

PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP held on March 1, 2011 in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS located at 201 SOUTH CORTEZ STREET, Prescott, Arizona.

◆ **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kuykendall called the Workshop to order at 3:02 p.m.

- ◆ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilman Blair – introducing the American Legion Post 6 Honor Guard who will Post the Colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance

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

- ◆ **INVOCATION** Lloyd Teeter, Church of the Nazarene

Lloyd Teeter gave the invocation.

◆ **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Absent:

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

None

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Introduction of new businesses.

Dave Maurer, Chief Executive Officer of the Prescott Chamber of Commerce, introduced three new members.

▶ Jeff Coston and Paul Hogan, owners Arizona High Country Moving, said their contact information was 848-2444 – www.azhighcountrymoving.com

▶ Kathleen Gillis and Jerome Prazak, Nova Home Loans, talked about their business and noted that they were located at 222 West Gurley.

▶ Mailee Collins, Seams So Right quilt studiom was located at 220 West Goodwin Suite 4 and 5, phone number was 928-771-1200.

B. Dennis Gallagher re Western Heritage Days.

Dennis Gallagher and Neil Thomas showed a presentation regarding the Prescott Western Heritage Days and covered the following topics from last year's event and plans for the Centennial:

- ◆ PHOTOS
- ◆ EVENT COMMITTEE
- ◆ 2011 OFFICIAL CENTENNIAL ACCEPTANCE LETTER
- ◆ 2011 POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES
- ◆ EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- ◆ DOWNTOWN LIGHTING

Mr. Gallagher noted that they were looking for sponsors to raise money to put LED lighting on the buildings around the courthouse square. He said that they wanted to retain Prescott as Arizona's Christmas City. He noted that the lights could be operated year round for the same cost as it currently costs for running the lights for one month.

- ◆ SPONSORSHIPS
- ◆ CONCERNS

Mr. Thomas noted that their events never cost the City anything. He said they were offering their services as the City wished to use them.

C. Marie Panzarella re drug education.

Ms. Panzarella, Prescott, said that she felt government representation was lacking in the area of inter-turmoil with the education departments and a small percent of the police and sheriff departments which was not brought to the citizens' attention because the newspaper let it slide. She noted that there had been recognition of drugs in Prescott High School, but no one has bothered to say where they came from.

She said many of the people in the room might know of two to three friends, good old boys, that made mistakes, that participated with the drug situation that had overpowered the City, but was still unknown by its citizens. She said that the good old boys were not good old boys. She said that they were child abusers and child killers. She felt that it was time, with the knowledge that was known, that a group of unbiased people should handle the drug situation in Prescott. She said that the children were taught by their parents, football coaches, and sheriff's office how to use drugs. She noted that the situation was out of control. She noted that the last funeral she attended, there was more heroine present and used in the funeral than she had ever seen in her 16 years of growth in New York City.

She said that everyone hated to bring up the negativity with the honor of those people and what they were trying to do with the development of the City. She believed that with the people being addressed and the honesty she saw within them, that the issues that had been swept under the rug had become one big lump and they could not be overlooked. She said that she would be happy to speak with anyone on an individual basis.

D. Representatives of Prescott Area Independents re liquor license fees.

Barry Barb, member of the Prescott Area Independents (PAI) an association of local bars and restaurants, said that it was created about two years ago with goal of creating not just a networking situation, but an educational situation and to be a liaison with their membership, Council and other government officials.

He said that the topic that had come up the last two years was that of the annual liquor license fee. They wanted to know how the rate structure began. He noted that fees were paid to the State and other agencies for something in return. He said that they did not get anything in return from the City.

He said that they wanted to begin dialogue and see what they could do about the fee. He noted that they were the only industry that had a business fee. He said that Prescott was the only city in Yavapai County that charged a liquor fee to bars and restaurants. He said that Scottsdale also charged a fee for a liquor license.

Ms. Nielsen said that PAI was not just a liquor license organization. They had coffee shops, diners, and member who were not involved in the liquor industry. The liquor committee formed as a subcommittee to address the issue. She asked if there was a huge event 30 years ago that used a lot of City resources that started the fee.

She noted that they generated, collected, reported on, and paid sales tax like every other establishment, but they did not have a special tax. She said that they did not know where that money went and what it was used for.

She said that they would like the Council to revisit the fee structure. She noted that they were responsible to keep their licenses with the state and were very responsible members of the community. She noted that bars were not as lucrative as they used to be.

Councilman Lamerson said that it was an appropriate issue to place on a workshop agenda.

Councilwoman Lopas said that she agreed with the members of PAI. It was why she wanted to bring forward business licenses. She said that they knew who was in business with liquor licenses but, they did not know how many businesses were in the town. She said that they should be able to track all of the businesses in the community. It would be a way to offset losses that the City would have. She said that the fees should be fair to all businesses.

Councilwoman Suttles said that she would like the item on the agenda for a workshop and asked if there could be a subcommittee that would answer the questions that had been brought up.

Councilman Blair said that they needed to make sure that it was a workshop and see why they were doing some things to some businesses and not to others. He said that he would like to hear from Mr. Woodfill what the State law and City Code were and how they could get to something that was fair.

Mayor Kuykendall said that they wanted to look forward with the item and asked the City Clerk to put something on the agenda for a month from then. Ms. Nielsen said that would work for them and that they all had their numbers ready.

Ms. Burke noted that the next workshop would be April 5, 2011.

II. PROCLAMATIONS

A. March 2011 as *Red Cross Month*

Councilwoman Suttles read the proclamation and presented it to the volunteers.

Councilwoman Linn noted that there were Unisource grants available in Yavapai County from \$1,000 to \$5,000 at uesaz.com.

B. March 2011 as *March for Meals on Wheels Month*

Councilwoman Linn read the proclamation and presented it to the volunteers.

She noted that she and the Mayor drove around with the volunteers six months ago and said that it was very touching.

Ms. O'Hare, Member of the Board of Meals on Wheels, noted that there would be a couple of fundraisers coming up in May and September. She invited the Mayor and Council members to help them serve.

Another member said that the City and community had been very generous and supportive of their association, especially through difficult times. He thanked them. He said that as a volunteer, he got back more than he gave.

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of Prescott Young Professionals (PYP) recipients of the Visionary Award.

Councilwoman Linn said that she had the pleasure of going to the Prescott Young Professional (PYP) Visionary Awards, and had invited them to the Council meeting to be further recognized. She introduced the award recipients:

Charlie Arnold
Shane Ferraro
Steve Gushue
Matt Holdsworth
Tricia Lewis
Amanda Richardson
Adam Rutherford
Damon Sage
Kate Sage
Samantha Van Way

They each said a couple of words about themselves.

- B. Wildland presentation “*Ready, Set, Go*” and announcement of winning poster from the first and second grade classes of the Prescott Unified School District.

Chief Willis introduced Ted Ralston from the Wildland Division.

Mr. Ralston said that he looked forward to January because it was the start of their public education program in the Prescott Unified School District. He said that they visited 12 first and second grade classes and taught them methods of defensible space.

He noted that part of the *Ready, Set, Go* program was a poster contest. They asked the classes to identify some important things to pass on to their neighbors about defensible space. He said that the winning class won a pizza party and the Hot Shots tell fire stories. He noted that the winner was Ms. Stain's first grade class at Abia Judd.

Chief Willis spoke about the *Ready, Set, Go* program and said that the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) contacted the City of Prescott to be one of nine pilot programs throughout the United States to beta test the new program. It was a combination of all the things they taught people, like evacuations and defensible space. They wanted to test a program that would unify what people were told and not send mixed messages. They developed a program and made some resources available to the local communities.

He said that they found there were a lot of places that had a problem but did not have the resources available to educate the public. The IAFC came up with a brochure. All the City had to do was put their logo on it. Chief Willis agreed with everything in the brochure. He noted that people should have a three day supply of preparations in their homes.

He noted that in 2009 they thought that instead of evacuating people in a wildfire, they would shelter them in place and fight the fire around them. He noted that an event in 2009 in Australia changed their minds. He said the event was called Black Saturday and 173 people died and 400 people were injured. Australia had been the experts in sheltering in place for years. He said that they pulled the trigger too late and only had one way in and out.

He said that he was trying to get people to have an evacuation plan in place and leave early. He said that they were fortunate to be one of the nine communities to beta test the program. They had met with 30 different Homeowners Groups. He noted that there were 12 designated Firewise communities.

He then showed a video that would be on Channel 15 and was on the City's web site.

Councilman Hanna said that he was more than willing to come out and teach defensible space. He noted that the more they could educate the public, the better off they were.

Councilwoman Lopas noted that she was evacuated during the Indian Fire in 2002. She noted that it all happened so quickly. She asked that they contact the Real Estate Board and make sure they have the link. She said that people took the forests for granted and were not prepared for a fire.

Councilwoman Suttles said that it would be nice to have the pamphlets available at the schools and at the City for the lobby. Chief Willis said that IAFC paid for 4000 pamphlets. Councilwoman Linn said that they were making an impact at the schools.

Councilman Lamerson noted that he was also was evacuated during the Indian Fire and saw how quickly it happened. He thanked the fire and police departments.

C. Presentation on Watson/Willow Lakes.

Mr. McConnell introduced the item and said that it was about the planning and efforts which had been ongoing to address water quality, supply and recreation, and balancing each of the three items in Watson and Willow Lakes.

He said that Prescott had three members of the City Council that comprised the Water Issues Committee. They had been addressing this subject, and working in conjunction with them was a number of citizen participants that had particular expertise and interests.

He noted that two members of the ad hoc committee would be making a presentation: Gary Worob and Gordon Bean. He said that Michael Byrd and Chuck Budinger were also active members of that committee. He said that they had been spending a lot of time looking at the work plan for Watson and Willow Lakes. They also had some recommendations for the Council regarding the budget.

Gary Worob said that as an ad hoc volunteer committee they each had over 160 hours into it. He noted that they brought in eight presenters. He highlighted the Salt River Project recommendation, which the committee was also recommending, which was lake sampling. He said that they needed to know what was happening in the watersheds.

He noted that \$25,000 was originally allocated for an algae study. He said that it was important but not all inclusive. The committee would like to expand the usage of the money. He complimented Public Works and said that they needed some financial help for equipment to continue their work. They recommended the \$10,000 go towards that equipment and said that it was specified by Susan Fitch of Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. He said that they were on target for their projects.

Councilwoman Linn asked if there were any grant opportunities for the equipment. Mr. Worob answered that there were monies available, but it was not the direction of the committee to explore grants. He did say that he would be happy to and that he did it for a living.

He said that the committee recommended \$5,000 for core sampling for Willow Lake. He noted that he had heard that ADEQ would be sampling Watson Lake which was over a \$25,000 process. He noted that the City would not have to pick up the cost on that. He said that there would be two core samples done with six months of analysis to follow by Dr. David Walker and Dr. Gremillion from Northern Arizona University.

Councilman Hanna asked if they were going to do Willow Lake. Mr. Worob said that they would love to see Willow Lake be included. He said that to do a core process was very involved and at this point it was late to write a contract to have it done. He said that they were hoping to have core samples done at Willow at the same time, but, he said that it would take at least two months to negotiate the contract.

Gordon Bean said that part of what they had learned, working with ADEQ to do the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study, showed that data they needed before doing the core samples was depth and contours of the lake. He said that was a key piece of the puzzle that they did not have on Willow Lake. He said that they would like to put part of the money toward that.

Michael Byrd, Executive Director as Prescott Creeks Preservation Association, said that in regards to grants for equipment, while ADEQ had not expressed that there were grants available for this, they had granted Prescott Creeks, in partnership with the City of Prescott, nearly \$1 million in the past four to five years to study water quality issues. Through those grants the City had partnered with Prescott Creeks to provide some matching funds. He noted that the state department had put a lot of money into the community.

He said that regarding Willow Lake vs. Watson Lake, the sampling that was currently happening through ADEQ was mandated because Watson Lake and Granite Creek were on the impaired waters list. He said that

through the State's testing it had come to the attention of the State and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that they were not meeting the standards. He said that it kicked ADEQ into a process of understanding why those impairments existed. He noted that the goal was for Prescott, as a community and the State to work together. He said that the committee was trying to support that effort.

He noted that Willow Lake was not currently listed as impaired so the State did not have a mandate to pursue those types of studies. He said that they expected Willow Lake to be added to the impaired list in the near future. The committee proposed to get a step ahead of that process.

Mr. Worob said that they would like the rest of the monies to go towards more sampling. He noted that since 2004, there were only 80 samples done, by ADEQ and they would like to see that increased. He noted that Susan Fitch recommended, during the cold season, at least once a month for each lake and then twice a month when it warmed up.

Mr. Worob said that public education was very important so the community would know what the lakes were about. He said that he had reserved 2/3 of the display case in the library for the month of May for understanding and appreciating the two lakes in the watershed. He said that Walt Anderson and the Audubon Society would do at least half of the display. He said that Chuck Budinger from ADOT had some overhead photos from 1964 of what the lake looked like. He said that they were looking for photos and information on how the lakes were formed. He said that they wanted some money for enlarging photos and making story boards. He said that might be around \$500. He noted that the mall also wanted a display and that they should share it with the schools.

Mayor Kuykendall asked Acting City Manager Hadley how she wanted to handle some of these expenditures. He noted that there was \$10,000 for Public Works for equipment and \$5,000 for core sampling. He asked Mr. Worob if that was a known amount. Mr. Worob said that they had a figure of \$3,000 for the core sampling and bathometric data.

Acting City Manager Hadley said that they would have to get exact numbers before they could move forward with anything. She noted that they did put aside some money and that they could work through Mr. McConnell. Mayor Kuykendall said that she had \$25,000 to move through the system and it was up to her how she would control it.

Councilman Lamerson thanked the citizen volunteers that worked with the committee. He noted that the money had been set aside but it did not mean that they had to spend the money but, at the will of the Council, they could. He noted that the committee brought in representatives from all

walks of life. He said that he appreciated their thoughtfulness of the economy and not bringing forward a wish list that was out of reality.

Mr. Worob said they would like to discuss Plan B at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Linn asked if any of the \$25,000 had been spent. Acting City Manager said not to her knowledge.

Councilman Blair asked if impaired meant sewage release from past plants. He asked if that was part of what the core sampling was about as well as unsecured septic systems with the City that may be releasing into the creeks and adding a drawdown of waters to the community.

Mr. Byrd said that was the nature of the work that was going on at that moment. He said that Prescott Creeks brought together a group referred to at the Watershed Improvement Council, with representatives from the City, County, ADOT, and from different organizations. He said that they had been going through a two year process trying to identify the source of the pollutants that were in the waterways. The process of lake, led by ADEQ through their TMDL process was trying to get at the sources of the pollutants. The easier places to point the finger were older septic systems and older City infrastructure. He said that they were not the whole story because they did not know what part of the problem they were.

He said that they were trying to figure out what the community could do to change how the waters were functioning. He noted that it was hard to say what the problem was at that point.

Mr. Blair said that they had kept the lakes full the past couple of years which had created a bigger bird population. Mr. Byrd said that there had been a management change over the past ten years. He said that prior to the City purchasing the lakes from the Chino Irrigation District, they had drawn the lakes down on a regular basis and the City had kept them fuller. He noted that there was more algae growth than they had ever seen. He said that there was more demand for surface water recreation. He said that the core sampling would help them find out what had been happening in the soils over the history of the lake.

Councilman Blair thanked them for their work and said that he had enjoyed the meetings.

Councilman Lamerson said that they had all kinds of uses for the lakes besides their commitment for recharge. He said that their intent was to promote tourism. He said that the better they understood what was in the water the better off the community would be from a health and liability perspective.

Councilwoman Suttles asked if any of the presenters could be stakeholders. Mr. Worob said that they would try to incorporate more of the stakeholders, although they had a lot of commitment from them already. He said that they were missing the major ingredient of what was happening in the lakes.

- D. Video presentation on Public Info TV segments on Access 13 and City's website.

Mr. Kapin showed a highlight reel presentation of the great work that the City employees had been doing and the services the City offered. He noted that the videos were shown to about 27,000 people repeatedly through Access 15 and 13 and on the YouTube site with about 20,000 upload views.

Councilwoman asked him how often he would update the videos. Mr. Kapin said that they tried to produce green segments so they could show them over and over. He thanked Cable One for their help with production and advertising. He noted that they kept adding to the library, so that when they launched Channel 15 they would have a huge library of public information content to rotate.

Councilwoman Suttles asked if he would cover current Council issues. Mr. Kapin said that the Prescott Today Show and Sound Bites were built for that. He thanked Dave Veatch for his editing.

Councilwoman Linn asked if there was a roll out date of Channel 15. Mr. Kapin said that he and Chief Kabbel had been discussing that.

- E. Council updates

Acting City Manager Hadley noted that at least once a month the staff put together Council updates. She said that it was difficult for the Council to be in touch with 13 different departments, so they put together what they thought was most important. She said that the information was also on the website. They were also going to get the information to the public at the first Council meeting of the month.

▶ She noted that Officer Robert Coker from the police department was recently recognized by Mothers of Drunk Drivers as Prescott's top Driving while under the influence Enforcement Officer for 2010.

▶ She also noted that the new, official tourism website was up and running www.visit.prescott.com and was receiving 3,000 unique hits per week.

- ▶ She said that Prescott was represented for the first time at the Go West Summit Trade Show for 13 Western states to tour operators and media in the United States, Europe and Asia. There would be a familiarization tour for German Tour operators in April. She said that one of the bigger tourism campaigns was to get the mid-week traveler into Prescott.
- ▶ She said that the Iron Springs retaining wall was almost complete.
- ▶ The Virginia Street sewer replacement would be done in the next few weeks.
- ▶ She noted that the Zone 24 Reservoir in Thumb Butte should be complete in a month, which was a 500,000 gallon tank.
- ▶ She said that the projects that were coming up were the Airport Recovery Well #3, the Country Park Water Main, the Penn Alley Sewer, Rosser Street Reconstruction, Club House Relocation and Williamson Valley Road widening.

Councilwoman Suttles said that she would appreciate if within that month they could cover the Centennial Event. She would like to be kept apprised of what was going on with that.

F. Board / Commission Reports by Council liaisons.

Councilman Blair said that the Board of Adjustment heard a Prescott College presentation on the dormitory project that went through two meetings and to a 4-3 approval vote for a Conditional Use Permit. He said that it was an element that would bring forward the opportunity of new construction. He said that there was a tattoo parlor that was also approved.

He noted that the Council could not make suggestions to rule makers. He said that it was their opportunity to ask for something in return when they granted a conditional use permit. He was dismayed that the engineer from Public Works suggested that there would be no extra traffic flow when the dormitories were built. He thought that Prescott College should have been asked to be a participant in a light at Western Avenue if a light were needed in the future.

Mayor Kuykendall asked if Councilman Blair thought they should have a briefing prior to those types of events happening at the board. Councilman Blair said that he did not know how appropriate that was with the Board of Adjustments being quasi judicial. He stated that he brought it up so staff could take it back with them.

Councilwoman Linn said that Prescott Downtown Partnership (PDP) had a presentation by Don Prince. She also noted that a group of them got together to discuss the parking garage downtown. She said that they were trying to go back to the original intent of the parking garage and have jurors park there. She noted that jurors using a placard would still get a ticket if parking around the courthouse over two hours.

Kendall Jackson noted that the BestFest was the biggest news and the logistics were going to be complicated.

Councilwoman Linn said that Access 13 showed that the Prescott web site video hits were 27 per hour per day, which was 4200 hits per week. She noted that she, Mayor Kuykendall, Ms. Bishop and Mr. Cooper had a meeting to put forward the plans for Access 15. She said that it would not cost any more money. She said that she had talked with the County and the County Board of Supervisors did not have their meeting televised. She said that they could be a part of the all government channel. She noted that Access had a May event to try to raise money and friends for Channel 13. She said that there would be bands and local talent.

She pointed out that the Over the Hills Gang was working on the Constellation Trail. Chris Hosking was taking out the mountain bike riders that weekend to clean up more trails. She said that five trails would be named after the five individuals who died when the Constellation plane crashed there in 1958.

She noted that the Boys and Girls Club had a Bingo event that Friday night. She also said that she had a team that would be bowling for Big Brothers/Big Sisters that weekend and that there were a few teams from the City.

Mayor Kuykendall said that Northern Arizona Council of Governments had a meeting and said that they received a grant for broadband in Arizona. He said that they would start through the educational system and move on to emergency organizations.

Councilman Lamerson said that Planning and Zoning (P&Z) was considering changes to the Land Development Code pertaining to transitional housing. He said that the issue would come before Council on March 22, 2011. He said that the purpose was to update the codes to keep them consistent with the Fair Housing Acts. He noted that there was a request for rezoning at The Ranch which was a P&Z and a Water Issues Committee issue.

He noted that the Commission was brought up to date regarding the existing codes for legal marijuana. He said that the existing provisions already accommodated the implementation with the State law Prescott was the only community in the State that did not have to do anything.

He said that the Chamber of Commerce was holding membership breakfast meetings the first Thursday of each month. He noted that the Prescott Economic Development Partnership would have their first meeting next month. The goal was to develop proactive economic development efforts to be a resource to the City as prospects come to town.

Councilwoman Suttles said that there was a bid out for public transit through Central Yavapai Municipal Planning Organization and there was an interested party. She also noted that Northern Arizona Water Users Association was still involved with the Central Arizona Project on rural water needs and Acquisition Development and Delivery. She said that they would continue to work on a Water State Resources Development Commission which was considering a project of water needs for Arizona for the next 50-100 years.

She said that the Water Advisory Committee (WAC) was in Phase 3 of Central Yavapai Highland Water Resource Management Study. She noted that all three groups, including the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition (UVRWPC) had agreed to reduce fees by 20 percent for 2011. The UVRWPC was also working on a regional water audit program.

Mayor Kuykendall noted that the General Plan was due for an update. They were suggesting that each member of the Council appoint a person from the public that would be willing to serve on the General Plan. He said that Councilman Hanna had volunteered to be liaison. He said that there would be seven members to represent the Council and staff would have four or five members.

G. Legislative Update by Joe Brehm.

Mr. Brehm said that the deadline for bills to be heard in their house of origin had come and gone.

He noted that the Federal Government noted that when the state system came up for re-approval on September 30, 2011, the Legislature could enact that 250,000 people would no longer be covered under the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), which Governor's staff was expected to save \$541 million for the next fiscal year's budget. He

said that the hospital boards were proposing to use some of their funding with federal matching funds to stave off cuts for one year.

He talked about Senate Bills 1220 which was the Uniform Local Sales Tax Base which wanted to cut things that the State levied taxes on. He said that the sponsor had pulled that bill and the League of Cities and Towns would work on that bill.

He said that Senate Bill 1221 was the Urban Revenue Sharing Distribution Freeze set a cap on the urban revenue sharing or income tax that was shared with the municipalities, had also been pulled.

He noted that there were several bills targeting third party collection of taxes. He noted that Prescott was a self collecting City, which allowed taxes to be collected in a timely manner. He noted that small businesses could also call City Hall with questions instead of having to deal with the State. He said that when cities received tax revenue from the state, it came as one large number. By collecting their own revenue, they knew exactly where the money was coming from.

He said that the Arizona Competitiveness Package was a jobs bill that Governor Brewer wanted to fast track. The final version of the bill was available 13 hours before the vote. He said that the bill passed.

Mayor Kuykendall asked where the bill was on self collection of sales tax. Mr. Brehm said that most of them were on the Senate side. Mayor Kuykendall noted that if the State did the collection, it would hold up the money from 30 to 60 days.

Mr. Brehm said that they would be expanding the Capitol Watch video presentations with Kim Kapin. He noted that he would be on television to discuss the legislative information and connect with PDP and the Chamber of Commerce. He said that the City was hoping to mobilize the groups so that they could weigh in with the City on some of the big issues.

Councilwoman Suttles said that if the AHCCCS cuts went through, the hospital would be hugely impacted. She asked how they could stop that. Mr. Brehm said that Yavapai Regional Medical Center (YRMC) would be working with the Governor to delay the cut. Councilwoman Suttles said that they had to take patients whether they had the money or not.

Councilwoman Linn said that the impact that AHCCCS could have on the hospital was staggering. She thought that it was 50 percent of all of their deliveries were AHCCCS patients. She said that it was very proactive for Prescott to be with YRMC. She also noted that many people had pre existing conditions and there was website that offered insurance for

people who had preexisting conditions and had been without insurance for six months.

Councilman Hanna said that he understood the deal on the AHCCCS. He noted that if the people using AHCCCS had to show proof of citizenship they would take care of the problem. He said that the people who actually paid their bills were the ones paying for the 50% of the deliveries on AHCCCS.

Councilwoman Linn said that said that Russell Pearce wanted to make the doctors accountable and they would not be able to take patients if the patient did not show papers.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, the Prescott City Council Workshop of March 1, 2011, adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

MARLIN D. KUYKENDALL, Mayor

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH A. BURKE, City Clerk