

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF COLORADO CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY,
August 14, 2023, AT 25 S CENTRAL STREET, COLORADO CITY, ARIZONA**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Howard Ream.

Roll call showed present: Mayor Howard Ream, Vice Mayor Dalton Barlow, and Council Members: John Chatwin, Jerusha Darger, Alma Hammon, Thomas Holm, and Nathan Burnham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Alma Hammon.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

The minutes of the July 17, 2023, meetings were “Tabled” for the next meeting because they didn’t get put in the council packet and posted in time.

PUBLIC COMMENT/INFORMATIONAL SUMMARIES

Al Yarish, Property Manager for Block 45, voiced his desire to see the trees on the North side of Block 45 Pruned or removed.

Jvar Dutson, Hildale Councilman, voiced his concerns with the growth of our town in relation to our water shortage. He said we are in stage 2 and the wells are at 25% of what we were at, yet we have a couple large developments and the Zitting Apartments coming in. Javar also wanted to tell the council members that it is a rumor that we are selling our water to Washington county and that there are no plans to do so.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The department reports were in the information packet. The department heads clarified information and answered questions in order, as directed by the Town Manager Vance Barlow.

Airport

Airport Manager Ladell Bistline had a report in the packet. He didn’t have anything to add.

Building

Building Official Andrew Barlow reported that the Town was awarded the funding for the CDBG SSP project, completing the sidewalk down central street to Bees Market Place.

Police

Chief Robbins Radley had his report in the packet and didn’t have anything to add.

Public works

Utility Director Jerry Postema reported that the natural gas conversion is continuing. He said, the water issue is real and explained that “shallow means 300 ft, deep means 700 ft, deep, deep means 3,200 ft. The best water is in the shallow wells, and the water from the deeper wells will need more treatment. He said it is hard to tell where we are on the water with the ERU calculations. He is working on permits to get started on the other two wells we have grants for.

Administration Department

Town Manager Vance Barlow went over the training he went to. He also reminded the Council of the League Conference and confirmed the booking urgency. We are seeking bids to curb Johnson Avenue and later we will chip seal the street. Willow Street is getting underway, but the grants have been hard to get. We don't have the titles for the water treatment plants yet. We have the audit under way.

Council meeting close time: 6:21

PUBLIC HEARING: Short Creek Spirits Liquor License Application

Open time: 6:21

No Public Comments

Public Hearing Close time: 6:22

Council Meeting Open Time: 6:22

Consideration and Action on Short Creek Spirits Liquor License Application

Presented by Rosie White, Town Clerk

Rosie explained the location of the future establishment as well as the applicants request to grant the liquor license for Short Creet Spirits.

Mayor Howard Ream made a Motion to recommend approval of the liquor license for Short Creek Spirits. Nathan Burnham seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

First Reading Ordinance 2023-18 Amending Town Zoning Code to allow multi-level Accessory Dwelling Units in RE-1A or larger lots.

Presented by Vance Barlow, Town Manager

Vance explained the request, the current town zoning code, Ordinance 2023-18, and the possible consequences of allowing this.

Nathan Burnham made the Motion to approve amending the Town Zoning Code to allow multi-level Accessory Dwelling Units in RE-1A or larger lots, Alma seconded the motion. All voted in favor except Dalton Barlow who abstained from voting.

Town Clerk Rosie White read Ordinance 2023-18 in full.

Consider Reservoir Acres Development Agreement

Presented by Vance Barlow, Town Manager

The Reservoir Acres Subdivision had been working on the grading and is ready to proceed with the underground construction.

A development agreement has been developed due to the Town allowing a change in how the storm water will be dealt with, in allowing the developer to help improve storm water facilities further downstream and not have to retain the storm water in the development.

The concept was approved by the Town Council when the preliminary plat was approved at the January 10, 2022, Town Council meeting.

The final development agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel with no concerns noted.

Alma Hammon made the Motion to Approve the development agreement for Reservoir Acres Subdivision. Dalton Barlow seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor.

Consider Resolutions updating Charge Card Users

Presented by Vance Barlow, Town Manager

The Town Clerk is requested that a charge card be authorized for Shirley Zitting and Sarah LaCorti, the new Deputy Clerk and Administrative Assistant.

This request has been reviewed by the Town Manager with a recommendation to approve the charge cards adjustments requested.

All employees who are issued a charge card are trained on the proper use and accountability for the use of the cards.

Nathan Burnham made the Motion to adopt Resolutions 2023-24 to update the charge card holders. John Chatwin seconded the motion and all council members voted in favor.

Executive Session

Council Meeting recessed at 6:39p.m. for an Executive Session for Discussion and Consultation with Legal Counsel for Legal Advice in Accordance with A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3)&(4).

Council Meeting resumed at 6:52 p.m.

Budget Report and Order to Pay Due Claims

Presented by Vance Barlow, Town Manager

Nathan Burnham made the Motion to approve the Order to Pay Due Claims. Alma Hammon Seconded the motion and all council members voted in favor.

Council Comments


Dalton Barlow mentioned the sidewalks that need fixed where they bevel up to a point. The road crew is working on them in sections. We have filled all the positions that we have budget for, and Dan Lane will be moving to the street crew, so this should help. John Chatwin asked about the Street Sweepers and if we had thought of a good way to notify people to get their vehicles off the streets. A New Mexican restaurant opened, and it is called the Blue Agave. Town Manager spent a short minute with the Council members about The League.

Adjournment 7:06

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of Colorado City held on the 14th day of August 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 11th day of September 2023


Town Clerk

