

Jensen Named

PV picks new town attorney

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Beginning Aug. 1 Prescott Valley will have a new town attorney, ending its association with the Phoenix law firm that originally helped the town incorporate.

By a 5-2 vote, the town council last night awarded its legal work to Prescott lawyer Christopher Jensen, whose bid was the lowest of four submitted. In another personnel change the council picked insurance man Gary Moran to fill the council seat vacated by Dick McGinnis.

Jensen, who bid to do the town's work for \$45 an hour, replaces attorneys Clair Lane and Craig Penrod who have represented PV since its incorporation. While the two had alternated in serving the town, Penrod would have taken over the work in the future. Penrod's bid called for a \$500 monthly retainer plus \$50 an hour for any special litigation.

Jensen will inherit at least one litigation matter since a lawsuit is "inevi-

table" for a final resolution of the dispute with Yavapai County over Central Yavapai Fire District service, according to Town Manager Fred Carpenter.

According to his resume, Jensen has practiced law in Prescott since 1974 and has on occasion served as a part-time, interim attorney for the City of

Prescott. He helped draft Prescott's sign code and also did criminal defense work in Kingman.

It took an abstention to break a voting deadlock before the council elected Gary Moran to assume the seat vacated by McGinnis. The special council tally was necessary when McGinnis resigned because of continued poor health after

having a heart attack.

On the first two votes Moran tied with Doris Conahay, both of whom were unsuccessful candidates in the recent general election. Penrod offered no advice on how to break the tie and Councilwoman Marilyn Horne made a motion that Moran be picked for the seat.

But the audience booed the move and demanded an explanation. Councilman Charlie Robinson then said he would abstain if the vote was taken again. Moran won by a 3-2 vote and was sworn in by Carpenter.

In other business the council asked Carpenter to work on a possible lease for a new town hall. The council had turned down an offer for space last month from Larry Greseth after Robinson said the new library would give them a free office. That deal fell through two weeks ago when Robinson reported that the library board had withdrawn the offer because of neighborhood opposition.

Earlier, profits had been based on a formula which was based on 1973 earnings, Ms. Cook said.

The OPEC and service station increases, along with other factors, could increase gas prices by as much as 15 cents per gallon, they said, meaning all grades would likely average above 90 cents, with premium and unleaded at or above the \$1 mark.

Penrod said such licensing is common throughout the state and suggested that the town could charge a maximum of 3 percent of the company's gross receipts for the easement privilege.

Babbitt backs Carter despite prevailing odds

By LES SCHLANGEN
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PHOENIX — Gov. Bruce Babbitt says his support for President Carter is not geared to the "parimutuel method" of looking over the odds before making a choice.

"I don't subscribe to the parimutuel method of lurking around the window to analyze the tote board before making a choice," the governor said during an interview Thursday. "I judge the candidates by whom I'd like to see in the office."

But the governor said he feels the president's career is at stake in the Camp David Summit.

"I think it's his last chance to rev-

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