

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, COUNTY OF COCHISE, STATE OF ARIZONA, HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011, AT 6:00 PM IN THE BISBEE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 118 ARIZONA STREET, BISBEE, ARIZONA.

THE MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO TEMPORE NICHOLL AT 6:00PM.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL

Councilmember Boyd Nicholl, Ward I,	Mayor Pro Tempore
Councilmember Bennie Scott, Ward III	
Councilmember Luche Giacomino, Ward II	
Mayor W.J. "Jack" Porter	Excused
Councilmember Anna Cline, Ward III	Excused
Councilmember Ransom Burke, Ward II	
Councilmember Ken Budge, Ward I	Excused

STAFF

Jennifer L. Graeme, Acting City Manager
Gloria P. Gonzalez, City Clerk
Dee L. Flanagan, Finance Director
Jim Elkins, Chief of Police
Tom Klimek, Public Works Director/City Engineer

CITY ATTORNEY

John A. MacKinnon

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS DISCUSSED AND/OR CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

1. Discussion and Possible Recommendations Regarding the City of Bisbee to become a Solar City.

Boyd Nicholl, Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Pro Tempore Nicholl explained that at the last Council meeting, Marc Lymer addressed his ideas on solar panels. He commented that if Council would like to pursue this idea, he was willing to make it work. He indicated that he liked the idea of solar array for the wastewater treatment Plant and was willing to work with Staff on this project. He further addressed some of the preliminary work.

Joan Werner, Bisbee resident, indicated that she has had solar heat in her residence for the past thirty seven years and solar electric for the last twenty five years. She addressed the advantages to solar and the types of grants and tax credits that were available for commercial buildings to put in solar electric. She pointed out that if one chooses solar be sure to be aware and implement energy efficiency.

Maggie Kohanek, Bisbee resident also indicated the advantages of solar energy.

Mayor Pro Temp Nicholl addressed his preliminary work that he had done thus far. He indicated he had spoken to Lane Garrett, an ETA Engineer in Scottsdale and was able to do the bids. He spoke to an APS Solar Team who were the most logical way to turn to regarding Solar. Jeff Hooper, US Department of Agriculture and received an application, but his concern was cost analysis.

Councilmember Scott commented that his son-in-law was building a house that would also be solar. He fully supports the use of solar energy and also recommended looking into a grant to help implement and curtail the expenses of this project.

Councilmember Giacomino indicated that this idea has resurfaced on a few occasions and felt that this was a good idea and hoped that the City would pursue the project.

Marc Lymer gave a brief presentation on Solar Energy and strongly encouraged the possibility of applying for solar grant and the many resources available to the public.

Councilmember Burke indicated that this was a great plan and was very excited about its potential.

Mr. Klimek indicated that solar was a fabulous way to go, but that small steps needed to be taken. He further addressed some of the advantage and disadvantages regarding solar and how it would fit into the City of Bisbee. He further advised that the idea of tailing was not stable or dependable.

MOTION: Councilmember Burke moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Councilmember Giacomino. MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT: 6:46 PM.

Boyd Nicholl, Mayor Pro Tempore