

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CAREFREE TOWN COUNCIL
ACTION MINUTES**

WHEN: TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023

WHERE: CAREFREE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33 EASY STREET, CAREFREE, AZ 85377

LIVESTREAM: CAREFREE YOUTUBE CHANNEL
<https://www.youtube.com/@CarefreeAZgov>

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor John Crane
Vice Mayor Cheryl Kroyer
Councilmember Sheila Amoroso
Councilmember Vince D’Aliesio
Councilmember Stephen Hatcher

ABSENT:

Councilmember Mike Johnson

Staff Present:

Gary Neiss, Town Administrator; Michael Wright, Town Attorney; Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Crane called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

SILENT ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

George Nelson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

IT ITEM #1 Approval of the June 6, 2023 Town Council Meeting minutes.

ACTION: APPROVED

ITEM #2 Acceptance into the public record of the June, 2023 paid bills.

ACTION: APPROVED

ITEM #3 Acceptance of the cash receipts and disbursements report for May, 2023.

ACTION: ***APPROVED***

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

ITEM #4 Call to the Public:

John Traynor - Carefree, AZ appeared and spoke regarding his belief there was a mistake made in December. The recent vote was not about property tax. “We are all watching. Pick the 80%.”

George Nelson - Thanked the Council for selecting him to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. He has a military family. Referenced the 80% selection and suggested pickleball courts for the Town of Carefree.

Diane Thompson – Endorsed Colleen Rose – Scurti for the vacant council seat.

John Mattes, Carefree, AZ appeared and spoke regarding transparency and truth. He said the Town Administrator has been in his position for 20 years or so he believes. He suggested he did not receive a “personnel policy and procedures” requested by Public Record Request and so there is not one. That it is a liability to the Town. Virtually every other municipality has a “personnel policy and procedures.” He checked. He thanked the Council for the Carefree Water Company adding an insert to his water bill.

Stuart Scurti – He stated he sat in the post office building with his wife, Colleen Rose-Scurti when she solicited support for the vacant council seat. He stated it was, “transparency at its finest.” He endorsed her for the vacant council seat and told the council to choose wisely.

Walter Brubaker, Carefree, AZ spoke regarding Scottsdale recent decision to house homeless people and he heard that Carefree was going to house homeless people in the Hampton Inn. He urged the Council to act against such activity. He stated he observed pot dispensaries, bail bondsman and other businesses in Cave Creek and urged the Council not to allow the same in Carefree.

REGULAR AGENDA:

ITEM #5 Current Events.

Briana Khan was introduced as the new Communications Manager.

ITEM #6 Review, discussion, and possible action to appoint an applicant to the vacant Town Council seat pursuant to Carefree Town Code Section 2-1-1 to serve through December, 2026. The following individuals have submitted applications:

1. Lon Johnson

2. Michael Krahe
3. Louis P. Levinson
4. Clint Miller
5. Gene Orrico
6. Colleen Rose-Scurti
7. Diane Roth
8. Sharon Smith
9. Ted Taylor
10. Ron Thackery

John Mattes - Carefree, AZ appeared and endorsed Colleen Rose – Scurti.

Ariane Buser – Carefree, AZ appeared and endorsed Colleen Rose – Scurti.

Jan Neal – Carefree, AZ appeared and endorsed Colleen Rose – Scurti.

After three rounds of votes:

ACTION: ***Clint Miller was selected to the vacant council seat through December, 2026.***

(Taken out of order)

ITEM #10 Review, discussion and possible action to approve the Series #012 Restaurant liquor license for Don Russell Little and Black Mountain Café.

ACTION: ***APPROVED***

ITEM #7 Review, discussion and possible action to authorize capital funds for the purchase of a Pierce Fire/Pumper Truck.

ACTION: ***APPROVED***

ITEM #8 Review, discussion and possible action to authorize capital funds for the stucco repair/resurface, Rhino Shield and ceramic paint to garden walls located between the amphitheater and the bridge into/from the post office building.

ACTION: ***APPROVED***

ITEM #11 Review, discussion and possible action to approve the Agent/Owner amendment to the Series #012 Restaurant liquor license for Andrea Dahlman Lewkowitz and Keelers Neighborhood Steakhouse.

ACTION: ***APPROVED***

ITEM #12 Adjournment.

ACTION: ADJOURNED AT 6:56 P.M.

DATED this 12th of July, 2023.

TOWN OF CAREFREE

BY: *Kandace French Contreras*
Kandace French Contreras, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Items may be taken out of sequence.