

**Regular Meeting Minutes
Duncan Common Council
Thursday, March 13, 2025; 4:00 p.m.
Duncan Town Hall, 506 SE Old West Highway
Duncan, Arizona 85534**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Blake and Vice Mayor Smith present, Council Member Wearne and Council Member Show present via zoom. Quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance and prayer led by Mayor Blake.

1. Call to Public: Heather Seegmiller Freeport Community Announcements:

April 5th from 8-noon, volunteer clean up event on Hwy 191, QR code on flyer (attached).

Two Earth Day events: **Morenci April 22nd 10-7** by the Morenci library. Vendors are welcome, if you are doing food, please contact the health department. Free plants, lady bugs, possibly praying mantises this year, seeds from the seed library. **Duncan April 25th 9-2** Centennial Park, vendors welcome, please contact Dawna Lizarraga or Joann Cathcart-Lawerence, they are the Chamber of Commerce and will be dealing with the vendors for this event.

2. Consent Agenda:

a. **Approval of February 20, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.**

b. **Approval of February 2025 Financial Reports.**

MAYOR BLAKE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA; MEETING MINUTES APPROVED AS AMENDED. VICE MAYOR SMITH SECONDED. UNANIMOUS.

3. Sheriff's Report: Sheriff not present.

4. Summary of Current Events:

a. **Mayor's Report:** SEAGO DIRECTOR CHRIS VERITIES HAS BEEN APPOINTED OUR NEW DIRECTOR. WOMEN'S SHELTER TASK FORCE FOR GREENLEE COUNTY. ON APRIL 5TH, SAFE HOUSE GOLF TOURNAMENT. SIGN UP AT 8 SHOTGUNS AT 9 ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE SAFE HOUSE THAT IS BEING BUILT HERE IN DUNCAN. THEY WILL BE SETTING A MANUFACTURED HOME ON A PAD BLOCK.

b. **Council Members Report:** VICE MAYOR SMITH: SPRING BREAK STARTS TODAY!! MIND YOUR SPEED, KIDS WILL BE OUT.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEARNE – NOTHING TO REPORT.

COUNCIL MEMBER SHOW - NOTHING TO REPORT.

c. **Town Manager's Report:** COLONIAS CONTRACT SIGNED AND DELIVERED , WAITING ON SEAGO TO GIVE US NOTICE TO PROCEED. IN THE NEXT 3-4 WEEKS KE&G CAN START WORK. STATE PARKS GRANT – AS EARLY AS APRIL 17th, BUT AS LATE AS MAY 17TH THEY WILL START THE SKATE PARK. FIRST OF APRIL STARTING THE CONCRETE WORK AT THE PARK AND THE BLOCK WALL. WAITING ON AN ESTIMATE FOR MURALS ON EACH SIDE OF THE TOWN HALL BUILDING. THE 19TH THEY WILL START THE CARPET FOR THE BUILDING HERE AT TOWN HALL. THE CREW IS STARTING TO LAY THE PIPE WE GOT THE GRANT FOR.

THIS MONTH THERE IS A MEETING FOR THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE GRANT MONEY WE WERE AWARDED LAST MONTH. USDA DIRECTED SPENDING GRANT THAT WE WERE AWARDED, THE MONEY IS STILL STUCK IN CONGRESS.

- 5. Proclamation Week of the Young Child : Shari Elkins, Regional Director for the Graham/Greenlee Region of First Things First, Arizona's early childhood agency.** Please join me in recognizing the importance of early childhood development by signing a proclamation declaring April 5-11, 2025, as Week of the Young Child in Duncan, AZ. High-quality early childhood experiences lay the foundation for lifelong success, benefiting not only children and families but also the broader community through improved educational outcomes and economic growth.

MAYOR BLAKE READ THE PROCLAMATION ALOUD, DECLARING APRIL 5-11, 2025, AS WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD.

- 6. Vista Recycling Trash Rate Increase:**

MAYOR BLAKE MOVED TO INCREASE THE GARBAGE RATE BY \$4.00, THE BILLING WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE TOWN AND ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT OF ANYONE TO GO TO VISTA RECYCLING COUNCIL MEMBER WEARNE SECONDED. UNANIMOUS.

- 7. Review of Budget:**

Health insurance increased 25%. Bid out health insurance in the paper.

- 8. Discussion of Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

April 10th at 4:00 p.m.

- 9. Discussion of Items for Next Meeting:**

Budget, resolution for garbage rate increase.

- 10. Adjournment:**

COUNCIL MEMBER WEARNE MOTIONED TO ADJOURN. VICE MAYOR SMITH SECONDED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:15 P.M.

Members of the Duncan Common Council may attend either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conference.

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