

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
July 7, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Chris Higgins, and Council Member John Wilson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** LaRon Garrett - Town Manager, Don Engler - Police Chief, Silvia Smith - Town Clerk, and David Staub - Fire Chief.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tracie Bailey - Chief Deputy Town Clerk, Mary Bystricky - Town Prosecutor, Bobby Davis - Economic Development Specialist, and Hope Cribb - Finance Manager.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

1. **2016/2017 Fiscal Year Budget:**
  - A. **This is a public hearing** pursuant to A.R.S. § 42-17104 regarding Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses and the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.
  - B. **Resolution No. 2940.** Discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2940 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, ADOPTING ESTIMATES OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES, AND ADOPTING SUCH ESTIMATES AS PAYSON'S FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017. (2016-2017 FINAL BUDGET).

Mayor Evans opened the Public Hearing for the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017. There were no public comments. Mayor Evans closed the Public Hearing. Hope Cribb, Finance Manager, indicated the final budget had not changed from the tentative budget. Council Member Higgins was under the assumption that three police officer positions that were frozen would create enough money to go to police officers salaries not their retirement. Ms. Cribb explained it was a benefit that the Town had to pay for the officers. Council Member Higgins had hoped it would create the

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opportunity for laterals so they would not have to take pay cuts when they came to Payson. Ms. Cribb noted if the Town did not pay it from that the \$300,000 fund balance would be down to \$150,000 or \$100,000 if the benefit had to be paid from that. Vice-Mayor Hughes noted when looking at the budget the amount of salary the Town paid was not the total cost of the employee and the overburden from the Police Department was big. In the long run the officers did get the money when they retired. Council Member Higgins understood that, but had hoped it would take care of some of those issues. Ms. Cribb explained at this point there was no excess money to do that. Council Member Croy asked what the name of the entity was that had the retirement. Ms. Cribb replied it was the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS). Council Member Croy asked what the final budget number was. Ms. Cribb replied \$48,984,500. Council Member Carpenter noted the voters did take care of the PSPRS problem in the long run. LaRon Garrett, Town Manager, noted that took effect a year from July 1st and over time it would take care of it. Council Member Carpenter noted those actuarial rates were taken care of by someone for the State. Mayor Evans noted the PSPRS unfunded liability was 20 million dollars. It was a significant shortfall and they would have to alter the accounting.

**Motion:** to Approve Resolution No. 2940 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, ADOPTING ESTIMATES OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES, AND ADOPTING SUCH ESTIMATES AS PAYSON'S FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017. (2016-2017 FINAL BUDGET).

Moved by Council Member Su Connell, seconded by Council Member Richard Croy.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Chris Higgins, and Council Member John Wilson.

2. **Property Tax: This is a public hearing regarding Ordinance No.884** captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, LEVYING UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN SUBJECT TO TAXATION, A CERTAIN SUM UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET, LESS THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AND PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE OPERATION AND EFFECT OF THIS ORDINANCE. (PROPERTY TAX LEVY 2016-2017)

Mayor Evans opened the Public Hearing for the property tax. There were no public comments. Mayor Evans closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion:** to Approve Ordinance No.884 captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, LEVYING UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN SUBJECT TO TAXATION, A CERTAIN SUM UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET, LESS THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AND PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE OPERATION AND EFFECT OF THIS ORDINANCE. (PROPERTY TAX LEVY 2016-2017)

Moved by Council Member John Wilson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes.

Council Member Carpenter noted the Town percentage of the property tax was miniscule. LaRon Garrett, Town Manager, replied yes, it was a very small percentage of the Town's budget and the Town's rate had gone down slightly. Mayor Evans called for the vote.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, Council Member Chris Higgins, and Council Member John Wilson.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 7 of July, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Tracie Bailey, Chief Deputy Town Clerk