, FORBIDDEN FOR USE FOR AGRICULTURE, BUT WE ALSO HAVE NO REASON TO THINK OUR DOMESTIC WELLS ARE SAFE. IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED IN LAS VEGAS WHERE THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CAME IN AND CLOSED DOWN WATER RIGHTS IN SMALL TOWNS AROUND THE CITY. IT'S BEEN ON NATIONAL NEWS AND THESE TOWNS JUST WENT DRY AND PEOPLE LOST EVERYTHING BECAUSE LAS VEGAS TOOK THEIR WATER AND IT ISN'T COMPLETELY OUT OF THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY THAT COULD HAPPEN TO US UNDER THE WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT OF 2004.

SUPERVISOR LUNT HAS REALLY BEEN ON THIS IN PHOENIX AND MADE TWO DIFFERENT ATTEMPTS WITH TWO DIFFERENT INTERMEDIARIES TO GET A MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR AND HE HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN. THE COUNCIL MIGHT REMEMBER WHEN THE GOVERNOR FLEW INTO GREENLEE COUNTY TO THE GOLF COURSE TO GIVE HIS CAMPAIGN SPEECH AND DIDN'T EVEN STAY TO LISTEN TO CITIZENS WHO WANTED TO TALK ABOUT WATER RIGHTS ISSUES.

SUPERVISOR LUNT TOLD HER SENATOR RUSTY BOWERS FROM ANOTHER DISTRICT HAS BEEN THE LEADER IN TERMS OF TRYING TO GET A VOICE FOR RURAL FARMING COMMUNITIES IN THIS PART OF THE STATE IN THE WATER DISCUSSIONS, SO FAR HE HAS NOT SUCCEEDED AND OUR SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NOT BEEN ACTIVE. SHE THINKS IT WOULD BE A GOOD TO IDEA TO ASK THEM TO COME AND ADDRESS THE COUNCIL AND TRY TO GET THEM CONCERNED ABOUT OUR WATER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION OF MUNICIPAL AND PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES IN THE FUTURE.

SHE SAID THEY COULD WRITE A LETTER WHICH WOULD PUT THEM ON THE RECORD TO THE FACT THAT THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS OR SIMPLY ASK THEM TO COME TALK TO US AND THE COUNCIL COULD BE PREPARED WITH SOME GOOD QUESTIONS.

VICE-MAYOR BARLOW ASKED IF THERE ARE TWO REPRESENTATIVES AND ONE SENATOR IN THEIR DISTRICT. HE SAID HE DOESN'T SEE ANY HARM IN INVITING THEM TO A TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OR THEY CAN SETUP A MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID IT IS A LOT OF WORK TO SET UP A MEETING, MAYBE IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE THEM COME TO A

COUNCIL MEETING. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID IF YOU GOT THE WORD OUT, THERE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH ROOM IN HERE. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THEY COULD MOVE THE MEETING TO THE CAFETERIA OR THE FAIRGROUNDS. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID THE ACCOUSTICS IN THE FAIRGROUNDS AREN'T THAT GREAT.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEND EACH OF THEM A LETTER GIVING THEM THE PROBABLE SCHEDULE OF OUR MEETINGS AND ASKING THEM TO BE AT ONE OF OUR MEETINGS AND WE INTERN WILL AGREE TO HOLD THAT MEETING IN A LARGER VENUE IF IT SEEMS LIKE THE PUBLIC ATTENDANCE IS GOING TO BE ROBUST. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA WANTED TO KNOW WHO WILL WRITE THE LETTER. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DRAFT IT FOR THE MANAGER. SHE SAID SHE KNOWS THIS LETTER IS ALWAYS BETTER IF IT IS SIGNED BY THE MAYOR, BUT SHE IS ALWAYS HAPPY TO DRAFT SOMETHING THE MANAGER CAN EDIT AND THEN PASS ON TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

**VICE-MAYOR DOUG BARLOW MADE A MOTION TO HAVE COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WRITE THE STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATOR AND INVITE THEM TO A TOWN COUNCIL MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE LETTER WILL TO BE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.** COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID IT WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE MANAGER AND HE WILL BRING IT TO THE COUNCIL AND IT WILL BE SIGNED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WILL DELIVER THE LETTER TO THE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATOR. **COUNCILMEMBER VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

- 13. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ACCEPT TOWN ATTORNEY DAVID WARD'S RESIGNATION, BUT TO HAVE HIM CONTINUE AS TOWN ATTORNEY UNTIL AN ACCEPTABLE REPLACEMENT CAN BE FOUND:** COUNCILMEMBER SMITH ASKED IF THEY WENT TO SEEK OUT A REPLACEMENT, WOULD THEY ALSO HAVE TO PUT BIDS OUT FOR THAT? MANAGER BASTEEN SAID YES, THEY WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST FOR BIDS. COUNCILMEMBER SMITH ASKED IF IT WOULD BE LIKE A JOB OPENING. THE MANAGER SAID YES.

**VICE-MAYOR DOUG BARLOW MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TOWN ATTORNEY WARD'S RESIGNATION, BUT TO HAVE HIM CONTINUE AS TOWN ATTORNEY UNTIL AN ACCEPTABLE REPLACEMENT CAN BE FOUND. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

- 14. CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:** THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 PM.

- 15. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM FOR THE NEXT MEETING:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVES IN OUR DISTRICT ON WATER ISSUES. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID ONCE WE RECEIVE THE PAYOFF FOR THE CELL TOWER, THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO VOTE ON WHAT THEY WANT TO DO WITH THE MONEY. ROBERT SHAY WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE UTILITY INCREASES ON ITEM 9 AT THE NEXT MEETING EVEN THOUGH THEY ALREADY PASSED IT.

**16. ADJOURNMENT: AT 7:10 PM, VICE-MAYOR DOUG BARLOW MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**CERTIFICATION:**

**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 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2019. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.**

**DATED THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2019.**

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**CYNTHIA NICHOLS, TOWN CLERK**