

**MINUTES
EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL WORK SESSION
22 W. 2nd St., Eagar, AZ
August 8, 2014 - 8:00 A.M.**

Mayor Bryce Hamblin called the Special Work Session to order and welcomed those present. Mayor Hamblin said Councilmember John Phelps is absent due to his work schedule and that all other Councilmembers are present. Mayor Hamblin led the Pledge of Allegiance and James Nelson offered the invocation.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bryce Hamblin, Mayor
James Nelson, Jr., Vice Mayor
Byron Smith
Steve Erhart
Winslow McNeill
Allen Browning

COUNCIL ABSENT: John O. Phelps

STAFF PRESENT: Tami Ryall, Town Manager
Bruce Ray, Community Development/Public Works Director
Eva Wilson, Town Clerk
Katie Brady, Finance Manager
Mike Hogan, Police Chief
Mike Norman, Assistant Fire Chief

II. RESULTS FROM PERSONALITY ASSESSMENTS

Scoring of the Council members and staff on the Myers-Briggs test were shared among the participants in order to better understand their interaction.

III. RECAP OF YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Each department, fire, clerk/HR, finance, police, public works, and community development each made a presentation on their individual department's accomplishments over the last year.

IV. PLANNING AND PRIORITIZATION

Town Manager Tami Ryall asked the Councilmembers to list what they considered to be priorities for the Town's direction. The reoccurring themes were: 1) Economic Development; 2) Financial Planning; 3) Streets and Transportation; and 4) Land

Councilmembers then made lists of their ideas on how to improve in the four areas.

Economic Development

- Eagar name recognition
 - ADOT highway signage to include Eagar
 - Take ownership of events/activities, half marathon, July 4th fireworks, holiday event, rodeo(s), century runs, bike rides, car racing, zip line, rock climbing, ropes course
- New business incentives – jobs, sales tax (identify/target new businesses to Eagar)
 - Forest recreation
 - Forest industry
- Infrastructure / Businesses that do not need infrastructure
- Increase tourism with conference space
- Take a proactive stance on environmental issues

Financial Planning

- Savings (\$1 million within 12 months)
 - After \$3 million in reserve, move towards cash purchases
 - Paying down debt advantages/disadvantages
- Reduce water rates
 - Improve infrastructure
 - 2018 user fees expire
 - General, Utility Funds, HURF
- Five-year budget model
- Fire Department
 - Partnerships
 - Fire District
 - Introduce legislation on fire district equality tax
 - Reduce fire department costs

Streets and Transportation

- Pursue primitive roads – East School Bus emergency access/convenience
 - Dedicated easement
- Expedite road infrastructure improvements

Land

- Town property for economic development – MPC appraisals on inventory, Recreation Center
- Industrial property annexation
- Property inventory and disposition
 - Identify property sites for businesses
 - Infrastructure needs for business growth/relocation – building size, land size
 - Infrastructure near town property sites

V. LUNCH

VI. RECAP

Councilmembers were then asked to specify which of the listed ideas were to be priorities and each Councilmember was allowed to pick two from the list. The following list those priorities in order from one through three.

1) Financial Planning:

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2) Economic Development:

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3) Economic Development:

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The special work session adjourned at approximately 11:45 p.m.

Attest: _____

Mayor: _____

Vice-Mayor: _____

Council: _____
