

PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL held on January 2, 2011, in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS located at CITY HALL, 201 SOUTH CORTEZ STREET, Prescott, Arizona.

◆ **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kuykendall called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

◆ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilman Blair

Councilman Blair led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

◆ **INVOCATION** Church of Nazarene

A representative from the Church of Nazarene was not present. Councilman Hanna gave the invocation.

◆ **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT:

Mayor Kuykendall
Councilman Blair
Councilman Hanna
Councilman Lamerson
Councilwoman Linn
Councilwoman Lopas
Councilwoman Suttles

ABSENT:

None

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Introduction of new businesses.

Dyan Jones of the Prescott Chamber of Commerce introduced three new businesses:

- ▶ Patti Bell, Pine Cone Inn, White Spar Road
- ▶ Bruce Jones, Verde Valley Consulting, Verdevalleyconsulting.com

▶ Ray Solo, Man at Leisure, 218 West Goodwin Street in the Old Firehouse Plaza, 928-776-4874

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation by Dave Maurer re Proposed Economic Development Program.

Mr. Maurer talked about a new group called Prescott Economic Development Partnership (PEDP). He noted that the past summer, Jane Bristol retired and the Economic Development Department (ED) shifted to a different perspective. Tourism was brought in. Members of the community still questioned how they could help ED. He saw an opportunity for the role of the Chamber of Commerce to play in ED. They wanted to define that role. Their ED committee spent time putting that together. It was an opportunity for a number of groups to work together and a chance to get a little more formal.

The recent Phoenix Business Journal had a section on future employers of Arizona, and said that the industries of the future would come from aerospace, health care, renewable energy, small business and technology. If they were not actively seeking those types of companies they would go elsewhere.

He noted that the United States Chamber of Commerce made a goal to create 20 million new jobs in the next ten years. Prescott's share would be 603 per year. In 2010, Prescott started with just over 17,000 jobs and ended with 17,500. Prescott created 376 more jobs at end of last year than at the start of the year.

The idea behind the PEDP was to present a unified approach to proactive and reactive business prospects. He said that ED happened most often with a regional basis. They wanted to maintain Prescott's presence as a dynamic market for business opportunities. The PEDP also wanted to work with existing businesses for retention and expansion purposes. 80% or more of new jobs came through companies who were already there.

They see PEDP as a Public Private Partnership that would meet, at least, monthly. There would be no operating budget initially and would eventually make action teams. He wanted it to be a one stop shop for prospects.

He discussed various teams they would use such as people from the City, hospital, contractors and utilities.

He wanted to see the City say that they liked the idea and wanted to be a part of the partnership. He thought it would be helpful for the entire City to get the groups working together.

Mayor Kuykendall said that the City had not forgotten about ED, but their public relations may not have been the best. When most of their revenue was sales tax, their focus was whatever it took to sell something in the community. He thought that they were all ready to look at a better working relationship with the Chamber. He loved what Mr. Maurer was doing.

Within the City structure of the Tourism Department, the vision was a little narrow. The long range intent was to include marketing, public relations and certainly ED. For everyone's information, Jane Bristol had a contract with the City to assist in areas that they needed her. He hoped to announce a couple of projects by the end of the month that would be beneficial for the community.

He welcomed the opportunity to be a part of the structure that Mr. Maurer was recommending. He had been meeting with the educational institutions and said that Embry Riddle had 1700 students who had family visit twice a year and there were some great opportunities there.

Councilwoman Suttles said that she hoped that they could get a workshop together to hone it down a little more. She was concerned that they got the buy in from the different groups and kept them involved.

Mr. Maurer said that he agreed and said that many of the groups worked together all of the time, but not specifically on ED projects. They were anxious to help where they could. They needed to create more jobs in the city. If they were organized in doing it, the future would be bright.

Councilman Lamerson thanked the Chamber and business groups for recognizing the fact that government could not solve all of the problems. He felt that government was part of the problem to begin with. He thought the free market needed to be listened to better. There was a role for the Chamber and business community to help take Prescott to where it belonged. He was sure that they would get a positive response from the Council.

Mayor Kuykendall said that they had four months of better numbers and he felt things were looking better.

B. Presentation by Conrad Jackson re the Prescott Fire Explorers.

Chief Martinez introduced Mr. Jackson who had a PowerPoint Presentation on the Prescott Fire Explorers. He thanked Mr. Jackson for taking a program that was starting to fail to the next level.

Mr. Jackson said that he had been working for the Prescott Fire Department for almost ten years. Four years ago he took over the Explorers Program. He came from a background as a science teacher at Prescott High School. His presentation covered the following topics:

- ▶ PRESCOTT FIRE DEPARTMENT – EXPLORERS POST 7927
- ▶ PRESCOTT EXPLORERS
- ▶ WHAT WE DO
- ▶ HAZ MAT TRAINING
- ▶ DRILLS
- ▶ WHAT EXPLORERS GAIN
- ▶ PHYSICAL TRAINING
- ▶ CONFINED SPACE CRAWLING
- ▶ PRESCOTT FIRE'S CONTRIBUTION
- ▶ RAPPEL
- ▶ EXTRICATION
- ▶ EXPLORING SUCCESSES

Councilwoman Linn thanked them and said that the hands on experience would help keep them in school. She was hoping that they could help with burns on the trails in the spring.

C. Presentation on the Capital Improvement Plan Update.

Mr. Nietupski gave the update with a PowerPoint presentation (attached hereto as Exhibit A) covering the following:

- ▶ Wastewater Treatment – July – December 2010

- ▶ Wastewater Collection – July – December 2010
- ▶ Effluent Delivery – July – December 2010
- ▶ Water Operations – July – December 2010
- ▶ Transportation Services – July – December 2010
- ▶ Transportation Services – January – June 2011
- ▶ Eng'g. Division/In-House Design Services – July – December 2010
- ▶ Eng'g. Division/Development Review Services – July – December 2010
- ▶ Engineering Division - CIP Design – January – June 2011
- ▶ Capital Program – Construction Completed / In progress
July – December 2010
- ▶ Capital Program – Construction Scheduled
January – June 2011

Councilman Hanna asked if there was any money in the plans to get rid of the chicanes on Rosser. Mr. Nietupski said that the Rosser Street project that was currently imminent for bidding did not include any removal of the facilities that were constructed to the East. If the Council wanted to go in that direction, they could. Councilman Hanna said that he thought that it was due to the feedback they had from the public. He asked if there had been any problems with the radio reads on the water meters.

Mr. Nietupski said that he did not know that there had been any great issues with the meter billing and accuracy. Once they got it established and everything implemented, efficiencies and accuracies were there that fully warranted the installations.

Councilman Lamerson noted that every year they went into a budget cycle and anticipated doing certain things. One of the things that was important to keep in mind was that just because they budgeted the things, that was not where they would spend the money. Also, the things they planned on doing were not all that was necessary to be done in the community. It was important at some point to tell the community the truth with regard to what their anticipated needs were. Literally there was lots of money necessary that was not growth dependent. It was dependent on the fact that people had lived in Prescott and moved there and many things needed to be fixed.

Mr. Nietupski said that the infrastructure needs were extensive in the City. That included water, wastewater and street improvements. They had identified, through extensive work, hundreds of millions of dollars of infrastructure needs that existed.

There were a number of projects budgeted in the program. Every one of those would come before Council for determination to go forward with the award of a contract.

Councilman Lamerson said that it was important to keep the information in front of the public at all times. There was a lot more that was critical to the functioning of the community than what was looked at in one year's budget.

Councilman Blair asked if he had a date when he was going to bid out Rosser. Mr. Nietupski said probably by the end of the month or early February. Councilman Blair said that he would like them to include proposals to remove what was put in on the east side. He was amazed that the City continued to ask developers to build road infrastructures that were 28' wide, and then cut it down and reduce traffic and hinder traffic.

Mr. Nietupski said that they could provide an alternate bid for that consideration.

Councilwoman Suttles said that when that came before Council, they were in around \$180,000 or \$160,000 to put up the calming. Mr. Nietupski said it was around \$80,000 for calming. Councilwoman Suttles noted that the Council agreed that the calming would go up a few months back. She asked if Mr. Nietupski came back in with two packages he would have to bring it back to the neighborhood.

Mr. Nietupski noted that there had been no public discussion with the community members that were adjacent to those improvements. If they were going to do that, perhaps he would provide an opportunity for them to meet with the City.

Councilwoman Suttles asked if the meeting that he had concerning the Rosser project concerned the installation of the calming. Mr. Nietupski said that it was to discuss the project on Rosser and the various approaches that would be considered in the bidding. There were three alternatives; one with the full implement of traffic calming facilities, the second one was with medians only and the third one was with reconstruction, with no traffic calming of any type. Since then they had looked at adding the radar speed detector post assemblies at either end of Rosser. They would be bidding that with two alternatives.

Councilman Hanna said that he agreed that the neighborhood should have a say so. He also said that if the City made a mistake, they should say so and fix it.

Mayor Kuykendall said that they were close to looking at their midyear budget progress. He asked if Mr. Nietupski had a guesstimate on where they were with existing projects and what was left to do in that budget.

Mr. Nietupski said that there would be a little bit of surplus in the One Cent Fund for streets because they had included the entire Williamson Valley Road project. He could give the balance to Council the next day. There were monies available in the budgets that were yet to be committed.

Mayor Kuykendall asked if a portion of Williamson Valley would be bonded. Mr. Woodfill said that it would be bonded with a Municipal Property Corporation bond. Mayor Kuykendall said that it would not have much to do with current income and expenditures. Mr. Woodfill said no. They would bond it when they got to the point of doing contracts for it.

Mayor Kuykendall said that they agreed to start early this year in looking at the budget for next Fiscal Year. Mr. Nietupski had a general idea for the need list.

Mayor Kuykendall said that they wanted to be early this year on the budget process.

Councilwoman Linn said that they often got asked why they had not finished Williamson Valley Road. She wanted to let the people know that it was taking so long because they did not want to have eminent domain on the properties. Even though it had been a challenge and slow, it was prudent for them not to take the properties. They had taken a lot of efforts to connect with the property owners and there were a few that would not respond. Before they continued on the project, the citizens should understand that the City was doing it at the pace they could because some properties would not respond.

Mr. Nietupski said that they had been deliberate in the acquisition efforts. He was cautiously optimistic. The other element that delayed the schedule was the utility relocation. They wanted that well underway before they proceeded with the contract award.

D. Discussion of Council meeting schedule for 2011.

Ms. Burke noted that the last time the Council discussed the schedule for meetings they agreed to continue through the end of 2010. It was now on the agenda for feedback from Council.

Councilwoman Suttles said that she was glad it came back. They had struggled for a year through that. She suggested they got back to two Study Sessions and two Voting Sessions. They would know what time they started and what day they were on.

Even the citizens had issues as to what they were doing. They had a couple of meetings with proclamations and the citizens were not there on time. She felt that they were taking care of business better with the Study and Voting meeting than trying to group it together. She could not seem to grasp where it was supposed to be and how they were supposed to handle it.

Councilwoman Linn said that she thought that one of the reasons that she supported the two meetings was because it was going to save staff time. She asked Mr. Norwood if that had happened. Mr. Norwood said yes and that Ms. Burke had the greatest impact as far as reducing time. It had reduced a meeting or more every month. There was some staff savings when they did not have to put out a packet every week. He said that staff was prepared to do whatever they wanted to do.

Councilwoman Lopas said that the only confusion had been the 2:00 P.M. timing. The monthly schedule was working; the time frame was not working. She would like to stick to a certain time.

Councilman Hanna agreed with Councilwoman Lopas and said that he had not heard any negatives from the way they were doing the meeting except for the timing. He thought that what they were doing helped save staff time and money. He wanted the time to stay consistent. He thought that they were getting more accomplished.

Councilman Blair said that it was important to keep the time consistent.

Councilman Lamerson said that it was not an issue for him. He had set Tuesday aside to be at the City and he did not care what time the meeting was.

Ms. Burke asked if she should bring forward the Rules of Procedure with a consistent meeting time or various versions. Mayor Kuykendall asked if they should leave it as is or go back to meeting four times a month.

Councilwoman Linn noted that there would be three options: stay as they were, meetings three times a month at 3:00 p.m. or meetings four times a month at 3:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Suttles said that she was making it more of an issue than it needed to be. She saw six people who liked it the way it was, she did not think they needed to go into options.

Councilwoman Linn said that it looked like most people wanted to have all of the meetings at 3:00, whether it was three or four times per month.

Mayor Kuykendall asked the citizens if they would be able to make it to a 2:00 p.m. meeting or if 3:00 p.m. would be better. He noted that 3:00 p.m. would be better.

E.* Presentation and Council discussion on Snow/Ice Policy.

Mayor Kuykendall said that the past week was unusual for Prescott and the weather conditions they faced. As the week started, they thought they were in great shape and that it would be a normal snow storm. It turned out to be more than a little snow storm. They had people comparing it to 1967 and that they did a better job in 1967. He agreed. The conditions they encountered last Thursday were different than in 1967. There was not as severe of a drop in temperature in 1967 as the last week. They dropped the ball in some areas. They still had people out there, because of ice conditions that were having difficulty getting in and out.

The reason they were talking about it was so they could critique it and do better. The Acting City Manager called a meeting with the department heads to find solutions, not to find fault. They did not want to get into technical solutions. They would listen to people and move forward.

Chief Kabbel gave an informational presentation based on the past storm in Prescott. He said that the City committed a tremendous amount of resources to the storm. He knew that their level of service was not appreciated by the entire public. They realized their shortcomings and strived to do better. He wanted to share some of the successes and some pitfalls.

He noted that he had department heads from Police, Public Works, Fire and Field Operations to answer any questions after the presentation. He then gave a brief PowerPoint presentation which addressed:

- ▶ Prescott Storm Data - 8 to 11 inches of snow fell in the current storm

- ▶ PD Response – 42 accidents, 100 motorists assists and 615 calls for service. They had 466 calls the week prior. They also responded to 74 false burglar alarms.
- ▶ Fire Response – taking down trees, residential flooding and a house fire.
- ▶ Public Works Response helped with snow removal and loss of power to a water tank.
- ▶ Field Operations Response had 500 plus mile lanes of roadway to clear.

Councilwoman Suttles noted that some cars could not get out of the snow. Mr. McDowell said that she was correct and some cars were plowed in. It was one of the issues they wanted to discuss. He wondered if they would have to implement no parking in different areas like Flagstaff did, so there would not be obstacles in the way when they were plowing.

There were 12 snow plows with 2 dedicated to prioritized routes. One was dedicated to Public Works and another plow dedicated to Public Safety. When the plows had to assist motorists, they had to break from their routes to help the police get them back on the road.

There was a cinder, sand, salt mixture that they spread on the roads. The salt component only worked at certain temperatures.

Councilwoman Linn said that they always used salt in North Dakota where it was 50 below zero. She noted that salt was more expensive than cinder, but worked in colder climates than cinder.

- ▶ Areas of Improvement
- ▶ Public Information

They wanted to program the City Hall phones to go to the street or snow removal line that was manned during a storm. The plowing and cindering schedules needed to be kept current. There should have been a quicker response to known problem locations. The streets should be cindered and salted sooner.

He said that they would be getting some information out to the public about preparing for the storm that included getting water and food, cancel scheduled appointments, do not abandoned cars and not plowing driveways into the streets.

▶ Positive Outcomes

The snow plows were able to keep the City open. The garbage and recycling stayed on a regular schedule.

▶ Council Considerations

He said that these come down to service level versus costs.

▶ What does a storm cost?

Including materials of around \$50,000, the storm cost more than \$100,000.

Mayor Kuykendall asked Chief Kabbel if he was talking about overtime hours and the Chief said yes.

Councilman Hanna said that they took responsibility for the mistakes that were made. He congratulated the Police and Fire Departments for doing a good job.

He noted that the temperatures played a bigger role this year than in 1967. He thought that putting snow plows on garbage trucks was a great idea. They needed to look at not plowing snow into right of ways and driveways. He said that they did a lot wrong and a lot right but there would still be people complaining.

Councilwoman Linn pointed out that there was not one life lost. She said that she was yelled at by a citizen for 30 minutes. She said that she did not mind calling citizens and that she was looking for solutions. When she told the citizen that, the citizen said that she hoped that someone would lose their life so the City would get sued.

She thanked all of the respectful people in the audience and said that it was a chance to work together in the community. She was saddened by the behavior of some of the citizens and said that she was also snowed in. Just because they are on the Council did not mean that they got their streets plowed. She apologized to the citizens and said that the City was working to get better.

Councilman Lamerson said that he appreciated meeting with the staff after the storm and having an open dialogue. He agreed that the weather conditions were unusual and said that his driveway was plowed in three different times. He saw people with regular tires out on the road and they should take accountability for their own actions.

He noted that when he got up and turned on the radio, he heard many times not to be on the road if they did not need to be out there. He asked how much it cost to cinder 500 miles of roadway.

Mr. McDowell said that the materials cost were not included, which were \$50,000. If they wanted to go into the salt or ice slicer the cost would go to \$150,000 to \$200,000. That would be a policy decision.

Councilman Lamerson said that they may be able to look at other departments to share equipment. He asked how prepared they wanted to be for a couple of storms a year that may be two to three feet deep.

Councilman Blair thanked staff and said that he was out in the storm at all hours. He assured the citizens that the employees were not sleeping. He also assured the citizens that the City needed to do better with phone responses. He said that the City responded, but their communication levels could have been a lot better.

Councilwoman Lopas said that she was out in the storm and by choice she drove a four-wheel drive vehicle because Prescott got weather. Being a realtor; she educated her clients. She let them know that Prescott may have snow, and they may be snowed in for a few days, so do not go out. She sympathized with those who had emergencies, but not those who had to get to a pilates class.

She asked the citizens to use common sense. She wanted to see the City with more four-wheel drive vehicles. She was tired of hearing about how well the cities dealt with the weather back East. She said that they dealt with it a lot more than Arizona did. She would not agree to have more plows. She hoped that the City could do a better job at getting the street plowed to the schools.

Councilwoman Linn said that there were 100 calls to 9-1-1 for frozen pipes. People did not know how to turn off their water. She thought that it would be a good time for them to learn that skill and prepare for the future.

Councilwoman Suttles asked to see the Council considerations on the screen and asked if they were going to take action on them.

Mr. Norwood said that they should give direction at the midyear budget meeting. She asked Mr. McDowell to prioritize his list of items. He said that he would get some physical numbers for them.

Councilman Blair said that it came down to practicality. He said that the salt deteriorated the streets. He thought it was more practical to put plows

on garbage trucks. They needed to look at the difference of what deteriorated the roads and vehicles. For a very short period of time when they had snow, a plow made more sense.

Mr. McDowell agreed. He cautioned them on the garbage trucks and said that he had to make sure that the plows would fit their trucks.

Councilman Hanna asked if salt had been ordered. Mr. McDowell said yes and that their mixture of salt, sand and cinder had a minimal amount of salt in it.

Councilman Hanna asked how long salt had to be on the road to deteriorate it and would the number of storms the City had cause road damage.

Mr. Nietupski said that he was not an expert on the application of salt and the impact on the streets. He noted that the storms in Prescott melted off fairly quickly.

Mayor Kuykendall noted that he had a listed phone number in Prescott since 1964 and he learned some new words. There was a lot of frustration in town. A lot of it was deserved, and a lot was a good time to beat up on government. It was a learning experience; they acknowledged that and wanted to move forward.

Jan Anderson thanked Councilwoman Linn for calling her back. She was there to complain about the routine lack of snow removal on her street. She and her husband decided to locate within the City limits; they had always been in rural areas before that. They built their house in 1997 and 2.5 years later, her husband died. She expected City services and, for the most part she got them, except for snow removal, she never got it. She had to pay \$200 to run the plow on her own quad. She was prepared, but on a normal snow storm she wanted someone to come.

Mayor Kuykendall said that when they talked a day after the storm, the City's problems were already starting to happen, and a part of that was that they had a communication problem within the City. They were down Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The City did not set up a good communication system. Where there were emergencies, the two Chiefs were able to take care of those. He apologized.

Councilman Hanna also apologized and said that he got a call that morning from a guy who was still stuck in his house. He said that he would also still be stuck in his house if he did not have his own tractor. He said that he hoped the City would wake up and take care of the problem.

Monte Crooks, Prescott, said that one word was left out of the discussion, which was volunteerism. He was within walking distance of City Hall and said that he would come to the City and man the phone. He said that he had lived in many cities with more snow than Prescott. They had everything from strategically placed cans of cinders for the public to use, to Sheriff's drive patrol, and people who had been certified to drive the plows.

The cost to the City may be reimbursement for gas. He apologized for fellow citizens who may have abused the system. He asked that the City call the volunteers when they were needed.

Judith Critz, Prescott, thanked Councilwoman Linn for her email. She said that her street had yet to be plowed. She also had not received a newspaper or mail. The Daily Courier said that if the street had not been plowed, they would not deliver. The post office said the same thing. There was a lack of consistency from no plowing to overkill. She felt that there needed to be a coordinated effort for people who drove the snow plows. She asked who decided which streets would be plowed.

Mayor Kuykendall said that those items were a topic of conversation yesterday and continued to be as they developed a better plan. He asked Mr. McDowell if he knew anything about that area.

Mr. McDowell said that they had routes that the drivers were supposed to run. He gave a number to call if the street had not been plowed by the next morning, which was 777-1126. There were a lot of roads that were considered private roads. A new driver may miss a small road, but they would fix it.

Councilman Blair suggested that perhaps they have a hot list truck that knew about all of the new streets or streets that did not connect. Mr. McDowell said that there was a failure and that every perfectly run military operation took practice. They did not practice to make it perfect. He said that there were 10 plows for 500 miles of roads; 6 of them were 10 wheelers. The rest of them were just pick-up trucks.

Councilman Lamerson told Ms. Anderson that he was sorry that he could not get her an answer on Friday. The City was closed down and he did not know who to call. He found out on Sunday morning that it would not happen anymore.

Brad Sunquist, President of Cathedral Pines Home Owners Association, said they had a unique experience in their neighborhood because it was anywhere from a few 100 feet to 1,000 feet higher than the City. The lowest level of snow he got was about 18 inches with drifts up to 4 feet.

There was a guy up there trying to plow with a front loader tractor who made a bigger mess than if he had not been there at all. He created packed ice. He met with Dean Thompson last year to try to resolve the issues. There was a question as to whether the streets were public or private streets. They determined that they were public streets.

They got Peterson Lane dedicated as a feeder street so that it would be taken care of. He was told that all of the other streets were public and they would be addressed, but some of them did not get plowed. He said that there was a privately owned road grader, hired by the City, on his road when he first moved there. He thought that there were a lot of options that may be less expensive than what the City may have thought. He was distressed with the fact that calls were not answered.

He also thought that the City needed to analyze the terrain that they were in and know that they could not use a small tractor to do a large job.

Howard Hinson, Prescott, was concerned with alleyways in downtown Prescott. He had tenants on Whiskey Row who commented on their mystification as to why the alley had not been plowed between Whiskey Row and the parking garage. It appeared that the north part, behind St. Michael's Hotel and the Palace had received attention, but the south had not. He said that he knew the City was trying to do better.

Councilman Linn had issues with all of the snow in the middle of the street. She then found out that the person who would be hauling that snow away would be taken from clearing another road. She then asked to find out how much it would cost to hire a subcontractor. Mr. McDowell said that it would be between \$85 to \$125/hour with an operator; the same for a dump truck to plow the snow. It would cost around \$200/hour to remove the snow.

The County actually goes out to bid for some of those services, and he would call them to find out how that process was. He would like to have that information for budget time.

Councilwoman Linn noted that one of the citizens she spoke with was extremely dissatisfied. She asked if it was appropriate for a citizen to hire someone to plow the streets.

Mr. McDowell said that it was not appropriate to plow on the City streets right now. Citizens were not allowed to plow on City streets, which was a decision made by a prior City Council. He thought that the tractor in Cathedral Pines did not belong to the City. If someone did not know how to plow, it could become a hazard for others.

Councilwoman Linn said that they should look at how they could authorize people to run the equipment needed.

Mr. McDowell said that they needed to work with Ms. Swain in Risk Management to make sure that they had the proper insurance. The City could get a list of resources and verify they had the proper insurance.

Councilman Hanna said that it cost money and that people were having a hard enough time with taxes. He said that they used to contract out to different people for snow removal, but it cost money.

Mayor Kuykendall noted that the cars that did not move overnight in the downtown area did not allow the plows to get next to the curb. They had not enforced that ordinance for some time. He asked Mr. Jaspers how the downtown merchants would react if it became a problem.

Mr. Jaspers said that they were now more educated about not leaving their cars in front of the stores. He noted that Durango would just tow a car if it was on a snow plow route.

Mayor Kuykendall said that the Chief was concerned about people finding their car in a towing lot the next morning. Mr. Jaspers said that as a business owner, he thought that things went well in a tough situation.

Councilwoman Lopas said that they used to enforce it for the street sweepers and felt there would be a benefit year round.

Judge Hinton said that his antenna came up concerning the parking restrictions. He was not sure how they could expect a different parking pattern throughout the City when it stormed. He asked the Council to tread lightly on that. He said that there was a big emphasis on Driving under the Influence enforcement and people would leave their cars parked in front of bars between 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. and take a cab home. Councilman Hanna said that it was a valid point, but there used to be signs downtown when they were growing up.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to be discussed, the Prescott City Council Workshop adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

MARLIN D. KUYKENDALL, Mayor

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH A. BURKE, City Clerk