

FINAL

TUSAYAN TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.02 & §38-431.03

Wednesday, May 2, 2012 @ 5:00 P.M.

TUSAYAN TOWN HALL BLDG

845 Mustang Drive, Tusayan Arizona

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:02pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following were present:

MAYOR BRYAN
VICE MAYOR MONTOYA

COUNCILMEMBER FITZGERALD
COUNCILMEMBER RUETER
COUNCILMEMBER SANDERSON

Also present: Consultant Sutton
Assistant Town Clerk Garver

3. STUDY ITEM

A. Law Enforcement Services and Modalities Workshop

Mike Branham, from the Southwest Risk Pool, presented information to the Council on law enforcement. He stated because it is complex and it is a people business, it is costly. He strongly recommended for the town to go slow, look really well at every specific reason as to what to kind of law enforcement the town wanted. It should never be due solely to a funding related issue nor should a single incident or political infighting be the reason to begin a town run law enforcement service. Mr. Branham said that the town would always have some form of a relationship with the Sheriff's department. The Council needs to look as far out as ten years in deciding what type of law enforcement service they would like to begin. How can the Town attract and retain the very best candidates? Involve the entire community through the whole process. Gather information, the desired cost, the sustainability of the services, and the future needs from multiple sources by learning from the lessons of others.

Sheriff Pribil is a great resource for information and advice. The Town will need to survey the community, meet with the stakeholders, form a working group, and have that working group regularly report to the Council, the citizens and the stake holders on the progress that they were making.

Mr. Branham used the Village of Homer Glen, IL, as an example of a town who did their homework, spelled out what they wanted, what they could afford and what they could sustain. It took them several years to go through the process until they got their own law enforcement up and running.

The Council was concerned about the transition from being fully dependent on the Sheriff's department and becoming a full Town run law enforcement department. It conceivably could take nine to eighteen months as agreements will need to be set up, licenses and infra-structure. If the Town rushes, some things could be dropped in the process. Also, homicide, detective, deputies and other items are pretty difficult for a small town to be able to handle. The town may need to collaborate with the Sheriff's department to cover all these areas.

There are lots of ways to approach law enforcement services. Some municipalities have staff members in town for every day duties and contract out the detective work. Other municipalities contract all the work out to the Sheriff's department but have dedicated resources with the town's logo on them, i.e. vehicles, uniforms, etc. Others have a contract with the sheriffs but have a designated officer for town code work. Even Phoenix has a sheriff's department presence in their city.

The Mayor met with Sheriff Pribil and the department wants to continue assisting Tusayan. He even suggested about the possibility of transferring the two units at the Forest Service compound over to the Town for law enforcement employees.

A survey will help indicate what kind of law enforcement models the community desires. Mr. Branham suggested that it was important to continue to survey the community every five to ten years. He recommended that the survey be no longer than a couple of pages and it could either be done by mail or electronically. It could include the current cost of the law enforcement services done by the County and what were their thoughts on it.

As there is a large disconnect between the cost of law enforcement and what the community wants. Workshops with a citizen academy process will help citizen's find out what they are getting for their tax dollars, how it work and what can be changed to their benefit.

Consultant Sutton will forward copies of the two IGAs to the Council so that they will know what the County is responsible for and what the Town is responsible for. Any additional services can be requested for an additional expense. The Sheriff department received the Town's letter of potential non-renewal. They have informed the Town that they are not going to stop assisting the Town with law enforcement. Council Member Rueter expressed a desire to establish a longer term contract with them as it could take a couple of years to the final result.

A survey will be put together in the next 60 days, possibly with other town community services, for the community to rate.

4. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Council Member Sanderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm.
Council Member Rueter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

ATTEST: On this date, May _____, 2012.

Greg Bryan, Town Mayor

Town Clerk