

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES – March 25, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Bishop called to order the regular session of the Apple Valley Town Council at 6:32 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.

<b>OPENING CEREMONIES</b>
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**INVOCATION:**

The invocation was given by Jim Andersen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Richard Rorex

**PRESENTATION:**

Certificate of Appreciation from the Office of Congressman Cook – Animal Services Department – Presented by Mr. Wally Linn

State of the Basin – Mr. Kirby Brill, General Manager, Mojave Water Agency

Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Brill gave a verbal presentation on the water situation in the State of California. He commented on the health and safety standards for water in the community. He stated that we have been operating under the assumption that one day we will have zero water allocation which has benefitted southern California. He indicated that this has driven an increase in conservation programs and other programs. He also spoke on the benefit of water conservation and water banking.

Mr. Brill also explained that a significant portion of our water contracts are in northern California. At this time, he said that southern California is in a position to assist northern California due to our water conservation efforts.

The Town Council asked questions of Mr. Brill regarding water, water purveyors and water allocations. The Town Council also recommended that a presentation be given to the Planning Commission on water issues.

John Brown, Town Attorney, commented on public and municipal water providers' requirement to work directly with its customers on water issues. He questions how private water agencies regulate water.

Mr. Brill briefly commented on his matter referring to various sections in the state code that reference water regulations.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tom Piper, Apple Valley, announced that he would be running for election in November for Town Council. He thanked those members of the public who supported him during the last election. He also commented on water issues and stated that water is important on his platform.

Tony Tyler, Apple Valley, commented on Apple Valley Ranchos and the high cost of water. He believed that Apple Valley Ranchos is out of control with its constant water increases. He encouraged the Town of Apple Valley to move toward a purchase of Apple Valley Ranchos. He recommended that this issue be discussed at a future meeting.

Tony Pena, Apple Valley Ranchos, stated that Apple Valley Ranchos is willing to meet with members of the community to discuss their concerns. He invited the Town Council and the public to attend their informational session that will be held on April 2, 2014, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Town of Apple Valley Conference Center.

#### **APPLE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – QUARTERLY BUSINESS RETENTION UPDATE**

Sam Pulice, President, Apple Valley Chamber Board, thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to present an update. He stated that the Chamber is working with Town staff on sustaining long term business owners in our community. He commented on upcoming grand openings and events sponsored by the Chamber and also the shop local program. He announced the upcoming “Ain’t No Fooling Golf Tournament” and encouraged participation by the community.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE/COMMISSION PARTICIPATION**

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 the Furball event and thanked staff for their hard work. He announced that the Music Man is coming soon and invited those who may be interested to audition. Lastly, he thanked the City of Barstow for hosting the last Measure I Meeting.

Council Member Stanton commented on committee meetings and events that she attended. She also commented on the DD214 Forms available to Veterans. She stated that the County of San Bernardino is in the process of preparing a universal identification card for Veterans to identify their Veterans status. She thanked Animal Services for their work with the Furball event. She also thanked Marketing & Public Officer, Kathie Martin, for the improvement made to the Town’s introductory message. She believed it now offers better direction to the public when calling Town Hall. Councilmember Stanton announced that the Town of Apple Valley has earned the title “Best in the Hi Desert” and credited Town staff for this accomplishment. Lastly, Councilmember Stanton commented on the concerns expressed by the community regarding the water in Apple Valley. She explained why she felt conservation of water can be more costly.

Mayor Pro Tem Cusack commented on committee meetings and events that he attended. He thanked Mr. Scott Weldy for his work in helping the public understand the need to increase water rates.

Mayor Bishop commented on committee meetings and events that he attended. He also commented on the Town earning the title "Best Town". He too credited Town staff for this accomplishment. Mayor Bishop gave a special thanks to Richard Rorex for his financial support of the event. He also thanked Apple Valley Ranchos for giving the community the opportunity to ask questions prior to the Public Hearing and encouraged the community to attend the discussion meeting on April 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for more information.

## TOWN COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Suggested items for future agenda:

None.

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

A. Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

## TOWN COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

### MOTION

Motion by Council Member Emick, seconded by Council Member Nassif, to approve the Consent Calendar items numbered 1-3, respectfully.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0-0-0

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

Absent: None.

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

A. **Regular Meeting – March 11, 2014**

**Recommendation:**

Approve the subject minutes as part of the consent agenda.

2. **Establishing Date and Time Certain for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Public Hearing No. 2 (Consolidated Plan – Third-Year 2014-2015 Action Plan)**

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council establish April 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., as the date and time certain for the purpose of conducting the second of two public hearings necessary to develop the Town's Consolidated Plan– Third Year Action Plan.

3. **Resolution No. 2014-09, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley Amending the Classification and Salary Plan and Amending Two Job Descriptions**

**Recommendation:**

Approve the Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley amending the Classification and Salary Plan.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

None.

**REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

None.

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

Frank Robinson, Town Manager, announced that the Yucca Loma Bridge construction site will have cameras installed. He stated that this will allow the general public to be able to watch the construction site live.

Lieutenant Frank Bell, Apple Valley Police Department, informed the Council and the public of the large marijuana raid that was done in the Town of Apple Valley in which over 482 plants were confiscated. He stated that the individuals were also in the process of producing chemical concentrated cannabis which can be highly flammable and toxic. He commented on another seizure that was made connected to the initial bust.

Mr. Robinson reminded the Town Council that the City/County Conference begins Thursday, March 27. He also commented on upcoming events such as Legislative Days and the High Desert Economic Summit which will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn. He also announced that permits issues by the Building and Safety Department have increased 87% over last year.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND BUSINESS:**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**4. 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 8:18 p.m.

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Art Bishop, Mayor

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La Vonda M-Pearson, Town Clerk