

**TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY  
TOWN COUNCIL/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES – March 11, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Bishop called to order the regular session of the Apple Valley Town Council at 6:35 p.m.

Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Roll Call

Present: Council Members Emick; Nassif; Stanton; Mayor Pro Tem Cusack; Mayor Bishop.

Absent: None.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

**INVOCATION:**

The invocation was given by Bishop Gibbons, Church of Latter Day Saints

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Len Travenetti.

**PRESENTATION:**

Proclamation - Purple Heart Town – Presented to Mr. Len Tavernetti

Presentation – Check from Jersey Mikes Subs to Apple Valley Police Activities League

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Richard Rorex, Apple Valley, suggested that the Town work with property owners to create residential basins on their property to contain rainwater.

Tom Piper, Apple Valley, commented on the Town of Apple Valley budget. He questioned the \$22 million listed in the budget that he believes is being used for the Golf Course. He said he would like to figure out a way to save the golf course, but he does not believe it is feasible.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE/COMMISSION PARTICIPATION**

Council Member Stanton commented on committee meetings and events that she attended. She also spoke of Donate Life Day and stated that the Town Council would be recognizing them with a plaque on April 11. She commented on the events taking place regarding Donate Life and the efforts of lung recipient Lena Russell to encourage participation by all in these events.

Council Member Nassif commented on committee meetings and events he attended.

Council Member Emick commented on committee meetings and events that he attended. He commented on donations taking place for the upcoming musical, The Music Man that will be held in the amphitheater in June. He thanked Mr. Richard Rorex for his generous support. He announced that anyone wishing to contribute should contact Kathie Martin at the Town of Apple Valley.

Mayor Pro Tem Cusack commented on committee meetings and events that he attended.

Mayor Bishop commented on committee meetings and events that he attended. He announced the upcoming meeting on April 2, 2014 at the Town of Apple Valley by Rancho Water to discuss the water rates. He encouraged everyone to attend.

### TOWN COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Suggested items for future agenda:**

None.

#### **Time, Date & Place for Next Town Council Regular or Special Meeting:**

**A. Regular Meeting – Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**

### TOWN COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bishop announced that Council Member Nassif has a remote interest in specific warrants on tonight's commercial warrants dealing with NAPA Auto Parts for the Town of Apple Valley as the owner of NAPA Auto Parts. Therefore, he will be abstaining from voting on the Warrants for NAPA Auto Parts listed under Agenda Item Number 2. Also, Mayor Pro Tem Cusack has a remote interest in specific warrants on tonight's commercial warrants dealing with Apple Valley Communication for the Town of Apple Valley as owner of Apple Valley Communications; therefore, he too will be abstaining from voting on warrants for Apple Valley Communications listed under Agenda Item Number 2.

#### **MOTION**

Motion by Council Member Emick, seconded by Council Member Nassif, to approve the Consent Calendar items numbered 1-5, respectfully and that item number 6 be pulled for discussion.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0-0-0

Yes: Councilmember's Emick; Nassif; Stanton; Mayor Pro Tem Cusack; Mayor Bishop.

Absent: None.

**Council Member Nassif and Mayor Pro Tem Cusack abstained from voting on specific warrants listed under Agenda Item Number 2.**

**1. Approval of Minutes of the Town Council**

**A. Regular Meeting – February 25, 2014**

**Recommendation:**

Approve the subject minutes as part of the consent agenda.

**2. January 2014 - Commercial Warrants Schedule**

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council receive, ratify, and file the Commercial Warrants Schedule as presented.

**3. January 2014 - Payroll/Benefits Warrants Schedule**

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council receive, ratify, and file the payroll/benefits warrants as presented.

**4. Treasurer's Report – January 2014 and Schedules of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the Parks and Recreation Fund and the Apple Valley Golf Course Fund**

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council receive and file the January 2014 Treasurer's Report.

**5. Fee Waiver Request for the Church for Whosoever Annual Outreach on May 26, 2014 and September 1, 2014**

**Recommendation:**

For good cause shown, and finding a waiver will serve a public purpose, approve the waiver of the Facility Rental Fee of \$717.72.

**PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**6. Award Contract for the Rehabilitation and Widening of the Bear Valley Road Bridge over the Mojave River**

Council Member Stanton asked the Town Engineer to brief the Council and the public on this project.

Brad Miller, Town Engineer, presented a detailed staff report as filed with the Town Clerk.

**MOTION**

Motion by Council Member Stanton, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cusack, to Council award a contract to Dokken Engineering for engineering services for the Bear Valley Road Bridge Over Mojave River Rehabilitation and Widening Services Phase I in an amount not to exceed \$372,420, subject to "Approval as to Form" by the Town Attorney and "Approval as to Content" by the Town Manager, with a provision that the contract may be continued for Phases II and III as the necessary Federal and/or State funding becomes secured.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0-0-0

Yes: Councilmember's Emick; Nassif; Stanton; Mayor Pro Tem Cusack; Mayor Bishop.

Absent: None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

None.

**REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

**7. Animal Services Update**

Gina Schwin-Whiteside, Animal Services Manager, presented the staff report as filed with the Town Clerk. Ms. Schwin-Whiteside showed a powerpoint presentation on the shelter, animal statistics as well as euthanasia statistics for the benefit of the Council and the public.

Council Member Stanton questioned the number of individuals who visit the shelter compared to the number of adoption of animals. She also asked a series of question regarding the funding needed in an effort to provide more animal services for the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Cusack clarified the after hour process for animal services.

Council Member Emick commented on the various types of animals housed at the shelter. He thanked them for the services that they provide.

Mayor Bishop questioned the new days and hours that the shelter is open.

Ms. Schwin-Whiteside commented on the adjustment that staff has made to accommodate the new hours that were implemented recently which includes the shelter being open on Saturdays.

Melanie Nolan, Southern California Abyssinian Rescue, stated that she has been rescuing cats for many years. She commented on the number of cats that are in the shelter and the hard work of the shelter staff as well as the cleanliness of the facility.

The Town Council thanked staff for their hard work.

**TOWN MANAGER'S COMMENTS & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Dennis Cron, Assistant Town Manager, Municipal Operations and Contract Services, stated that in response to the state's drought conditions, the state revolving loan fund for reclaimed water will reduce its existing rate of 2.7 percent to ½ percent for projects that are shelf ready. He stated that the Town will have to qualify for the program, but we are very optimistic and are in a position to qualify. He explained the significance of the savings due to the percentage reduction.

Ralph Wright, Parks and Recreation Manager, announced that the Town received the California Parks and Recreation Society Award for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He also announced that Park and Recreation Supervisor, Joseph Ramos, received the Hershey Award for Best Local Coordinator of the Year.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND BUSINESS:**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**8. Closed Session:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council Member Emick, seconded by Council Member Nassif, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting of the Apple Valley Town Council at 8:12 p.m.

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Art Bishop, Mayor

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La Vonda M-Pearson, Town Clerk