



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
TOWN OF GUADALUPE COUNCIL

A public meeting of the Town of Guadalupe Council was held on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010, AT 7:00 P.M.**, 9241 South Avenida del Yaqui, Guadalupe, Arizona in the Conference Room. The following members of council were present:

Mayor Yolanda Solarez  
Vice Mayor Lupita Avelar  
Councilmember Gloria Cota  
Councilmember Rebecca Jimenez  
Councilmember Laura Valencia  
(vacancy)  
Absent:  
Councilmember Joe Sanchez

Staff:

Town Manager, Bill Hernandez  
Town Attorney, David Ledyard  
Town Clerk, Rose Mary Arellano  
Comm. Dev. Coord., Gino Turrubiarres:

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided upon at the meeting:

- A. The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Yolanda Solarez.
- B. ROLL CALL was taken and noted.
- C. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- D. CALL TO THE PUBLIC. An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Council on items that are not on the agenda or included on the consent agenda. Citizens are requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 5 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Council requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.
- E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:
  1. Public Hearing - Application for Liquor License – Person & Location Transfer – Christie’s Cabaret, Out West Ventures, 1675 W. Baseline, #06070548.

Ms. Marta Matus, resident, stated she had no objections but does council's recommendation really matter when the final decision is made by the liquor board.

Ms. Barbara Valencia, resident, asked if there were any violations or incidents related to the the liquor license.

Mr. Hernandez, Town Manager, replied that he had spoken to the Sheriffs office and their response was there were no problems or incidents at Christies.

Ms. Antonia Campoy questioned if Christies was up to date on their sales tax.

Mr. Hernandez replied that Christies as other business in town are being monitored by the town's tax auditor.

MOVED and SECONDED to close the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Recommendation to the State Liquor Board regarding the Application for Liquor License – Person & Location Transfer by Christie's Cabaret at 1675 W. Baseline, #06070548.

MOVED by Mayor Yolanda Solarez to recommend approval to the state liquor board.  
SECONDED by Councilmember Laura Valencia.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. The Council may take action to adopt or amend Town policies/ordinances/restrictions concerning the Town cemetery.

The following members of the audience commented.

Benito Valencia (cemetery committee) stated the last two public meetings were well attended. David Myers, resident attorney, distributed regulation recommendations which included recycling of plots and address residency.

Frank Matuz suggested the Yaqui community be notified by distributing flyers.

Cruzita Armenta is considered a part of the Yaqui cultural and should be administered by the Yaqui community.

Martha Matuz stated it is well known that the cemetery is for the Yaqui people and the Yaqui people maintain their families' plots. She said the town has got out of hand and turned it into a money making issue.

Ms. Valencia said she had no issue with the committee's recommendation but agreed that the Yaqui should be considered.

Catalina Alvarez stated that the town receives 12% casino funds from Pascua Yaqui and therefore the town should considered the donation in lieu of cemetery fees. She also suggested the Town apply for 12% casino funds and designate it for cemetery fees for tribal members. She said it

was a communication issue between the town, Pascua Yaqui, and other Yaqui communities. Margarita Cota stated she has her parents and grandparents buried at the cemetery. She recently visited the cemetery and there were no trash bins in the cemetery. She said there is drug use and alcohol drinking at the cemetery and asked where is the law enforcement. She suggested a cemetery clean-up day.

Niya Bryanta, of Penjamo Yaqui community- stated her Nana was very old and is concerned about availability of a resting place.

Marcos Flores said he was listening to all points which are valid but what is being taught to the children, segregation. He questioned where is the concept where three cultures flourish; he said only one culture is flourishing.

Delfina Sanchez stated that the price too high and why should the Yaqui people have to pay when they were their first. Now there is a new generation of Yaquis and Mexicans working together but should not charge the Yaquis but rather charge the Mexicans.

Mr. Ledyard stated he recalls the council and the community struggling with cemetery issues five times since 1992.

MOVED by Vice Mayor Lupita Avelar for anyone who has living relatives who are residents of Guadalupe and who relatives are buried at the cemetery are eligible for the cemetery.  
SECONDED by Councilmember Rebecca Jimenez.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Calle Magdalena Roadway Improvement Project – Engineering Scope of Work for Design Phase –FedID:TEA-GUA-0(006)A TRACS#: 0000 MAGUA L446 01C. - Tri-Core.

The engineering services with Tri-Core Engineering include surveys, research, options study and report, and design as Required to prepare a complete construction package for adding curb & gutter, sidewalk and landscaping. Also includes surveying base mapping. Options study and report, and the preparation of plans, technical specifications and cost estimates. Design plans will be brought for council's review and action.

MOVED by Mayor Yolanda Solarez to approve the agreement for the Engineering Scope of Work for Design with Tri-Core Engineering.  
SECONDED by Councilmember Gloria Cota.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Resolution 2010 – 02 – A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Guadalupe, Arizona, declaring that a certain document known as the Guadalupe Town Council Rules and Procedures to be a public document and further adopting such rules.

MOVED Councilmember Laura Valencia to adopt Resolution 2010-02, adopting the Town Council Rules and Procedures.

SECONDED by Vice Mayor Lupita Avelar.

MOTION CARRIED.

#### F. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hernandez reminded council of the council retreat scheduled for March 27 at South Mountain Community College, Guadalupe Branch. And also the Little League Clinic on the same day from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

#### G. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL.

- Councilmember Laura Valencia stated she appreciated the audience comments and thanked the audience for staying for the entire meeting.
- Councilmember Rebecca stated she has lived 40 years in Guadalupe and was appalled by the bigotry demonstrated and stated that the Yaquis are Mexican and therefore are Mexicans.
- Vice Mayor Lupita Avelar thanked the audience for their comments and understands that the cemetery has been an ongoing issue and most likely will be.
- Mayor Solarez stated that a former member of council who was on the cemetery committee was replaced because he never attended the committee meetings. She stated the issue was a very sensitive and reaching final guidelines and fees will be a very hard decision. She also thanked the audience for their attendance.

#### H. ADJOURNMENT.

MOVED by Mayor Solarez to adjourn.

SECONDED by Councilmember Laura Valencia.

MEETING ADJOURNED.