

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

**SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES – November 24, 2009**

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Roelle called to order the meeting of the Apple Valley Town Council at 5:01 p.m.

Roll call was taken with the following members present:

Roll Call

Present: Boardmember/Councilman Allan; Boardmember/Councilwoman Coleman; Boardmember /Councilman Sagona; Vice-Chair/Mayor Pro Tem Nassif; Chair/Mayor Roelle. Absent: None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rick Roelle

**BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

1. **[Accusation from Mr. Tom Carpino Brought to Council's Attention by Mayor Rick Roelle During the Council Meeting of November 10, 2009.](#)**

Frank Robinson, Town Manager, presented the staff report as filed with the Town Clerk.

Mayor Roelle commented on the conversation he had with Mr. Tom Carpino regarding his desire to purchase the Apple Valley Country Club.

Councilman Sagona commented on his meeting with Mr. Carpino and offered a timeline of discussions held regarding Mr. Carpino's desire to purchase the Country Club.

Mayor Pro Tem Nassif responded to the accusations made against him. He felt that the accusations have affected his integrity in the community.

Councilwoman Coleman commented on the Country Club and stated that a property owner can decide which offers they will and will not entertain. She felt that staff notified the Council on the pertinent matters surrounding the purchase of the club.

Councilman Allan stated that because he was a member of the Club and has had to recuse himself during discussions and as a result had no knowledge of the issues surrounding the Country Club.

Matthew Blanford, Representing Tom Carpino, commented on his offer for the Apple Valley Country Club.

Jerry Reindersma, Apple Valley, expressed concern regarding the way the information has been made available to the public and felt it has cause much confusion.

Richard Rorex, Apple Valley, expressed concern regarding the dealings in the Town of Apple Valley and stated it should be more open. He felt there is personal animosity among the Counsel. He stated the purchase of the club with or without the water rights. Mr. Rorex spoke in support of Town staff.

Lana Dugan, Former President, Apple Valley Country Club, commented on offers that were made for the Apple Valley Country Club. She also commented on the meeting held with AVCC and Mr. Carpino regarding his interest in purchasing the club.

Gary Null, Apple Valley, expressed concern regarding the Country Club and recommended backing out of escrow.

Ted Johnson, Apple Valley, spoke in support of Town staff. He expressed concern in the way the information surrounding the issues of the club has been reported to the public.

Ned Curtis, President, Apple Valley Country Club, concurs with the comments made by Ms. Dugan. He also commented on Mr. Carpino's offer to purchase the country club.

Claude Sparks, Apple Valley, spoke in opposition of the club. He felt the Town should not bail out the Country Club due to its inability to support itself.

Mike Yates, Boardmember, Apple Valley Country Club, supported comments by Ms. Dugan. He spoke in support of Town staff expressing appreciation for their professionalism.

Jacob Van Velzen, Apple Valley, declined to speak.

Lou Adler, Apple Valley, spoke in opposition of the Country Club. He stated he did not support the Town being in business of purchasing the club and concerns surrounding the water rights.

Bob Tinsley, Apple Valley, spoke in support of the comments made by Mayor Pro Tem Nassif and Mr. Robinson. He stated he represented Mr. Carpino at no commission and presented an offer on his behalf. He commented on why he felt the Town would benefit from purchasing the Country Club.

Martin Nachman, Apple Valley, spoke in opposition of purchasing the golf course. He expressed concern regarding possible backroom dealings and the water rights.

Mary Nachman, Apple Valley, expressed concern regarding the decision to purchase the club in closed session. She felt that the purchase of the club would be too much for the Town to handle financially and commented on her concerns regarding the water rights.

Bonnie Souleles, Apple Valley, declined to speak but agreed with the comments made by the previous speaker.

Larry Siefkes, Apple Valley, expressed concern regarding possible back door meetings. He supports the golf course but feels clarification is due to the public regarding decisions made by the Council and feels they should be made on the ballot.

Barbara Cochran, Apple Valley, declined to speak but supports the comments made by Mr. Siefkes.

Elaine Baldel, Apple Valley, declined to speak but supports the comments made by Mr. Siefkes.

Andrea Kaplan, Apple Valley, declined to speak.

Victor Souleles, Apple Valley, spoke in opposition of purchasing the Country Club. He felt that the Town does not understand what it will take to run a golf course.

Martin Kaplan, Apple Valley, declined to speak but supports the comments made by Mr. Souleles.

William Cochran, Apple Valley, declined to speak but supports the comments made by Mr. Souleles.

Lynn Oberhelman, Apple Valley, declined to speak but supports the comments made by Mr. Souleles.

Mike Regan, Apple Valley, expressed concern regarding the rumors surrounding the Country Club. He expressed concern surrounding the conflicts that have arisen. He felt that an independent investigation is needed.

Rich Norton, Apple Valley, spoke in opposition of purchasing the Country Club using tax payer money.

Darryl Evans, Apple Valley, spoke in opposition of the purchase of the golf course using tax payer money and commented on his concerns regarding the water rights. He felt that the decision to purchase of the golf course would not be profitable.

Richard Orman, Apple Valley, declined to speak but expressed he was in favor of the purchase of the golf course.

Carol Leiby, Apple Valley, spoke in opposition of purchasing the golf course due to the cost. She felt the community should be given the opportunity to vote.

John Isaac, Apple Valley, spoke in opposition of purchasing the golf course without any water rights.

Robert Engelke, Apple Valley, declined to speak.

Bill Hogerty, Apple Valley, spoke in opposition of purchasing the golf course due to the cost. He felt that the money should be used for the good of the community.

Steve Baldel, Apple Valley, spoke in opposition of the purchase of the club and felt it is not a wise business decision.

Doug Qualls, Apple Valley, commented on allegations surrounding the country club. He felt confident that the claims made are erroneous.

Robert Turner, representing Cliff Earp, spoke in support of staff. He stated that pulling any member of the Council or staff would be against the Brown Act.

Darryl Petersen, Ex-President, Apple Valley Country Club, agreed with the comments made by Lana Dugan. He commented as to why the club has lost its membership. He felt that the

Country Club will become valuable once the Town takes it over. He also commented on the use of grey water at the course.

James Nickerson, Apple Valley, spoke in support of the Country Club. He read from the Constitution of the United States and spoke of examples of common welfare for the community. He felt that the Town should move forward with the club.

Janice Moore, Apple Valley, spoke in support of the Mayor Pro Tem Nassif and Town staff. She expressed concern regarding the allegations made and the rumors against Mr. Carpino and felt he deserves an apology.

Chet Hitt, Apple Valley, spoke in support of the Council and Town staff. He felt that the Council deserves more support and they should unite as a team to help move the community forward.

Paul Hood, Apple Valley, spoke in support of the country club and the water rights. He stated that the water rights belong to the Town because they are part of the assets of the country club.

Bruce Kallen, Apple Valley, spoke in support of the Council and Town staff. He questioned the way the information was brought forth and felt it is all a misunderstanding. He commented on the golf course and felt it would be a good investment due to the value of water rights.

Dennis Rightmer, Apple Valley, spoke in support of the Town staff. He explained his involvement in the community and expressed concern regarding the leadership decisions made by the Council, both in the past and present. He requested that the community join him in supporting the Town staff for continued growth in the community.

## **2. CLOSED SESSION**

### **MOTION**

Motion by Councilman Allan, seconded by Councilwoman Coleman, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. Personnel Matters – Government Code Section 54957/Public Employee Performance Evaluation. Title: Town Manager.

The following individuals spoke in support of Town Manager, Frank Robinson.

Art Bishop, Apple Valley  
Richard Cambridge, Apple Valley  
Pat Orr, Apple Valley  
Nick Di Cosola, Apple Valley

Motion by Councilman Allan, seconded by Councilwoman Coleman, and unanimously carried, to dispense with the Closed Session item.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilman Sagona, seconded by Mayor Roelle and unanimously carried, to adjourn the Special meeting at 6:15 p.m. in memory of Mr. James Woody, an icon of Apple Valley who recently passed away.

Town Clerk

Mayor