

TOWN OF PATAGONIA
SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2015
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER. Vice-mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Vice-mayor Wood, Council members Quiroga and Gilbert

Absent: Mayor Isakson, Council member Coleman.

Staff Present: Town Manager Teel, Deputy Clerk VanNest, Marshal Patterson

An audience of approximately 35 people attended the meeting.

2. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF ARIZONA'S WATER RIGHTS AND THEIR HISTORY.

Michael M. Brescia, PhD , Associate Curator of Ethnohistory, Arizona State Museum, Associate Professor of History, University of Arizona.

Dr. Brescia described the history of the development of water rights as they currently exist in Arizona and the area that was formerly the Spanish Southwest. The treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1848) and the Provisions of the Gadsden Purchase treaty (1854) both locked in provisions that all property rights, including water rights, existing at the time of the treaties would remain in existence and be construed as they would have been if interpreted by a territorial court prior to the treaties. This has resulted extensive litigation and continued maintenance of the Spanish colonial approach to water rights to this day even though it is at odds with the traditional English approach to such rights as observed throughout the rest of the country.

There were a number of questions from the audience at the conclusion of Dr. Brescia's presentation.

A copy of Dr. Brescia's notes may be obtained by requesting it at the town office..

3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: AT THIS TIME THE COUNCIL MAY BRING FORTH TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS, AND IF PREVIOUSLY REJECTED BY THE MAYOR, THE COUNCIL MAY VOTE ON CODE WHETHER TO PLACE THAT ITEM ON A FUTURE AGENDA PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-5-5 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PATAGONIA, ARIZONA. THE COUNCIL MAY NOT DISCUSS, DELIBERATE OR TAKE ANY ACTION ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TOPICS OTHER THAN TO VOTE TO INCLUDE THEM ON A FUTURE AGENDA. A.R.S. §38- 431.02(H). None

4. ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

I hereby confirm the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate copy of the minutes of a Regular Council Meeting held August 12, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. I further certify that the meeting was duly called, held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ Day of _____, 2015.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Manager