

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DUNCAN COMMON COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019; 5:00 PM  
DUNCAN TOWN HALL; 506 SE OLD WEST HIGHWAY**

**CALL TO ORDER:** MAYOR THURMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** COUNCILMEMBER MARYANN MENDOZA, VICE-MAYOR DOUG BARLOW, MAYOR ANNE THURMAN, AND TOWN MANAGER JOHN BASTEEN JR. ARE PRESENT. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON AND COUNCILMEMBER VALERIE SMITH WILL JOIN THE MEETING BY PHONE DURING THE CONSENT AGENDA. THERE IS A QUORUM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** LED BY VICE-MAYOR BARLOW.

**OPENING PRAYER:** LED BY MAYOR THURMAN.

- 1. CONSENT AGENDA:** MAYOR THURMAN ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SAID SHE HAD QUESTIONS. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED ABOUT AL SUMMER AND WHY THEY ARE PAYING HIM \$500 A MONTH. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THAT UNTIL HE GETS A GRADE II ON WASTEWATER, THEY ARE USING AL SUMMER'S GRADE II WASTEWATER CERTIFICATE. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID CLIFTON PAYS THE SAME AMOUNT. SHE ASKED THE MANAGER WHEN HE WILL GET HIS CERTIFICATE. THE MANAGER SAID HOPEFULLY AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, BECAUSE THAT IS WHEN HE IS SCHEDULED TO GO FOR TESTING. THE CLERK ASKED IF HE IS GRADE I RIGHT NOW. HE SAID YES. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED IF HE NEEDS TO BECOME A GRADE II. HE SAID YES. SHE ASKED IF THAT IS A CONTINUING EDUCATION DEAL. THE MANAGER SAID YES, IN ORDER TO KEEP YOUR CERTIFICATIONS YOU HAVE TO HAVE 30 PHE HOURS PER CERTIFICATE YOU HOLD. HE SAID YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY THREE YEARS IT IS SENT TO ADEQ. HE SAID MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup>, AND 23<sup>RD</sup> HE GOES FOR A CLASS AND THEN HE GOES THE FOLLOWING WEEK FOR THE TEST. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED WHERE HE HAS TO GO. HE SAID PHOENIX, THE TRAINING IS PUT ON BY RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION AND THE TESTS ARE HELD AT GATEWAY. SHE ASKED IF THIS HAS TO DO WITH THE WATER, THE SEWER AND THE LAB AND IF THIS ALL TIES INTO THAT. THE MANAGER SAID LAST YEAR ADEQ SAID HE NEEDED TO HAVE A GRADE II, WHEN IT WAS GRADE I BEFORE. HE SAID IF YOU TEST FOR A GRADE II AND THEN ADEQ SAYS YOU NEED A GRADE III, YOU HAVE TO WAIT A YEAR BEFORE TESTING AGAIN. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE ARE GRADE III'S IN THE AREA. THE MANAGER SAID NO, FMI WAS LOOKING FOR A GRADE II AND THEY WERE HAVING TROUBLE FINDING ONE. HE SAID AL SUMMER IS CONTRACTED OUT BY THE CITY OF SAFFORD. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SAID SHE THINKS SHE SAW THAT THEY ARE GOING TO RATIFY THE BOOM TRUCK. HE SAID YES, IT IS ON THE AGENDA.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED IF THEY PAID \$589 FOR ONE WEEDEATER FROM HOME DEPOT? HE SAID FOR ONE BRAND NEW WEEDEATER YOU ARE LOOKING AT \$199 TO \$229, SO THAT IS MULTIPLE STUFF NOT JUST ONE WEEDEATER. HE SAID HE CAN PULL UP THE INVOICE AFTER THE MEETING. SHE SAID THAT IS A VERY EXPENSIVE WEEDEATER, ALMOST \$600 FOR A WEEDEATER.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED ABOUT THE VERIZON WIRELESS CELL PHONE BILL. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE BOUGHT 10 HUM DEVICE PACKAGES WITH CELL PHONES WITH SCREEN PROTECTORS FOR THE TOWN VEHICLES. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED HOW MANY CELL PHONES DOES THE TOWN HAVE? HE SAID THEY HAVE THREE OR FOUR, THEY DON'T USE THEM ALL. SOME ARE IN STORAGE AND SOME AREN'T. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED WHAT HUM DEVICES ARE? THE MANAGER SAID THEY PLUG INTO YOUR CAR AND IT IS LIKE A GPS DEVICE. SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY ARE IN ALL THE VEHICLES. HE SAID NOT YET, THEY ARE INSTALLING THEM, HE HAS THEM ALL IN HIS OFFICE RIGHT NOW.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA WANTED TO KNOW WHY THEY NEED THEM. THE MANAGER SAID THEY HAVE HAD PROBLEMS IN THE PAST WITH EMPLOYEES JUST DRIVING AROUND OR GOING OUT OF THEIR AREA. HE SAID THEY USED TO HAVE A DIFFERENT LOCATION CALLED SPOT. IT IS JUST ANOTHER DEVICE, BUT THEY WERE NOT WORKING WELL. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID THEY HAVE HAD THESE DEVICES FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS. THE MANAGER SAID YES, IT WOULD GIVE HIM A PINPOINT OF WHERE SOMEONE WAS AT AND HOW FAST THEY ARE DRIVING.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED HOW MANY CELL PHONES WE HAVE. HE SAID THEY HAVE THREE. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA WANTED TO KNOW IF THESE WERE FLIP PHONES. HE SAID NO, THEY WERE AT ONE TIME. HE ASKED THE CLERK IF HERS WAS A FLIP PHONE. SHE SAID YES, BUT SHE IS NOT USING IT ANYMORE. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED IF THE EMPLOYEES HAVE CELL PHONES, BUT NOT FLIP PHONES. HE SAID NOT ALL EMPLOYEES HAVE CELL PHONES, THERE ARE THREE ON THE TICKET. HE SAID HE HAS A CELL PHONE AND THEN THEY HAD TWO EXTRA. HE SAID IF THEY HAD A CELL PHONE, THEY WERE PAYING TO USE IT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SAID SHE THINKS IF THE EMPLOYEES NEED CELL PHONES, THEY SHOULD BE FLIP PHONES AND ONLY USED DURING BUSINESS HOURS AND MAYBE THE COST WOULD NOT BE SO HIGH. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID THE MANAGER NEEDS ONE 24/7. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SAID THAT'S FINE, SHE IS TALKING ABOUT OTHER EMPLOYEES.

THE MANAGER SAID WE ALSO NEED TO BRING UP THAT MAYBE WE SHOULD GIVE STIPENDS TO ALL EMPLOYEES FOR THEM TO USE THEIR PERSONAL PHONES FOR WORK. HE SAID RIGHT NOW THEY HAVE EMPLOYEES THAT USE THEIR PERSONAL PHONES FOR TOWN BUSINESS. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SAID THAT IS WHY SHE IS ASKING ABOUT FLIP PHONES, WOULD THAT BE MORE ECONOMICAL. HE SAID THE REASON IT IS HIGH RIGHT NOW IS BECAUSE THEY ARE PAYING EQUIPMENT CHARGES ON THOSE HUMS. HE SAID AS SOON AS THOSE GO OFF, THE BILL WILL GO BACK TO AROUND \$200 A MONTH.

VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID HE STILL USES THE FLIP PHONE, BUT THE CHARGE FOR HIM USING IT IS THE SAME CHARGE FOR A SMART PHONE, THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THE MONEY YOU HAVE TO PAY PER MONTH FOR THE PHONE. THE MANAGER SAID A LOT OF IT HAS TO DO WITH YOUR DATA PLAN AND HOW MUCH DATA YOU USE. HE SAID HE USES IT FOR EVERYTHING INCLUDING E-MAIL. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SAID SHE WENT BACK AND SAW IN NOVEMBER THE VERIZON BILL WAS \$290, IN FEBRUARY THERE WAS TWO CELL PHONE BILLS, THEY BOTH ADDED

UP TO \$1300. SHE SAID IT IS A LOT OF COST AND THAT IS WHY SHE IS BRINGING IT UP. THE MANAGER SAID THEY CAN LOOK AT IT AND SEE HOW THEY CAN BRING THE PRICE DOWN. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW WANTED TO KNOW HOW MUCH THE HUMS COST. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IT IS LIKE ANY EQUIPMENT, YOU HAVE TO PAY ON IT UNTIL IT IS PAID OFF. HE SAID THEY ARE CHARGING \$10 FOR EACH ONE. HE SAID THEY HAVE 10 HUMS, SO THAT IS \$100 EACH MONTH, PLUS EQUIPMENT CHARGES. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW ASKED HOW MANY EMPLOYEES HAVE A TOWN CELL PHONE. THE MANAGER SAID J.T. HAS ONE, BUT I THINK HE PREFERS HIS OWN.

COUNCILMEMBER SMITH WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE IS A SPECIFIC REASON THE TOWN EMPLOYEES WOULD NEED THE SMART PHONE FOR MAPPING OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT OR E-MAILS? MANAGER BASTEEN SAID RIGHT NOW IT IS JUST HIM THAT NEEDS THE E-MAIL UNLESS THEY NEED TO SEND HIM A PICTURE. HE HASN'T HAD A FLIP PHONE FOR MANY YEARS AND HE IS NOT SURE WHAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF. HE SAID EMPLOYEES IN THE PAST PREFERRED A FLIP PHONE, BECAUSE THE SCREEN PROTECTORS CRACK A LOT ON THE SMART PHONES, EVEN IN YOUR POCKET. **COUNCILMEMBER MARYANN MENDOZA 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 SHE MET WITH KATRINA LUNT AND TONI MARTINEZ AND THEY STARTED PLANNING FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY. SHE SAID KATRINA HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB WITH OUR PROGRAM IN THE EVENING AND SHE CAME UP WITH A GREAT IDEA. SHE WANTS TO DO A PATRIOTIC HOMETOWN TALENT SHOW. SHE HAS ALREADY HAD PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT DOING IT AND THEY WILL BE GIVEN A FORM TO FILL OUT AND THEY WILL BE GIVEN UP TO FIVE MINUTES TO PERFORM. THE ACTUAL THEME FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE PATRIOTIC HOMETOWN. SHE SAID SHE IS EXCITED AND MAYBE AFTER A COUPLE MORE MEETINGS SHE WILL HAVE MORE TO REPORT.
  
4. **COUNCIL REPORTS:** MANAGER BASTEEN ASKED **COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA** IF SHE NEEDED AN UPDATE ON WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE BILL PUPO MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SAID THE PACKET SHE RECEIVED WAS AN UPDATE FROM 2018 AND SHE DID GET SOME INFO FROM COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON. SHE SAID THAT THEY ARE MEETING ON SATURDAY, JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>.  
**VICE-MAYOR BARLOW** SAID HE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.  
**COUNCILMEMBER SMITH** REPORTED THAT THEY HEARD RUMORS THAT THE JAVELINA CHASE WOULD BE LEAVING DUNCAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO MOVE TO LORDSBURG, BUT THAT IS NOT THE CASE. SHE SAID THEY WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO KEEP THIS RIDE IN DUNCAN. THEY HAVE BEEN GETTING BITES FROM BIKERS AND SHE THINKS THAT GOING FORWARD THEY WILL HAVE QUITE A RUSH OF MOUNTAIN BIKERS COMING HERE. SHE THINKS IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THEM TO FIGURE OUT WAYS OF CAMPING AND SOME SORT OF FACILITY LIKE PORTA POTTIES OR PORTA SHOWERS, ETC. SHE SAID THEY COULD HAVE THEM PAY A FEE TO REIMBURSE THEM IN COSTS AND THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME MONEY OFF OF THAT.

**COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON** REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE ACTUALLY SET THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S JAVELINA CHASE. IT IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>.

- 5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** THE MANAGER REPORTED THAT DENISE AND HER CREW HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE POOL. THE ARE REPAINTING THE SIDING AND THE DOORS AND PAINT SHOULD BE COMING IN FOR THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL. HE SAID HOPEFULLY THEY WILL HAVE THAT UP AND RUNNING WITHIN A COUPLE OF WEEKS. HE SAID BECAUSE THEY HIRE A LOT OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, THEY WAIT UNTIL HIGH SCHOOL IS OUT AND THEY ARE BACK AND THAT KICKS OFF THEIR SEASON AND THEN WHEN THEY GO BACK TO SCHOOL, THAT IS PRETTY MUCH THE END OF THE SEASON. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY HAVE ENOUGH LIFEGUARDS. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THEY HAVE SOME AND THEY HAVE BEEN CALLING THEM. SOME MORE APPLY EVERYDAY, HE THINKS THEY ARE WAITING TO SEE WHAT THEIR SUMMER SCHEDULE LOOKS LIKE. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW ASKED IF THEY HAVE FOUND A POOL MANAGER. HE SAID THEY HAVE. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED IF THE LIFEGUARDS ARE LOCAL. THE MANAGER SAID YES. HE SAID HE HAS HIRED PEOPLE IN THE PAST WHO ARE NOT LOCAL, BUT MOST OF THEM ARE LOCAL. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED IF THEY HAVE TO HAVE THEIR CERTIFICATION. HE SAID YES, CPR, FIRST AID AND WATER RESCUE. MAYOR THURMAN SAID SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT LIFEGUARD CPR IS DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR CPR. SHERMA JEAN WILL COME OUT TO TRAIN THE LIFEGUARDS. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA WANTED TO KNOW HOW MANY DAYS THE POOL WILL BE OPEN. THE MANAGER SAID AS MANY DAYS AS THE LIFEGUARDS CAN HANDLE.
- COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA WANTED TO KNOW IF IT WOULD BE ALRIGHT IF A COUNCILMEMBER DONATED TO THE CONCESSIONS. HE SAID THAT WOULD BE FINE, BUT THEY HAVE GOT AWAY FROM COOKING, BECAUSE THEN THEY NEED MORE PERMITS. HE SAID THEY HAVE JUST BEEN DOING SODAS, CHIPS AND CANDIES.
- COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED ABOUT THE MEETING THAT WAS CANCELLED. SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY ARE STILL GOING TO SPEAK WITH THE COUNCIL ABOUT VETERANS. HE SAID THAT IS UP TO THEM, THEY HAVE NOT DECIDED IF THEY ARE STILL GOING TO COME OUT. HE SAID THEY ARE WAITING ON AN E-MAIL FROM THEM. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE ORGANIZATION WAS. THE MANAGER SAID IT WAS A HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOR THE V.A. SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY WERE OUT OF SAFFORD. THE MANAGER SAID NO, THEY ARE OUT OF TUCSON. THE MANAGER SAID THEY DECIDED THEY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO COME OUT HERE, SO THEY DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL THEY HAD MORE TIME. THE MANAGER SAID THE GUY SPOKE TO ISABEL.
- COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED HOW THE JET PLANE IS COMING. HE SAID THAT BILLY SENT HIM A MESSAGE SAYING HE IS DEALING WITH THE SALVATION ARMY FOR THE PAINT, HE IS HAVING FEW ISSUES WITH A SCHOOL FUNCTION AND HELPING WITH A STAND. TODAY HE WANTED TO COME TO THE MEETING, BUT THERE IS A MOCK DEAL TOMORROW IN MORENCI AND HE IS SETTING UP FOR THAT.
- MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THEY ARE STARTING TO TAKE DOWN THE SOLAR PANELS AT THE POOL.
- MANAGER BASTEEN ASKED COUNCILMEMBER SMITH IF SHE HAD ANYTHING. SHE SAID NO, SHE DOES NOT HAVE ANYTHING RIGHT NOW.

- 6. GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** SUPERVISOR RICHARD LUNT THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR SERVICE. HE THANKED THE GREENLEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. IN 2011, THEY WERE #15 ON 15 COUNTIES ON OBESITY. AS OF NOW, THEY ARE #7. HE SAID IN OVERALL HEALTH IN THE STATE, THEY ARE SECOND ONLY TO MARICOPA COUNTY. THEY CAN THANK THE GREENLEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THAT. THEY OFFER A LOT OF HELP AND THEY HAVE A DIETICIAN NOW, SO IF THE ELDERLY NEED DIETARY ADVICE THEY CAN GO AND THE COUNTY FOOTS THE BILL FOR THAT. SHE IS A REGISTERED DIETICIAN. ALSO DIABETICS SOMETIMES NEED A DIETICIAN, SHE WILL DO THAT FOR THEM.

SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID SOMETIMES PEOPLE CRITICIZE BECAUSE HE IS OVER IN PHOENIX A LOT, BUT THIS PAST WEEK THERE WAS \$300,000 TAKEN OUT OF GREENLEE COUNTY'S BUDGET AND THEY FOUGHT AND GOT THAT BACK. HE CAN'T EMPHASIZE ENOUGH THAT YOU HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION UNTIL THEY SINE DIE, IF YOU ARE NOT ON TOP OF IT THINGS GET PULLED, JUST LIKE THE \$300.000. HE SAID THE HOUSE HAS NOT EVEN HEARD A BUDGET YET. THE SENATE AND THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET ARE MILES APART.

HE SAID HE APPRECIATES WHAT EVERYONE DOES AND WE WILL DO WHATEVER WE CAN. HE ASKED FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED IF THE DIETICIAN IS UP IN CLIFTON. HE SAID YES. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA ASKED FOR HER NAME. SUPERVISOR LUNT COULD NOT REMEMBER HER NAME. MAYOR THURMAN WANTED TO KNOW IF SHE COMES DOWN HERE. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID HE IS SURE SHE CAN. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID HE IS SURE A LOT OF PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW SHE IS AVAILABLE, JUST LIKE THE FOOT DOCTOR WHO COMES EVERY MONTH. SUPERVISOR LUNT SAID IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THEIR PHILOSOPHY THAT THEY WILL HELP TAKE CARE OF THE ELDERLY AND THAT IS PART OF THE REASON WHY THEY ARE #2 IN THE STATE. SOME OF THE YOUTH HAVE DIETARY NEEDS AND THE DIETICIAN CAN HELP THEM WITH THAT.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSONH TOLD SUPERVISOR LUNT THAT SHE IS REALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE NUMBERS FOR THE COUNTY. SHE WAS AWARE OF THE COUNTY BEING THE WORST IN THE STATE, BUT WHAT A CHANGE. SHE SAID SHE WILL WRITE A FACEBOOK THANK YOU TO THEM.

COUNCILMEMBER SMITH SAID SHE WANTED TO EXPRESS HER ACCOLADES FOR GETTING THE \$300,000 BACK AND ALSO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

- 7. GREENLEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT:** CHIEF DEPUTY ERIC ELLISON STANDING IN FOR SHERIFF SUMNER REPORTED THAT THE DRUGS ARE COMING OFF THE STREETS AND IT IS COMING OFF THICK. THEY HAVE PAID EXTRA ATTENTION TO DRUG TRAINING AND DRUG RECOGNITION AND THE SIGNS. HE SAID THE BIG THING THEY ARE ENCOUNTERING IS THE CARTEL THAT IS PASSING THROUGH OUR COUNTY. HE SAID LAST YEAR THEY GOT 102 POUNDS OF COCAINE, THIS YEAR ONE OF THEIR DEPUTIES GOT ALMOST 3 POUNDS OF HEROIN. TWO DAYS BEFORE THE HEROIN ARREST, THEY GOT 76 GRAMS OF METH, THEY ALSO SEARCH A HOUSE THAT HAD QUITE A BIT OF HEROIN AND METH. THAT IS ALL WITHIN TWO AND A HALF WEEKS.

VICE-MAYOR BARLOW ASKED IF THEY GET MUCH FENTANOL. THE CHIEF DEPUTY SAID HE CAN'T SAY FOR SURE IT WAS FENTANOL, BUT THEY GOT A HALF OUNCE TO AN OUNCE OF WHAT LOOKED LIKE FENTANOL. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID HE HEARS THAT IS ONE OF THE MOST

DANGEROUS THINGS YOU CAN GET HOLD OF. CHIEF DEPUTY SAID IT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND NOW THEY HAVE A BLUE OR PINK POWDER COMING OVER THE BORDER. THEY NORMALLY CUT THE FENTANOL WITH THE HEROIN TO MAKE IT MUCH STRONGER AND THAT IS WHERE THE OVERDOSES COME FROM.

THEY HAVE BUMPED UP PATROLS AND THEY ARE VIGILANT IN HAVING THE DEPUTIES PATROL NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE COMMUNITY. THEY HAVE SUPERVISORS WHO ARE REALLY SUPERVISING THEIR MEN.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A LETTER FROM SHERIFF SUMNER TO REQUEST DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COVERAGE FOR GREENLEE COUNTY:** CHIEF DEPUTY ELLISON SAID THEY HAVE NOT HAD A DPS OFFICER ASSIGNED TO GREENLEE COUNTY SINCE HE AND THE SHERIFF HAVE BEEN THERE. HE SAID HE ACTUALLY CAME FROM DPS. HE SAID GREENLEE COUNTY IS ALLOTTED TWO OFFICERS AND THEY ALL PAY THEIR HURF TAX AND THE EXTRA \$32 PER REGISTRATION PER VEHICLE. THESE ARE FUNDS WE ALL PAY AS TAXPAYERS, BUT THEY ARE NOT GETTING THE SERVICES THAT THEY ARE PAYING FOR. WITH THE DRUG TRADE THAT THEY HAVE PROVED IS ON OUR HIGHWAYS AND COMING THROUGH OUR COUNTY, WE COULD USE THAT EXTRA HELP THAT WE ARE PAYING FOR. THEY HAVE HAD THREE FATALITY COLLISIONS WITHIN A MONTH AND A HALF. HE SAID THE COLLISION RATE HAS GONE OUT THE ROOF. HE SAID THEY HAVE HAD SEVERAL SERIOUS COLLISIONS THAT THE DEPUTIES ARE TAKING. THE ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL FOR DPS RIGHT NOW IS 45 MINUTES TO 2 HOURS.

HE DOESN'T WANT TO SOUND LIKE HE IS BEING NEGATIVE TO DPS, THEY HAVE AN OUTSTANDING SERGEANT AND FOUR OUTSTANDING OFFICERS. HE SAID THE CAPTAIN IS REALLY GOOD, BUT THIS IS BEYOND THEM. THAT IS WHY THEY ARE WRITING THE LETTER ADDRESSED TO COLONEL MILSTEAD. THEY ARE ASKING THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO HAVE MAYOR THURMAN SIGN THE LETTER. CLIFTON SIGNED IT AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALL SIGNED IT AND DECIDED TO DRAFT THEIR OWN LETTER AS WELL AND THE TOWN OF DUNCAN COULD DRAFT THEIR OWN LETTER IF THEY DECIDED AS WELL.

MAYOR THURMAN SAID SHE READ THE LETTER AND SHE IS GLAD HE CAME AND SPOKE ABOUT IT AND WE DO PAY OUR HURF FUNDS AND TAXES AND THEY SHOULD GET THE COVERAGE THEY NEED. SHE SAID SHE FEELS LIKE IT IS SOMETHING THEY SHOULD SUPPORT. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW AGREED 100 PERCENT; HE THINKS IT IS WAY PAST DUE. COUNCILMEMBER SMITH AGREED; THEY PAY FOR THE SERVICES THEY SHOULD GET SOMETHING. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE AGREES 100 PERCENT. **MAYOR ANNE THURMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LETTER FROM SHERIFF SUMNER TO REQUEST DPS COVERAGE FOR GREENLEE COUNTY. COUNCILMEMBER MARYANN MENDOZA SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA HAD A QUESTION ABOUT WHERE THE DRUGS ARE COMING FROM. THE CHIEF DEPUTY SAID THEY ARE COMING ON THE HIGHWAYS. MOST DRUGS COME FROM DOUGLAS TO RODEO AND UP I10 AND TRY TO GET TO SAFFORD OR THEY WILL COME THROUGH LORDSBURG. HE SAID THE TRUCK HUB IS SILVER CITY AND FROM THERE IT GETS BROKEN UP INTO PIECES AND GOES BACK EAST.

WE ARE A SMALL COMMUNITY AND WE DON'T HAVE THE MAN POWER AND THEY KNOW THESE HIGHWAYS ARE NOT HEAVILY PATROLLED. HE SAID HE HAS DEA INVOLVED IN THIS AND



BORDER PATROL INVOLVED IN THIS AND HE HAS PUSHED ALL THE INTEL OUT TO OTHER AGENCIES SO THEY CAN TRY TO CATCH IT BEFORE IT GETS HERE.

HE SAID WHEN HE FIRST STARTED 23 YEARS AGO, THEY USED TO MAKE BIG BALES AND THREW IT IN THE TRUNK OF A CAR AND THE TRUNK WOULD OPEN AND CLOSE AND YOU COULD SEE IT IN THERE. HE SAID THAT IS NOT THE CASE ANYMORE, NOW IT IS ALL HIDDEN COMPARTMENTS LIKE THE TIRES AND THE GAS TANK, SO IT IS MUCH TRICKIER.

VICE-MAYOR BARLOW ASKED IF A LOT OF IT COMES UP THROUGH THE BOOT HILL OF NEW MEXICO, BY DOUGLAS. CHIEF DEPUTY ELLISON SAID THAT IS WHERE MOST OF IT COMES. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID HE HEARD THERE IS NOT A FENCE DOWN THERE. CHIEF DEPUTY SAID IT COMES RIGHT THROUGH A CHECK POINT.

HE SAID THEY GET A SMALL AMOUNT OF DOPE AND SEND IT THROUGH THE CHECK POINT AND ALL THE OFFICERS ARE BUSY CHECKING ON THAT AND THIRTY MORE GO BY. LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS RULES THEY HAVE TO FOLLOW AND THEY CANNOT VIOLATE ANYBODY'S RIGHTS AND THE DRUG DEALERS DON'T HAVE RULES AND THAT IS THE TRICKY PART.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SAID HE TALKED ABOUT SOME FATALITIES AND THERE HAS BEEN THREE OR FOUR ACCIDENTS AT THE THREE-WAY AND SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF HE HAS HEARD ANY TALK ABOUT PUTTING UP A STOPLIGHT OR MAKING A FOUR WAY STOP? VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID PLEASE DON'T SAY A ROUND ABOUT. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THAT WOULD BE ADOT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SAID SHE KNOWS IT WOULD BE ADOT, BUT SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY HAVE HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THEM WANTING TO FIX THAT. HE SAID ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO ADOT TALKED ABOUT IT, BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN SPOKEN ABOUT SINCE. HE SAID THEY WERE GOING TO MAKE 191 A CONTINUOUS ROAD AND THE OTHERS WOULD HAVE TO STOP.

COUNCILMEMBER SMITH SAID SHE IS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE GOVERNOR DECIDED TO VETO THE HANDS FREE BILL.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE THINKS THEY SHOULD ADDRESS IT AT THEIR NEXT MEETING AND WRITE A LETTER OF THEIR OWN TO THE STATE.

9. **UPDATE ON FIRE ANNEXATION:** VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID HE THINKS IT IS GOING GREAT. HE SAID HE HAS HAD 24 SIGNERS RIGHT NOW AND HE HAS NOT HAD A NO YET. THEY HAVE TO GET 189. MAYOR THURMAN SAID THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL PEOPLE OUT GETTING SIGNATURES. SHE SAID THEY ARE HAVING A MEETING ON SATURDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID HE HAD VALADEE CROTTS CALL HIM AT HOME AND HAD HIM COME DOWN TO HAVE A LADY SIGN A PETITION. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID IT IS GOING WELL AND SHE THINKS THEY HAVE REASON TO BE OPTOMISTIC. SHE SAID SHE IS WORKING ON NON-RESIDENT OWNERS GETTING LETTERS OUT TO THEM WITH STAMPED ENVELOPES READY FOR THEM TO RETURN. SHE THINKS THERE IS A VERY GOOD CHANCE, WE WILL SEE. COUNCILMEMBER SMITH SAID SHE STILL HAS TO REMIND VICE-MAYOR BARLOW TO FILL OUT HIS PETITION.

10. **RATIFY PURCHASE OF WELL DRILLING TRUCK TO PULL PUMPS OUT:** MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THEY HAD SOME ISSUES AT HUNTER ESTATES WHERE TWO WELLS WENT OUT. HE SAID HE CONTACTED SOME GUYS WHO PULL WELLS IN THIS AREA AND THE ONLY ONE AVAILABLE WAS IN WILLCOX THAT DAY AND EVERYONE WAS OUT OF WATER, SO HE AND J.T. HAD TALKED

ABOUT PURCHASING THIS TRUCK SO THEY CAN PULL THEIR OWN WELLS. HE SAID WITH NO ONE AVAILABLE HE WENT AHEAD AND BOUGHT THIS TRUCK AND THEY HAVE PULLED THEIR OWN WELL WITH IT. HE SAID THE BILLS HAVE BEEN AROUND ABOUT \$1500 EVERY TIME THEY HAVE HAD TO CALL HIM OUT TO PULL A WELL AND THEY HAVE HAD TO CALL HIM TWICE IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS. HE SAID THIS TRUCK WILL SAVE US TIME AND MONEY INSTEAD OF HIRING OUT. COUNCILMEMBER SMITH SAID SHE LIVES OUT THERE AND SHE APPRECIATES THAT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THAT IS FINE. **VICE-MAYOR DOUG BARLOW MADE A MOTION TO RATIFY THE PURCHASE OF A WELL DRILLING TRUCK TO PULL PUMPS OUT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**11. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVES ON WATER ISSUES:** MAYOR THURMAN READ THE LETTER TO THE PUBLIC. MAYOR THURMAN TOLD COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON THAT THEY HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM TOM O'HALLERAN'S OFFICE AT THE MEETING TODAY. SHE SAID THEY HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT POSSIBLY HAVING A MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>. MAYOR THURMAN SAID IT WOULD PROBABLY BE WISE TO REVISE THIS LETTER AND INVITE THEM FOR MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>. VICE-MAYOR BARLOW SAID AS BUSY AS MAY IS IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO COMBINE THEM. TOM O'HALLERAN'S REPRESENTATIVE ASKED IF HE CAN GET BACK WITH THE MAYOR TOMORROW. **COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO WAIT TO HEAR FROM TOM O'HALLERAN'S REPRESENTATIVE TOMORROW AND THEN REVISE THE LETTER OR NOT ACCORDINGLY. VICE-MAYOR DOUG BARLOW SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF IGA BETWEEN THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND THE TOWN OF DUNCAN:** **VICE-MAYOR DOUG BARLOW MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE IGA BETWEEN THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND THE TOWN OF DUNCAN. COUNCILMEMBER MARYANN MENDOZA SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RENTAL OF TOWN EQUIPMENT:**

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON GMC SIERRA PICKUP:**

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO FIND NEW TOWN ATTORNEY:**

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO TAKE TOWN CLERK OFF THE ELAN CREDIT CARD:**

**COUNCILMEMBER MARYANN MENDOZA MADE A MOTION TO TABLE ITEM 13 DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RENTAL OF TOWN EQUIPMENT, ITEM 14 DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON GMC SIERRA PICKUP, ITEM 15 DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO FIND NEW TOWN ATTORNEY, AND ITEM 16 DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO TAKE TOWN CLERK OFF THE ELAN CREDIT CARD. VICE-MAYOR DOUG BARLOW SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

MANAGER BASTEEN ASKED IF THERE IS ANY INFO THAT COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA NEEDS THAT THEY CAN HAVE READY? COUNCILMEMBER MENDOZA SAID HE COULD HAVE SOME INFORMATION AVAILABLE ABOUT ATTORNEYS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE.



**17. CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:** THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 PM.

**18. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:** ITEM 13, 14, 15 AND 16. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE WILL DRAFT A LETTER ASKING FOR A DPS OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED TO GREENLEE COUNTY.

**19. ADJOURNMENT:** AT 6:10 PM, VICE-MAYOR DOUG BARLOW MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILMEMBER MARYANN MENDOZA 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 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2019. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

DATED THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2019.

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CYNTHIA NICHOLS, TOWN CLERK