

**CITY OF KINGMAN  
THE CLEAN CITY COMMISSION  
City Council Chambers  
310 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kingman, Arizona**

5:00 p.m.

Regular Minutes

Thursday, November 19, 2015

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Officers:</b>	<b>Visitors Signing In:</b>
R. Bowman, Chairperson	R. Anderson, Mayor	See Attached List
J. Carpenter	R. Ruggles, Staff Liaison	
M. Hicks	S. Sixkiller-Wing, Recording Secretary	
W. Ressegue	E. Tapia, Sanitation Supervisor	
C. Russell, Vice-Chairman		
M. Van Hasselt		

**CCC PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The Clean City Commission was created for the purpose of assisting the common council in establishing a city-wide policy for decreasing the amount of loose refuse in the city.

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** Chairman Bowman called the meeting to order at 5:06:56 PM. And five members were present at roll call. Commissioner Hicks arrived late and Commissioner Longoria was excused. A quorum of members was achieved.

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Clean City Commission reviewed the October 15, 2015 meeting minutes. Vice-Chairman Russell made a MOTION to APPROVE the October 15, 2015 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Carpenter SECONDED and the MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with a vote of 5-0.

**2. AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

**a. 2015 America Recycles Day Poster and Essay Contest.**

Chairman Bowman and Mayor Richard Anderson presented the awards and recognition certificates to the 2015 America Recycles Day Poster and Essay Contest winners. Chairman Bowman called each winner up and Mayor Anderson presented the certificates and prizes. The winners were Alexis Pike, Anthony Koel, Kaleb Yarbrough (Not in attendance), Kyra Pietrass, James Scholl, Robert Brackett, Courtney Nguyen, Dylan Brisco, Sunny Jackson, Taryn Nasvall (Not in attendance), Mezi Sena, Jack Divas (Not in attendance), Jaicee Paine (Not in attendance), Angelina Martinez, Lauren Page, Analeigh Schritter, Madison Wood, Makenzie Hecht, Brielle Bodily, Jadyn Fuqua, Rylan Chan (Not in attendance), Freja Bischoff (Not in attendance), Sidney Pease, Other winners whose names were not read as they were not in attendance were Amelia Brackett, Amy Carlisle, Aniston Dixon, Brenna McGrew, Caden Conner, Haley Owens, Jared Black, Rihanna Bates, and Tristan Puskarov.

Program administrator Nina Brackett prepared the children for a photo for the local newspapers and for parents to take photos of the winners.

Ms. Brackett thanked the children and parents for their support of the 2015 America Recycles Day Poster and Essay Contest. She indicated the Clean City Commission has been promoting America Recycles Day for the last five years. Mrs. Brackett said they had 33 classes participating in the 2015 contest with 667 poster entries and 188 essays entries. She said the goal of the Clean City Commission is to educate the students to recycle because recycling will save the planet. She went on to thank the Clean City Commission, McKee Foods, Little Debbie's, Frozen Yogurt Island, and Taco Bell for their kind donations and gift certificates.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Presentation from First Lego League (FLL) Team.**

Students from the First Lego League (FLL) Team presented information regarding the hard work they have accomplished in the last few months. The information they included contained their work on their Trash Trek project, the Day of Caring participation, and the survey they took in the community. They also provided information about their participation at the Mohave County Fair, the Best of the West Festival, the Dig it Pumpkin Patch, and the Kingman Academy of Learning MS Spooky Family.

The students came on stage and presented the information in the form of skit for the Clean City Commission. Chairman Bowman asked what area they cleaned up on the Day of Caring. The FLL coordinator, Ms. Lucier, advised the CCC that they cleaned the area around Airway Avenue and the Mohave Wash. She also said that the team was matched with the Kingman High School students as mentors for the day. Chairman Bowman said they did a good job. Mayor Anderson thanked the children and parents for the hard work they have done on the projects in and around the City of Kingman. He wanted them to know he appreciates all they do and thanked them for the presentation.

#### **b. Discussion of Public Service Announcement Regarding Yard Sale Signs.**

Staff Liaison Rich Ruggles said the Clean City Commission (CCC) has directed that a public service announcement (PSA) be created to inform the community of city regulations pertaining to the placement and removal of yard sale signs. He said he combined some of his thoughts and those of the CCC with the assistance of Commissioner Ressegue to come up with the following message:

EVERYONE LOVES A GOOD YARD SALE! THEY ARE THE ANSWER TO FINDING LOST TREASURES, CLEAN GARAGES, AND EXTRA CASH. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ANNOUNCING YOUR YARD SALE BY PLACING SIGNS AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, THIS MESSAGE IS FOR YOU. THE CLEAN CITY COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO COMPLY WITH CITY REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF YARD SALE SIGNS. YARD SALE SIGNS SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ON SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, HANDICAP RAMPS, OR ATTACHED TO STREET SIGNS, LIGHT POLES OR UTILITY BOXES. ALSO, AFTER YOU HAVE COUNTED UP YOUR PROFITS, PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND PICK UP YOUR YARD SALE SIGN. LET'S KEEP KINGMAN CLEAN, MAKE IT ROUTINE!

The Clean City Commission discussed the PSA. Commissioner Van Hasselt thought the PSA should include where the signs could be placed with the permission of the private property owners. The CCC also discussed who they would send the PSA to in order to publish the information. The hope is that it would be published for free. After some further discussion the CCC agreed to add the following information in red to the PSA:

...YARD SALE SIGNS **MAY BE PLACED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH THE OWNER'S PERMISSION. SIGNS** SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ON SIDEWALKS ....

Commissioner Carpenter made a MOTION to APPROVE and publish the yard sale public service announcement with the requested change. Vice-Chairman Russell SECONDED and the MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with a vote of 6-0.

**c. CARE Sandbox Meeting Report.**

CCC Vice-Chairman Russell reported to the Clean City Commission (CCC) regarding the recent Sandbox Meeting discussions and activities. He said that some of the topics were the Church Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in the entertainment district. He also advised the CCC that the International Mountain Biking has become a big deal in the community. He advised the CCC that they are expanding and had over 150 participants at the last event and had that many spectators supporting the event. They believe these events will be expanding in the future. The CARE Team have some concerns about parking and will be contacting BLM to remove the weeds to make the parking areas better so the participants of the event are not parking on the plants and starting fires from the hot cars on the weeds at the events. Vice-Chairman Russell also reported that Joni Millin is working with BNSF Railroad to get the concrete blocks removed between the Powerhouse and the train museum they hope they are removed soon. They were also updated on the America's Best Communities (ABC) contest.

Commissioner Van Hasselt added that the team is also working on getting permission to paint a residential house on Topeka Street; however they have not been able to contact the owner as of this date.

**d. Information on Plastic Bag Ban Legal Challenge.**

Staff Liaison Rich Ruggles said that at the last meeting the Clean City Commission (CCC) found a community that is challenging the plastic bag ban that disallows towns and cities from banning or regulating plastic bags in their communities. He found that the Town of Tempe councilwoman has filed a lawsuit arguing that the State of Arizona is violating the constitution that gives charter cities regulation over local matters. The City of Kingman is not a charter city but the other cities like Flagstaff and Tempe that are working on having the law repealed are charter cities. The Town of Bisbee had already banned plastic bags in their community prior to the new law and is grandfathered, so they can continue to ban plastic bags in their community. The CCC discussed the work they had done on this item and the reusable bag promotion they are currently promoting. The CCC would like to continue to follow the legal bag challenge to see the outcome.

Commissioner Ressegue asked about the reusable bags and plastic bags and how this affected the CCC. He indicated he has seen racks full of reusable bags in the stores in the community. Chairman Bowman explained how the CCC was trying to ban the bags when the new law went into place and the reusable bag promotion. He said the biggest issue in the area is plastic bags blowing around the city getting hung up in landscaping and also littering the desert.

Commissioner Hicks said that she had followed up with the Safeway manager and was advised that customers have indicated they have the reusable bags but leave them at home. The manager said Safeway's position is until the plastic bags were banned in the community the reusable bag promotion was redundant and was not effective in the community. Commissioner Hicks said she sent a note to the Safeway Corporate office suggesting they offer some incentives like the Smith's does to encourage customers to use the reusable bags. She also asked the manager for plastic bag usage counts and how much they pay for bags at both the new Safeway and the old Safeway.

Chairman Bowman said he was told that Bashas uses approximately 11 cases of plastic bags per week. Bashas also has the Bag Central Station recycle box in the front of the store. The store manager indicated that they only receive around ten percent of the bags they issue to customers are returned to be recycled.

The CCC discussed how effective the plastic bag recycling has been. Sanitation Supervisor Ed Tapia advised the CCC they have eight drop off locations around the City of Kingman to collect and recycle plastic bags. The department collects them from these sites on a daily basis. He indicated that it takes 60-65 bags to make a pound of plastic bags and they collect 60-70 pounds a day from the recycle sites. He indicated that the numbers do not include the Bag Central Station locations in the supermarkets in the community. He said the American Marketing Association does report how much the stores collect. The CCC discussed if the community was recycling more each year. Mr. Tapia indicated it was an average collection for the community. The CCC discussed the processing of plastic and recycling. They also discussed reusable bags and forgetting the usable bags.

**e. Consideration of a Recommendation to the City Council Concerning the Appointment and Reappointment of Commissioners.**

Chairman Bowman advised the Clean City Commission that Margie Hicks' and Bill Ressegue's terms on the commission both end on December 31, 2015. Commissioner Carpenter MADE a MOTION to nominate Margie Hicks to serve another term on the Clean City Commission. Commissioner Van Hasselt SECONDED the MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with a vote of 6-0. Commissioner Hicks said she has to respectfully decline. She indicated that she has a personal issue and will not be able to commit to the CCC this next year.

The CCC discussed giving Commissioner Hicks another month to see if she could reconsider and continue to serve on the CCC. She indicated she was trying to work something out but would still volunteer when she could. Chairman Bowman asked for a motion to hold Commissioner Hicks reappointment decision for a month. Commissioner Van Hasselt made the MOTION to hold Ms. Hicks reappointment for a month. Commissioner Russell SECONDED, and the MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with a vote of 6-0.

Vice-Chairman Russell asked if Commissioner Ressegue if he would like to continue to serve. Commissioner Ressegue agreed to serve another term. Commissioner Van Hasselt made a MOTION to recommend Commissioner Ressegue to the city council to serve another term. Commissioner Carpenter SECONDED and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with a vote of 6-0. Chairman Bowman advised Margie Hicks if there was anything the CCC could do to help they would like to keep her as member of the Clean City Commission. Commissioner Hicks thanked them and will try to work something out.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **a. Discussion of Distribution of Reusable Bags and Magnets.**

Staff Liaison Rich Ruggles passed out a copy of graphic art work that was based on one of the winning student posters from the 2015 recycling contest. He indicated that Signs of Chaos has prepared the graphic which could be printed on our reusable bags. He then asked the CCC if they would consider having the graphic printed on the CCC reusable bags they have on hand. He also said that there is an offer of anonymous donation if the CCC agrees to have the graphic printed the donor would pay the \$1 per bag to have the design printed on the reusable bags in stock.

Mr. Ruggles also asked the Clean City Commission if they would consider making a reusable bag donation to the teachers who had their classes participate in the 2015 America Recycles Day and Poster Contest. Chairman Bowman asked how many bags they currently have in stock. Mr. Ruggles said they have approximately 148 bags left and indicated they were requesting a donation of 34 bags to present to the 34 teachers that participated in the contest.

Commissioner Hicks MADE a MOTION to supply each of the teachers with a reusable bag. Commissioner Carpenter SECONDED and the MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with a vote of 6-0.

The CCC discussed the graphic and recommended a changing the line “Don’t Forget Your Bags” to “Remember Your Bags.” Commissioner Van Hasselt MADE a MOTION to approve the graphic and printing on the bags with the recommended change. Commissioner Carpenter SECONDED and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with a vote of 6-0.

The CCC discussed having this graphic printed on all future reusable bags. The CCC discussed tabling this discussion until 2016 after the holidays. Vice Chairman Russell made a MOTION to table this item until the January meeting. Commissioner Carpenter SECONDED and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with a vote of 6-0.

#### **5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC - COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No comments from the public were heard.

#### **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Commissioner Ressegué commented about the last community clean up and the loose debris people brought to the cleanup and the need of a water truck on site. Commissioners began to discuss the item. Recording Secretary stopped the conversation and advised the commissioners it was announcements only and no discussion is permitted during commission member comments.

Commissioner Carpenter announced that he lost his lease in the downtown area and would be moving to Indiana to be with his family, children, and grandchildren in a few months. He said he will be attending meetings until he moves to Indiana.

Vice-Chairman Russell announced the Parade of Lights is scheduled downtown on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. He also said that same day the Moose Lodge is holding an event to support the local Humane Society called Wine and Whiskers.

Chairman Bowman advised the CCC that Mr. Dunton and Mr. Hinckley have scheduled a fundraising event for December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Beale Celebration.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Vice-Chairman Russell made a MOTION to ADJOURN the meeting. Commissioner Carpenter SECONDED and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with a unanimous vote of 6-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:03:06 P.M.

APPROVED:

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Ralph Bowman  
Clean City Commission Chairperson

STATE OF ARIZONA)  
COUNTY OF MOHAVE) ss:  
CITY OF KINGMAN)

**CERTIFICATE OF CLEAN CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**

I, Sherie Sixkiller, Recording Secretary of the City of Kingman, Arizona, hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Clean City Commission held on November 19, 2015.

Dated this 17th day of December 2015

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Sherie Sixkiller-Wing, Recording Secretary