

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2015**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor George Huntington called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo, Huntington

ABSENT:

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Daniel Thompson- Valley Community Chapel

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS

1. Congressman Paul Cook

Congressman Cook addressed the Council and the community on current legislation, potentially affecting the Morongo Basin.

Council Member Abel inquired on energy independence.

Mayor Pro Tem Leone spoke of international relationships between countries.

Council Member Denison thanked Congressman Cook for the visit, and inquired if there was any updated information on the OHV areas in Johnson Valley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Approve the Meeting Agenda of August 18, 2015

MINUTES APPROVAL

3. Approval of August 4, 2015 Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Approve the Town Council Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2015 as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER: Robert Lombardo, Council Member
SECONDER: Robert Leone, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Rick Denison, Robert Leone, Robert Lombardo, George Huntington
ABSTAIN: Merl Abel

CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rick Denison, Council Member
SECONDER: Robert Leone, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo, Huntington

4. Waive further reading of all ordinances (if any in the agenda) and read by title only.

MOTION:

Waive further reading of all ordinances and read by title only.

5. Approve the SR62 & Dumosa Avenue Traffic Signal Project – Town Project No. 8456; Acceptance of Project as Substantially complete

MOTION:

That the Town Council accepts the project as substantially complete, authorizes staff to file the Notice of Completion, authorizes the reduction of the Faithful Performance Bond to 10% and directs staff to retain the Labor and Material Bond for six (6) months for Project No. 8456.

6. Approve the Hi-Desert Nature Museum Maintenance Project Schedule

MOTION:

To receive and file the report regarding the temporary two week closure of the museum for deep cleaning and maintenance projects.

7. Approve the AB1234 Required Reporting

MOTION:

Receive and file the AB1234 Reporting Requirement Schedules for the months of June 2015 and July 2015

8. Approve the Warrant Registers dated July 31, 2015 and August 6, 2015

MOTION:

Ratify the Warrant Register totaling \$507,096.20 for checks dated August 6, 2015.

Ratify the Payroll Register totaling \$124,215.28 dated July 31, 2015.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

9. PARSAC Summary

Staff report presented by Town Manager Yakimow explaining the Town's membership with the Public Agency Risk Sharing Authority of California (PARSAC) since 1992. PARSAC is comprised of 38 member agencies from around the state. As a risk sharing organization, PARSAC serves as a resource network for its members.

Mayor Huntington opened public comment. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

MOTION:

That the Town Council receive and file this summary of the programs and services provided by the Public Agency Risk Sharing Authority of California (PARSAC).

- RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
- MOVER:** Robert Leone, Mayor Pro Tem
- SECONDER:** Robert Lombardo, Council Member
- AYES:** Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo, Huntington

10. Resolution No. 15-19 ; Records Retention Schedule Update

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE, RESCINDING RESOLUTION 04-14, AND AUTHORIZING DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN TOWN RECORDS

Town Clerk Copeland presented the staff report providing background and proposed changes to the Town's records retention program. The Town adopted its Records Retention Schedule in 2004 and requires updating to reflect changes in law, the addition of organizational record sets, clarification of record titles, and to increase efficiency by using current technology as allowed by law.

Mayor Huntington opened public comments. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

MOTION:

Approve Resolution No. 15-19 Amending the Town's Records Retention Schedule as attached hereto as Exhibit "A"

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rick Denison, Council Member
SECONDER: Robert Leone, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo, Huntington

11. Town of Yucca Valley Public Safety Update

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Captain Joling presented a public safety update to the Town Council.

Mayor Huntington opened public comments.

Leonard Rose, Yucca Valley commended Sheriff's Service Specialist Kramer and spoke of graffiti in the area.

Tobi Taboada, Yucca Valley inquired on recent burglaries in the Old Town area.

Michael Inglis Yucca Valley spoke favorably of the local San Bernardino County Sheriff's team.

With no other members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Huntington closed public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Leone commented on the lack of a visible police station in Yucca Valley.

Council Member Lombardo inquired about the possibility of terrorist activity with our locale near the Marine Base.

Council Member Denison inquired on the prioritization of calls for assistance and response times.

Council Member Lombardo inquired on the volunteer programs offered by San Bernardino County Sheriff's. Captain Joling explained the four core volunteer programs including Explorer Scouts, Citizens on Patrol, Search and Rescue, and the Reserve Deputy Sheriff Program.

Mayor Huntington asked for an update on any recent burglaries in the area.

Council Member Abel thanked Captain Joling for the report, and leading the team in doing a fantastic job in our community. Abel stated he would like to see an increase in neighborhood watch programs and also additional statistics for review.

Mayor Huntington commented on the increase of public safety costs each year and stated he would like a review of the Town's Sheriff's Contract Schedule A for efficiency.

Mayor Pro Tem Leone inquired on the perception of the Morongo Basin being a target for relocating those leaving prison due to a lower cost of living.

Town Manager Yakimow explained that future strategic planning sessions will give Council the opportunity to visit public safety prioritization and funding.

MOTION:

That the Town Council receive a public safety update as a verbal presentation from Sheriff's Department Captain Jeff Joling.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Lombardo, Council Member
SECONDER: Robert Leone, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Abel, Denison, Leone, Lombardo, Huntington

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Town Manager Yakimow announced upcoming events presented by the Community Services Department.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Abel- thanked Captain Joling for the update, thanked Congressman Cook for the legislative update, and reminded the public to be careful on the roads, that school will be back in session soon.

Council Member Denison- no comments stated.

Council Member Lombardo- thanked the public for attending and providing input and thanked Captain Joling for his report.

Mayor Pro Tem Leone- reported a fantastic turn out at the last concert of the series, and stated he would like to see more concerts included to make a longer music season.

Mayor Huntington- commended the recreation staff for their hard work over the summer and reported on recent visits with local businesses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

A closed session will be held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, to conduct an employee evaluation- Town Manager

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

Closed Session of the Yucca Valley Town Council of Tuesday, August 18, 2015 adjourned at 8:25pm with the following reportable action as reported by Mayor Huntington:

“In accordance with the Employment Agreement between the Town and Town Manager Curtis Yakimow, the Town Council has completed an annual performance evaluation of the Town Manager. The Town Council is pleased to report that Mr. Yakimow received a positive performance evaluation covering the past year, and the Council is extremely pleased with the manager’s efforts to date.

Both the Town Council and Employee agree that there will be no change in compensation at this time. The Town Council will review current compensation and contract provisions upon completion of the Town-wide Classification and Compensation study being developed by Koff and Associates, scheduled for completion in approximately six months.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC

Town Clerk