

PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011  
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP held on August 2, 2011, in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS located at CITY HALL, 210 SOUTH CORTEZ STREET, Prescott, Arizona.

◆ **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kuykendall called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

◆ **INVOCATION** Wil Ryland of the Church of the Nazarene

Mr. Ryland gave the invocation.

◆ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Kuykendall

Mayor Kuykendall led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

◆ **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Mayor Kuykendall  
Councilman Blair  
Councilman Hanna  
Councilman Lamerson  
Councilman Scamardo  
Councilwoman Suttles

Absent:

Councilwoman Lopas\*

\* excused

**I. RECOGNITIONS**

A. Introduction of new businesses

▶ The Haunting Experience - Darlene Wilson, owner and tour guide, said she talked about the ghost stories and history of Prescott. Reservations were available at [ahauntingexperiencetours.com](http://ahauntingexperiencetours.com) or call 928-642-5074.

▶ All Clean - Linda Smith, Marketing Director, said they had been in business for 17 years and Deana Gerard currently owned it. It was located at 230 East Hillside Avenue, 928-771-2698. Their web site was [azallclean.com](http://azallclean.com).

- ▶ Rene Eberhardt said she was a licensed massage therapist, with a practice at the Firehouse Plaza. She said that her website was [renewprescottmassage.com](http://renewprescottmassage.com).

B. Fire Department Promotion Ceremony

Dan Bates recognized the leaders in the community, Council members, Mayor Kuykendall, Acting City Manager Craig McConnell and the men and women of the Prescott Fire Department. He noted that Fire Chief Martinez was unable to attend and Division Chief Don Devendorf would stand in his place.

Chief Devendorf talked about how the staff qualified for their positions and noted that the community was seeing the best of the best.

Dan Bates then introduced the following and invited a family member up to pin their badges, while reading a biography for each:

- ▶ Jeff Moffitt
- ▶ Darrin Osborne
- ▶ Brian Padilla-Melton
- ▶ Mike Lavers
- ▶ Craig Schmidt
- ▶ David Haskell
- ▶ Matt Reese
- ▶ Mike Clesceri

Chief Devendorf swore them in; Mayor Kuykendall thanked them for including the Council in the ceremony

## II. PROCLAMATIONS

A. August 2011 as *Prescott MS Walk Month*

Councilwoman Suttles read the proclamation and presented it to John Coomer.

Mr. Coomer said the new Prescott Woman just came out today with a local woman who had MS. He talked about Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and how it affected the body and said that it was important to get behind the event. The event was in its fourth year in Prescott. He hoped to raise more than \$25,000 this year. He said that about half of the walkers came up from Phoenix.

B. August 2011 as *Drowning Impact Awareness Month*

Councilman Blair read the proclamation and presented it to Don Devendorf of the Prescott Fire Department.

C. August 2, 2011 as *National Night Out*

Councilman Scamardo read the proclamation and presented it to Traces Gordon and Tony Palermo.

Mr. Palermo said that they had over two dozen block parties going on that night. Ms. Gordon thanked the Council for their support.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A. Carol Friedman re Symphony Guild Update.

Ms. Friedman presented Council with a picture of all of the children involved in Music Memory at Tim's Toyota Center.

B. Representatives re Yavapai HelpLine

David Hess, President of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott, and Sue Rutherford, Executive Director of Yavapai Helpline, came forward. Mr. Hess said there were 800 people who faced the night homeless on any given Sunday in Yavapai County. He said that there were more than 10,000 children who faced the night hungry. He said that resources in the County were under utilized because those in need did not know where to ask for help. He noted that the County had help lines come and go and noted how they would be different. The four ways were:

- COLLABORATION WITH THE TRAUMA INTERVENTION PROGRAM WHO WOULD TRAIN THE VOLUNTEERS WHO STAFFED THE PHONES
- ACCESS TO THE DATA BASE OF THE SOCIAL AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT COULD HELP PEOPLE, WHICH WAS UPDATED DAILY
- PARTNER WITH THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY FOR PEOPLE WHO HAD NEEDS THAT WERE NOT MET BY SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS
- THEY WERE AN OUTCOME DRIVEN ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD FOLLOW UP TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE GOT THE HELP THEY NEEDED

They handed out flyers and laminated business cards and said their goal was to have business cards in all of the police and fire vehicles.

Councilman Hanna thanked them for the work they did. He said that there were a lot of people in need of help out there and they might be overwhelmed.

Mayor Kuykendall thanked them and said that the Council made the first step working with some Vista Volunteers and asked Mr. Brehm to give them one of the directories. He thanked them for taking it to the next level.

C. Sally Barton re Radio Shine

Sally Barton said that her radio station was a singular station broadcasting God's good news. They do not get government funding. She noted the station number was 90.0 FM.

Councilwoman Suttles said she went to the grand opening and that Ms. Barton was a plus to the community.

D. Mike Vax re Prescott Jazz Summit

Mr. Vax handed out a packet about the Jazz Summit. He talked about the Summit and the events they did at the Highlands Center. He noted that the Stan Kenton Alumni Band would be playing at the Elk's Opera House on October 23, 2011.

He said the presales for the August 26-28 Jazz Summit were up, as well as sponsorships.

E. Representatives of Firehouse Kitchen re the Firefighter Charities Volleyball and Luau Fundraiser

Kristi Gagnon, Chairwoman of Firefighter Charities, said they formed the organization to help the community. She said that they were usually the first to see the need in the community. She noted that they put on an event a few weeks ago with 4000 people, which was double the amount of people from last year and raised \$10,000. She said that every penny raised went back into the community. She said that they helped fix up homes with hazards.

Councilwoman Suttles asked how they dispensed their money to the families.

Ms. Gagnon said they could apply and give information about what their problems were. She said that they also supported other organizations in the community. She noted that they would work with school nurses and find out who needed help and give the kids a better lifestyle. They had an annual budget that they worked from.

Councilman Hanna said it was a great event and the Firehouse Restaurant was great and the owners went way out of their way to help the citizens of Prescott. Ms. Gagnon said that they could not work with better guys.

Councilman Blair thanked the owners of the Firehouse, the Streets Department and the City for putting the event on. Ms. Gagnon thanked Parks and Recreation and the Sanitation Department.

Councilman Hanna noted that there were a lot of people behind the scenes donating their time. He said that was how Prescott was and it should stay that way.

Ms. Gagnon said their big purchase was a 40 x 60 tent because it cost \$2000 to rent and \$6000 to buy. Now they can rent it out.

#### **IV. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Presentation by County Assessor Pam Pearsall re new legislation regarding property taxes.

Pam Pearsall talked about property tax in Arizona and showed a PowerPoint that discussed:

- TAX SHIFTS
- PROPERTY TAX CALCULATIONS
- ASSESSMENT RATIO
- TAX BILL CALCULATION
- STATE AID TO EDUCATION

She noted the law said that a homeowner could not pay more than 1% of the value of his house on property tax. She pointed out that in a future Notice of Value there would be an affidavit that homeowners should sign to get back to the assessor. They feared the Notices of Value would be ignored. If ignored, the tax bills would have a wrong classification and the

property owner may pay \$600 more than they needed to. She noted that more information could be found at [co.yavapai.az.us](http://co.yavapai.az.us).

Councilman Hanna asked about the classification for agriculture. Ms. Pearsall talked about the number of animals per acre and the number of acres to qualify for ranching. She noted that people had abused the system and some would rent cattle for their property. She said that they should look at Title 42 to see if they qualified.

Mayor Kuykendall asked if a non-profit was in a County where there was a fire district, if the non-profit would get help from the fire department. Ms. Pearsall said yes.

B. Presentation by the Civil Air Patrol.

Rescheduled

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be discussed, the Prescott City Council Workshop of August 2, 2011, adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

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MARLIN D. KUYKENDALL, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ELIZABETH A. BURKE, City Clerk