

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DUNCAN COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021; 5:00 PM
DUNCAN TOWN HALL; 506 SE OLD WEST HIGHWAY**

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

ROLL CALL: COUNCILMEMBER ALEX BLAKE, COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON, COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE, VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH, MAYOR ANNE THURMAN, AND TOWN MANAGER JOHN BASTEEN JR. ARE PRESENT. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

PLEDGE: LED BY COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE.

PRAYER: LED BY MAYOR THURMAN.

- 1. CONSENT AGENDA:** COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED WHAT THE SEWER TRAINING CHARGE ON CARDMEMBER SERVICES WAS. SHE THOUGHT THERE WAS JUST TRAVEL EXPENSES AND THE CLASS WAS FREE. THE MANAGER SAID THEY HAD TO PAY FOR TESTING. SHE ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE ELECTRIC AND GAS CHARGE AT THE NUTRITION CENTER, SHE THOUGHT NO ONE WAS USING THAT BUILDING. THE MANAGER SAID THAT KIM LUNT STILL HOLDS EXERCISE CLASSES THERE.

SHE ALSO ASKED WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE I.T. CONSULTANT? SHE HAS NOT SEEN ANY CHARGES FROM HIM IN A FEW MONTHS. THE MANAGER SAID HE ONLY CHARGES US WHEN HE HAS TO DO SOMETHING. HE SAID HE WILL BE CHANGING THEIR BACKUP BECAUSE THE LICENSE WAS GOING TO EXPIRE. SHE ASKED IF HE IS CHARGING A FLAT FEE OR BY THE HOUR? THE MANAGER SAID HE THINKS IT IS BY THE HOUR. SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF HE IS CAPABLE OF EVALUATING VOICE TRANSCRIPTION SOFTWARE? THE MANAGER SAID HE CAN ASK HIM.

COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE ASKED IF THERE WAS A GLICH IN THE INVOICE SYSTEM? HE SAID UNDER QUITE A FEW THERE WERE INPUTS AND REVERSALS AND PUT BACK INS. THE CLERK SAID THEY HAD TURNED IN SOME BATTERY CORES. HE SAID ONE CHECK HAD A CHECK NUMBER OF ZERO AND THEN THE OTHER ONE HAD A CHECK NUMBER. HE SAID TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE LINE ITEMS ARE CORRECT.

COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER ALEX BLAKE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

- 2. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** THE MAYOR HAD PASSED OUT COPIES OF TWO LETTERS FROM SOMEONE WHO COULD NOT BE HERE.

JOAN JOHNS SAID THEY PLANTED 15 LANTANAS LAST YEAR ALONG THE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR WALKWAY AND THEY WERE DOING QUITE WELL. SHE SAID THEY HAVE BEEN REDOING THE DRIP WATER SYSTEM THERE AND THEY HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR BARRIERS SO PEOPLE CAN'T DRIVE THROUGH THERE. THEY KEEP BREAKING WATERLINES THAT ARE BEING FIXED, COULD BE FOURWHEELERS. SHE SAID SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHO DID THE POISONING OF WEEDS ALONG THAT WALKWAY, BUT THEY DESTROYED EVERYONE OF THEIR LANTANAS. SHE SAID THEY NEED HELP, IF SOMEONE COULD PUT UP SOME BARRIERS ON THE BACKSIDE OF THEIR PLANTS, THEY

WOULD LIKE SOME SUPPORT WITH THAT. THE MANAGER SAID HE WILL SEE WHAT THEY CAN DO, HE WILL HAVE TO GET WITH ADOT.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT: MAYOR THURMAN HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

4. COUNCIL REPORTS: VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID THAT SHE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT GREENLEE COUNTY'S LIBRARY PROGRAM THAT THEY HAVE FOR MENTAL HEALTH. SHE SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO ADD THIS TO THE WEBSITE. IT IS CALLED THE BRAIN SUPPORT BRIGADE. THIS WAS JUST SENT TO HER LAST NIGHT. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID IT HAS BEEN REPOSTED ON FACEBOOK. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THAT THE KIDS HAVE A PLACE TO GO IF THEY ARE IN A SPACE THAT THEY CANNOT GET OUT OF THEMSELVES. SPRING BREAK STARTS TODAY.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID SHE LEARNED A LOT FROM THE WORKSHOP THEY HAD AND SHE IS READY TO LEARN MORE.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE HAS BEEN PARTICIPATING IN A GROUP THAT HAS NOW OFFICIALLY NAMED ITSELF THE EASTERN ARIZONA TRAILS COLLABORATIVE. IT IS FACILITATED BY SOUTHWEST DECISIONS RESOURCES INC. SHE IS REALLY IMPRESSED WITH THEM AND RIGHT BEFORE COVID-19 HIT THEY WENT AROUND AND INTERVIEWED PEOPLE THROUGHOUT SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA, MOSTLY IN STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY OFFICES, BUT ALSO AROUND TOWNS WHEREVER THEY KNEW THERE WAS A POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPING TRAILS. THEY CAME TO MEET WITH HER THEN AND SHE HAS BEEN ATTENDING THEIR ZOOM CONFERENCES SINCE. SHE SAID WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THEM IS THAT THE BIRDING TRAIL AND THE OTHER BIRDING HOTSPOTS THEY HAVE AROUND TOWN ARE VERY MUCH PART OF THE PICTURE. THEY ARE THE ONLY GROUP WAYING IN FROM THIS PART OF THE STATE. LATER THEY WILL BRING IN GILA WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP AND EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON WITH THE LINEAR PARK ON THE GILA RIVER IN SAFFORD, BUT RIGHT NOW IT IS JUST US ON THE GROUND FLOOR. SHE SAID IT IS IN THE FORMING STAGE, BUT VERY SERIOUS AND ALL THE RIGHT PEOPLE ARE AT THE TABLE AND IT REALLY COULD MEAN SOMETHING FOR THEM BEING A PART OF IT.

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: THE MANAGER REPORTED THAT THERE WAS AN OLD SEWER LINE THAT WAS OPEN IN THE EMPTY LOT BEHIND THE LAUNDRYMAT AND ROOTS GOT IN THERE AND PLUGGED UP THE LINE. THEY FIXED THAT TODAY. HE SAID A CONNECTION WITH A HOUSE ALSO HAD ROOTS IN IT. HE SAID THE PROBLEM SPANNED ABOUT 100 FEET.

HE GAVE A ZOOM LINK TO ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS THAT WAS INTERESTED SO HE CAN LISTEN IN. HE HEARD FROM ANOTHER ONE THAT WAS INTERESTED. ANOTHER TWO DECLINED. THEY ARE FROM THE SAME LAW FIRM THAT THEY ASK PREVIOUSLY.

THEY HAVE TWO MOTORS FOR THE POOL. THEY ARE BOTH BRAND NEW. THEY WILL HAVE TO HAVE AN ELECTRICIAN COME IN AND MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS OKAY IN THE PUMP ROOM. THEY WILL NEED TO PAINT THE DECK AND THE POOL ROOM, WHICH THEY DO EVERY YEAR.

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE WOULD APPRECIATE IF HE COULD SHOW THEM IN THEIR MONTHLY FINANCIALS WHAT THEIR INCOME IS ON EQUIPMENT RENTALS. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT ALSO. HE SAID HE JUST SAW WHERE HE HAD TO BUY TWO NEW TIRES FOR THE LOADER. HE SAID WEAR AND TEAR ON THAT EQUIPMENT IS NOT CHEAP. \$50 AN HOUR IS VERY GENEROUS. THE MANAGER SAID THE TIRES WERE USED.

COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE ASKED IF THE ROOF ON THE REPORT WAS THE ROOF FOR THE POOL HALL? THE MANAGER SAID A GENTLEMAN FROM AZTEC ROOFING CAME OUT TODAY AND HE WILL GIVE AN ESTIMATE. TOWN AND COUNTRY WILL ALSO GIVE HIM A BID. HE WILL MEET WITH ANOTHER COMPANY NEXT WEEK AND HE HAS NOT HEARD BACK FROM THE OTHER ONE.

COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE ASKED ABOUT THE BROTHERS AT THE BAKERY. THE MANAGER SAID THEY ARE STABLE AT THIS TIME. THEY ARE NOT READY TO EXPAND YET. HE SAID THEY ARE STILL PLANNING TO RENT THE UPSTAIRS. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT NEED TO BE FIXED UPSTAIRS AND THEN THAT WILL BE READY TO RENT? MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IT NEEDS FLOORING AND THEY NEED TO CONNECT A SHOWER AND LOOK AT THE OLD OUTLETS IN IT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF HE SAID THERE WAS A HALF WALL. HE SAID WHEN YOU WALK IN YOU SEE THE BATHTUB.

6. REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS:

- **DUNCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY:** COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON REPORTED THAT THEY ARE PLANNING TO DO A BIKE RODEO IN APRIL WITH THE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. THE MANAGER ASKED IF SHE HAD ANY LUCK WITH THE TITLE? HE SAID ALL THEY CAN FIND IS THE TRANSFER OF THE LAND, BUT NOTHING WAS DONE ABOUT THE BUILDING ITSELF. ASHLEE SAID APPARENTLY THERE WAS NEVER A DEED TO THE BUILDING, SO JACKIE HALE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON THAT.
- **GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** SUPERVISOR LUNT ANNOUNCED THAT 33% OF THE COUNTY HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE COVID-19 VACCINATION AND QUITE A FEW HAVE RECEIVED BOTH. GREENLEE COUNTY IS NOW OPEN FOR AGES 18 AND ABOVE AND TO SCHEDULE CONTACT GREENLEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE GIVING VACCINATIONS AT THE SOUTH ANNEX AND AT GILA HEALTH RESOURCES. AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE THEY HAVE TWO MORE WEEKS TO HEAR BILLS FROM THE OPPOSITE CHAMBER. THEY HAVE HEARD NOTHING ON THE BUDGET YET. HE SAID THE MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT PULLED THEIR SERVICES FROM THREEWAY DUE TO COVID-19. THE COUNTY AND MR. BASTEEN GOT IN TOUCH WITH ERIC FORSGREN WHO IS OVER DMV WITH THE STATE AND THEY TOLD HIM THAT WAS UNACCEPTABLE. THEY WENT OVER TO TUCSON AND THEY SHOWED THEM SOME OPTIONS THEY HAVE. THEY'LL HAVE A SCANNER AND A PRINTER AND A WAY THAT YOU CAN PAY AND THERE WILL BE INTERACTION WITH A PERSON NOT A COMPUTER AND THERE WILL BE SOMEONE THERE TO HELP YOU. THEY WILL BE ONE OF THE FIRST RURAL COUNTIES TO GET ONE. THE MANAGER SAID THIS WILL BE OPEN FIVE DAYS A WEEK AND THEY ARE TRYING TO GET ONE FOR CLIFTON IN THE COURTHOUSE AND ONE FOR DUNCAN AT THE SOUTH ANNEX BUILDING.

- 7. PRESENTATION BY MID-STATE ENERGY/VEREGY:** DICK WILLIAMS THE GOVERNMENT MARKET LEADER FROM MID-STATE ENERGY/VEREGY GAVE A PRESENTATION ABOUT THEIR COMPANY TRYING TO FIND MONEY TO BUY THINGS FOR THE TOWN THROUGH WIFA. HIS COLLEAGUES BILL PUPO AND EDWARD FARRELL WERE ALSO PRESENT. THEY WORK WITH A TEAM OF ENGINEERS WHO WILL IDENTIFY WHAT ASSETS THAT THE TOWN HAS THAT THEY COULD USE TO PROACTIVELY FIND WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY AND TO DEAL WITH AGING INFRASTRUCTURE. THEY FINANCE THE PROJECT FOR THE TOWN AND GUARANTEE THAT THE OPERATIONAL SAVING PAYS FOR ITSELF

EACH YEAR TO FUND THEIR PROGRAM. THEY OWN THE RISK, THAT WAY IF THE TOWN DOES NOT RECEIVE THE SAVINGS THAT THEY ARE GUARANTEEING, THEY REFUND THOSE SAVINGS BACK TO THE TOWN EACH YEAR, SO IT IS A NO RISK SITUATION FOR THE TOWN. THEY ARE ASKING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THEIR ACTION PLAN TONIGHT ALSO KNOWN AS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. THAT ALLOWS THEM TO ASSIGN AN ENGINEER TO COME OUT AND DO A FEASIBILITY STUDY. THEY WILL INSTALL INTELLIGENCE DATA GATHERING DEVICES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND IT WILL LEARN AND DISCOVER HOW THEIR EXISTING SYSTEMS ARE OPERATING AND THEY WILL COMPARE BY CHANGING IT OUT TO A NEW ENERGY EFFICIENT DESIGN AND THEY CAN SEE HOW MUCH ENERGY SAVINGS THAT WILL CREATE. THEY WILL THEN WORK WITH WIFA AND A LOT OF OTHER GRANT SOURCES AND THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TELL THEM HOW MUCH MONEY THEY WERE ABLE TO FIND FOR THE TOWN AND THEN THEY WOULD ASK TO GET AUTHORIZATION TO GO THROUGH THE DESIGN AND BIDDING PROCESS WHERE THEY WOULD ACTUALLY BID ALL THE STUFF OUT AND BRING IT BACK IN A CONTRACT AND THEN IN ANOTHER MEETING LATER ON TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT AT THAT TIME. THEY DON'T KNOW IF THE TOWN WOULD HAVE TO DO A FINANCING AGREEMENT, IT DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH MONEY THEY CAN COME UP WITH. HE SAID THAT WAY THE TOWN CAN BE PROACTIVE WITH THEIR ASSETS RATHER THAN REACTIVE WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO FAIL AND THEN FIGURING OUT WHERE THEY WILL COME UP WITH THE MONEY. THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR THE STUDY. THEY TOOK QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL. THEY SAID THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR EFFLUENT OUT OF THE LAGOONS FOR CREDITS YOU CAN GET BACK. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE WOULD LOVE TO THROW IN HABITAT, NATURE, TOURISM AND WILDLIFE OBSERVING ON THE EFFLUENT QUESTION BECAUSE OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE DONE WELL WITH THAT. **COUNCILMEMBER ALEX BLAKE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE M.O.U. (MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING) BETWEEN MIDSTATE ENERGY AND THE TOWN OF DUNCAN TO START THE FEASABILITY STUDY. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

8. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR A PART TIME CLERK: COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO MOVE ITEM 8 TO FOLLOW ITEM 16 ON THE AGENDA. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

9. **CONSIDERATION OF WHAT TO DO WITH THE PLANE:** THE MANAGER SAID HE HAS TO TURN IN PAPERWORK TO THE AIRFORCE BY THE END OF THIS MONTH AND TAKE PICTURES. HE SAID HE RECONTACTED THE ENGINEERS AND THEY HAD NOT COME OUT TO LOOK AT IT. THE AIRFORCE WANTS HIM TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE PLANE AND PUT THEM ON A CD AND SIGN THE PAPERWORK AND SUPPLY PROOF OF INSURANCE. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE APPROVAL THE COUNCIL GAVE HIM TO MAKE A CONTRACT WITH SOMEONE TO WORK ON THE PEDESTAL? THE MANAGER SAID NO ONE WANTS TO TOUCH THE PEDESTAL, SO THEY HAVE AN ENGINEER WHO WILL COME AND LOOK AT IT AND SEE IF THEY CAN ENGINEER SOMETHING TO GO OVER THE TOP AND SEE IF THEY CAN PUT IT BACK UP. HE SAID HE HAS'NT HEARD BACK FROM THEM. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID HE GOT UNDER AND LOOKED AT THE PLATE THAT IS ATTACHED THAT GOES ON THE PEDESTAL. THERE IS A PORTION OF THE PLANE THAT WAS CUT WHEN THEY

CUT OFF THE BOLTS AND DAMAGED PART OF THE FRAME. IT MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE TO TRY TO PUT IT BACK UP.

HE SAID HE CONTACTED ON HIS OWN A COUPLE OF THE AIR MUSEUMS IN THE AREA. PIMA AIR MUSEUM IS NOT INTERESTED. A MUSEUM UP BY ALBUQUERQUE IS NOT INTERESTED. THE WARDS EAGLE AIR MUSEUM IN SANTA TERESA JUST NORTH OF EL PASO MAY BE INTERESTED. THEY ARE IN THE BUSINESS OF RESTORING THEM, NOT JUST DISPLAYING THEM. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THE COCKPIT IS STILL INTACT. THERE IS NO ENGINE AND NO LANDING GEAR. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW IF THE AIR FORCE WILL TAKE IT BACK. THE MANAGER SAID HE CAN SPEAK WITH THE AIR FORCE AGAIN. HE SAID THEY ACTUALLY SUGGESTED GIVING IT TO SOMEONE ELSE.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THEY DO WITH IT IF THEY CAN'T GET IT BACK ON THE PEDESTAL AND THEY CAN'T GET RID OF IT? THE MANAGER SAID IT GOES BACK TO THE AIRFORCE. COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY WOULD PICK IT UP. THE MANAGER SAID MOST LIKELY AT THE TOWN'S EXPENSE.

MAYOR ANNE THURMAN MADE A MOTION FOR THE TOWN MANAGER TO CONTACT THE TWO INDIVIDUALS REGARDING PLACEMENT OF THE PLANE AS WELL AS CONTACTING THE ENGINEER TO FIND OUT WHAT THE COST WOULD BE FOR REPAIRS AND THAT INCLUDES THE PEDESTAL, ETC. COUNCILMEMBER ALEX BLAKE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

10. CONSIDERATION OF HOW TO COMPOSE THE MINUTES AND KEEP RECORDINGS:

COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON HAD A HANDOUT FROM THE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES GOVERNING WHAT THEIR OBLIGATIONS ARE IN TERMS OF POSTING MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS. SECTION E DOES NOT APPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE FEWER THAN 2,500 PEOPLE. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW IF SHE IS SUPPOSED TO POST ALL OF THE ADDENDUM ON THE WEBSITE. THE COUNCIL SAID THEY DID NOT THINK SO. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE THINKS THAT IS SOMETHING THE PUBLIC WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST. **VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH MADE A MOTION TO DROP THE VERBATUM WRITTEN MINUTES AND KEEP THE RECORDINGS FOR A FULL THREE MONTHS AFTER THE EVENT IN QUESTION ON AN EXTERNAL DRIVE OR SOME OTHER CLOUD SHARING DEVICE FROM THIS POINT GOING FORWARD. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

11. CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER TO RAISE FEES ON WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE:

SOME COUNCILMEMBERS THOUGHT THAT THIS ITEM SHOULD BE POSTPONED AFTER SIGNING THE M.O.U. WITH MID-STATE ENERGY. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID THEY REQUIRE THEM TO DO A RATE INCREASE. THE MANAGER SAID THEY ARE ALREADY BEHIND. THE MANAGER GAVE THE COUNCIL SOME HANDOUTS SHOWING WHERE OTHER COMMUNITIES ARE ON THEIR RATES AND DISCUSSED THEM. THE VICE-MAYOR SAID IF THEY TAKE A LITTLE STEP FORWARD NOW, THEN IN JUNE THEY WILL KNOW MORE ABOUT WHERE THEY NEED TO BE. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID THEY MAY HAVE TO DO THESE RATE HIKES IN INCREMENTS AND THEY MAY HAVE TO DO MULTIPLES BASED ON WHAT WIFA SAYS. **COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE RATES IN THE FOLLOWING WAY: THAT WATER BE RAISED TO \$30 FOR THE FIRST 2,000 GALLONS, \$4.00 FOR EVERY 1,000 GALLONS THEREAFTER, SEWER BE RAISED TO \$35 AND REFUSE BE RAISED TO \$21 WITH A SENIOR RATE OF \$18.50 IN ADDITION THAT WATER SYSTEM CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN LIMITS BE CHARGED A RATE OF \$36 FOR THE FIRST**

2,000 GALLONS AND \$4.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 1,000 GALLONS. COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

12. CONSIDERATION TO RAISE RENTAL CHARGES ON ALL COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS: THE MANAGER SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE COUNCIL INTO THE BUILDINGS BEFORE THEY DECIDE WHAT TO CHARGE FOR THE RENT ON THE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT THE OUTPOST, THE OLD POOL HALL NEXT TO THE BAKERY, THE UPSTAIRS OF THE BAKERY, AND NEXT TO THE TOWN HALL. **COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO TABLE AND MAYBE THE MANAGER COULD SUGGEST A DATE THAT MOST OF THE COUNCIL COULD MAKE AND THOSE WHO CAN'T COULD CHECKOUT THE KEYS. COUNCILMEMBER ALEX BLAKE SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

13. CONSIDERATION TO CREATE A NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR OPERATOR AND EQUIPMENT: THE MANAGER GAVE THE COUNCIL A HANDOUT. HE SAID RIGHT NOW THE FEE IS \$50 PER HOUR WITH AN OPERATOR. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON ASKED IF THAT IS SUPPOSED TO COVER HIS TIME PLUS THE EQUIPMENT. HE SAID THIS IS MAINLY TO HELP OUT THE CITIZENS. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE THINKS THEY NEED TO MONITOR THAT. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID ONE THING THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE IS THEY LET PEOPLE PAY WITH CASH AND THERE IS NO WAY TO SAY YOU WERE SHORT ON GAS. HE SAID THEY NEED TO WRITE SOMETHING UP SAYING THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FUEL. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID INVOICING SHOULD SURFICE.

THE MANAGER SAID THEY BASICALLY JUST RENT OUT THE BACKHOE. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID HE IS WORRIED ABOUT DAMAGE TO THE EQUIPMENT. HE SAID HE IS THINKING THE FEE SHOULD BE \$65 PER HOUR PLUS THE EMPLOYEE'S COSTS AND THE RENTER SHOULD PAY FOR FUEL. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID HER IDEA IS \$80 PER HOUR PLUS THE PRICE OF FUEL. VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL THE FEES ON A FEE SCHEDULE SO THEY CAN KEEP TRACK OF HOW TO INVOICE AND SEE IT ALL ON ONE DOCUMENT. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON THINKS THE MANAGER SHOULD COME UP WITH A FEE SCHEDULE FOR ALL THE SERVICES THE TOWN PROVIDES. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID THEY WILL HAVE AN ADOPTION DATE ON THE SCHEDULE ALSO. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THAT WAY IT WILL BE EASY FOR THE PUBLIC TO FIND. **COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE MADE A MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL THEY GET A NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR OPERATOR AND EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS OTHER SERVICES. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

14. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE TOWN ANNEXATION: THE TOWN MANAGER SAID HE NEEDS TO KNOW HOW FAR THE COUNCIL WANTS TO GO WITH THE ANNEXATION, JUST THE DOLLAR STORE AND DVEC AND STOP THERE OR GO FARTHER OUT, EVERYBODY BETWEEN FAIRGROUNDS ROAD AND THE HIGHWAY OR UP CARLYLE OR ACROSS FROM DVEC? COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW IF ANY OF THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR NEW HOUSING. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID THE WHOLE EMPIRE PROPERTY AND MR. SHAY HAS 7 ACRES FOR SALE CURRENTLY NOT IN TOWN LIMITS. THE MANAGER SAID DEPENDING ON HOW FAR OUT THEY WANT TO GO, HE WILL GO AND TALK TO THEM AND SEE IF THEY WILL GO ALONG WITH THE ANNEXATION. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON WANTED TO KNOW HOW MANY YEARS THEY HAVE TO WAIT TO DO ANOTHER ANNEXATION. THE MANAGER SAID THEY HAVE TO

WAIT A YEAR ONLY IF THEY FAIL. HE SAID DVEC HAS A MEETING ON MONDAY AND HE WILL TRY TO MAKE THAT MEETING. **VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TOWN ANNEXATION. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

- 15. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF SEAGO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CEDS:** THIS IS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LIST THAT SEAGO WILL RANK AND THEY WILL TRY TO GET MONEY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA REGION. THE MANAGER SAID HE TALKED TO STEPHEN ABOUT THIS, IT HAS TO BE SOMETHING THAT BRINGS PEOPLE INTO TOWN. HE SAID MOST EVERYONE IS ASKING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID WHAT THEY COULD DO IS DO A NEW CONTRACT WITH HOMER HANSON TO COME AND ASSESS THEIR WILDLIFE VIEWING POTENTIAL AND WHAT ARE THE STEPS THEY NEED TO COMPLETE. SHE SAID IT IS PROBABLY A COMBINATION OF SIGNAGE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID TO WORD IT IN THIS IT WOULD BE - FUNDS TO INCREASE THE PROFILE OF THE BIRDING TRAIL. THE MANAGER ASKED WHAT DUNCAN'S PRIORITIES ARE? COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE THINKS DUNCAN'S PRIORITY IS PREPARING FOR NEW HOUSING. MR. SHAY SAID ROADS. VICE-MAYOR SMITH WANTED TO KNOW WHAT ELSE THEY HAVE ON THE LIST. THE MANAGER SAID WATER & SEWER, HUNTER ESTATES EXPANSION, PARK RETROFIT, BICYCLES, BATHROOMS, LIGHTING, ELECTRICAL CHARGING STATIONS, CAMERAS TO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS, ROADS, SIDEWALKS, BICYCLE LANE, RIVER BIRDING TRAILS, HE SAID THE ONLY CONCERN WITH SIGNS IS WHO MAINTAINS THOSE? A SPLASHPAD INSTEAD OF WASTING 20,000 TO 30,000 GALLONS A YEAR. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, PARKS CANYON HOUSING, ADVERTISING, BRANDING FOR THE TOWN, FUNDS FOR CONSULTANTS, GAME AND FISH HAS GRANTS OUT THERE THAT THEY COULD POSSIBLY DO A SHOOTING RANGE UP BY THE AIRPORT, STUDY OF WASTE TREATMENT NEEDS AS THEY EXPAND, POTENTIAL ECONOMIC WITH RECREATION, BECAUSE A LOT OF HUNTERS COME HERE TOO AND STAY OVERNIGHT AND EAT IN THE RESTAURANTS, THE MANAGER ASKED IF THEY LOOK FOR ANOTHER WATER SOURCE OUTSIDE THE FLOOD ZONE? THE MANAGER ASKED IF THEY TRY TO BUY EMPIRE OUT AND PUT HOUSING IN THERE? COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID NOT AT \$19,000 PER ACRE. MANAGER BASTEEN WANTED TO KNOW IF THEY PUT SOMETHING IN THERE FOR BLIGHT? COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THEY HAVE NO ENFORCEMENT. MANAGER BASTEEN SAID HE HAS 14 ITEMS. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID THAT IS PLENTY. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID PRIORITIZING THEM IS THE HARD PART. SHE SAID SHE WOULD REALLY TRY TO GET STEPHEN'S ADVICE ON THAT, BECAUSE HE KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE UP AGAINST. **COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON MADE A MOTION TO HAVE THE MANAGER REVIEW ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT IDEAS WITH THE SEAGO REPRESENTATIVE AND ON ADVICE OF THE SEAGO REPRESENTATIVE AS TO WHICH OF THEM ARE LIKELY TO FIT THE CRITERIA, AND TO FOLLOW THEIR GUIDANCE IN SUBMITTING THOSE THAT MEET THE CRITERIA, BUT THEY HAVE TO PRIORITIZE THEM TOO.** MANAGER BASTEEN SAID IF THE SEAGO REP IS KNOWLEDGABLE IN THIS, HE WILL BE ABLE TO TELL HIM THIS IS WHAT YOU SHOULD GO AFTER; THIS IS YOUR HIGH, MEDIUM AND LOW. **MAYOR ANNE THURMAN MADE A MOTION TO HAVE THE TOWN MANAGER PROCEED IN SUBMITTING THE LIST IN CONSULTATION WITH STEPHEN PETERSON FROM SEAGO. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.**

16. CONTINUING EDUCATION ON COVID-19: COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID SHE WISHES THEY HAD MORE THAN 33% VACCINATED, BUT THAT IS NOT BAD. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID FEMA JUST ANNOUNCED THAT THERE ARE FOUR STATES THAT ARE SO FAR BEHIND IN ANY VACCINATION, THAT THEY ARE HAVING TO STEP IN AND MANAGE IT. HE SAID HE JUST GOT A NOTICE TO SEE IF HE WAS WILLING TO DEPLOY WITH FEMA TO BE ABLE TO HELP WITH VACCINATION CLINICS BECAUSE WISCONSIN, OREGON, PENNSYLVANIA, AND NEW JERSEY ARE SO FAR BEHIND, THEY ARE SO BACKWARDS AND THEY DO NOT HAVE A SETUP PLAN, SO FEMA IS HAVING TO STEP IN TO MANAGE THEIR VACCINATIONS.

VICE-MAYOR SMITH SAID SHE JUST READ A STUDY THAT MODERNA IS STARTING TO STUDY THE NEWER STRAINS TO SEE IF THEIR VACCINES ACTUALLY PROTECT THEM FROM THE DIFFERENT VARIANTS. THEY JUST STARTED THE STUDY, SO THEY SHOULD HEAR PRETTY SOON ON WHETHER THE VACCINE WILL PROTECT THEM. COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE SAID ALL OF THE VACCINES WILL PROTECT THEM 100% AGAINST THE SEVERE FORM OF THE DISEASE THAT REQUIRES HOSPITALIZATION, SO YOU WILL STILL PROBABLY GET IT, IT WILL BE MILD AND NOT PUT YOU IN THE HOSPITAL AS SEVERELY. COUNCILMEMBER MENDELSON SAID THAT IS NOT WHAT SHE SAW.

COUNCILMEMBER WEARNE SAID THE GOOD NEWS IS THEY HAVE NOT HAD A CASE IN THEIR COUNTY FOR THE LAST SIX DAYS. MAYOR THURMAN SAID THE TOTALS WENT DOWN TO 14 ACTIVE.

8. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR A PART TIME CLERK:

AT 9:30 PM, MAYOR ANNE THURMAN MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

AT 9:35 PM, MAYOR ANNE THURMAN MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE MADE A MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR A PART TIME CLERK. COUNCILMEMBER DEBORAH MENDELSON SECONDED. ALL FAVORED. MOTION CARRIED.

17. CONSIDERATION OF DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH AT 5:00 PM.

18. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: PRIDE SOCIETY AND THE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR WALKWAY, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR THOSE WHO PREPARE AND SIGN CHECKS AND WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR SIGNING CHECKS WITHOUT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, WATER BOND, TALK ABOUT CHANGING THE DAY THEY MEET.

19. ADJOURNMENT: AT 9:45PM, COUNCILMEMBER JILL WEARNE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. VICE-MAYOR VALERIE SMITH 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 11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2021. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE MEETING WAS DULY CALLED AND HELD AND THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

DATED THIS 14TH DAY OF MARCH, 2021.

CYNTHIA NICHOLS, TOWN CLERK