

**TOWN OF PAYSON
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
June 1, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Evans called the special meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 303 N. Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Michael Hughes, and Council Member John Wilson. **ABSENT:** Vice-Mayor Mike Vogel

STAFF PRESENT: Debra Galbraith - Town Manager, Sam Streichman - Town Attorney and Silvia Smith - Town Clerk.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gaye Stidham - Deputy Town Clerk and Tim Wright - Deputy Town Attorney.

SPECIAL CEREMONIES: * **The Honorable Dorothy Little, Payson Magistrate, will administer the Oath of Office to: 1) Kenny J. Evans, Mayor 2) Ed Blair, Council Member 3) Fred Carpenter, Council Member 4) Susan Connell, Council Member * Seating of new Council Members**

Mayor Evans introduced Magistrate Judge Dorothy Little. She administered the oath of office to Mayor Kenny Evans, Council Members Elect Ed Blair, Fred Carpenter and Susan Connell.

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- 1. Introduction of new Council.**
- 2. Mayor Evans will have the opportunity to address the public and discuss his goals and aspirations for the next term.**

Mayor Evans said that Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director reported from Country Thunder where there was a Payson display. Mr. Davis said that their display was one of the busiest and the two most asked questions about Payson were, "Where is Payson" and "You have pine trees?" Mayor Evans

believed that communicating what a jewel Payson is to the world was very important. He said their task as a Council was to identify the tasks and understand the data on which they make decisions in a way that identifies potential storms. He also said that developing enough trust between themselves and the Town was essential so that there would be a willingness to follow their leadership even in a storm.

3. Council Members will have the opportunity to address the public and discuss their goals and aspirations for the next term.

Mayor Evans introduced the newly seated Council.

Fred Carpenter thanked those who voted for him and who believed he could contribute to the future of the community. He said there would be no radical changes with his election, but he will work toward his campaign initiatives: an ASU campus, advocating for a resort conference center, special events/festivals and working to streamline the development process and continue to support the C.C.Cragin project, major street improvement, upgrading park facilities and library expansion. Council Member Carpenter said all of these initiatives would help the local economy.

Clmn. Blair agreed with Clmn. Carpenter that it was important to support the new ASU campus and the C.C. Cragin pipeline. The theme of his remarks was "continue". He quoted Winston Churchill saying that success was not final, failure was not fail but it was the courage to continue that counted. Clmn. Blair pledge to continue to be available to citizens, to continue to comment on emails and to give feedback, to continue to support events in Payson by his presence, to continue to hear the prospective of people who are not well known in Payson and to continue to ask questions of the knowledgeable staff members. Clmn. Blair expressed his gratitude to the staff for their courtesy to him over the years. He echoed the remarks of outgoing Clmn. Vogel saying that being a Council Member was a great job and he loves it.

Council Member Connell said she will continue to focus on core responsibilities: to protect citizens and provide services. Those services include police, fire, water and well maintained streets. She believed the Town budget could be repaired best by providing good jobs and a vibrant community. Council Member Connell said she would help plan, manage and advocate for Gila Community College and the potential of a new four year university as they are another source of economic stability and prosperity. She will continue to interact with the Payson Youth Council to help prepare Payson's young people for their future here or in a global marketplace. Council Member Connell expressed her enjoyment serving the last four years and was thankful for community support. She committed to do her best to build Payson's future.

Mayor Evans adjourned the special meeting at approximately 5:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

_____ Date: _____

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Payson held on this day the 1 of June, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2010.

Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk