

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
January 15, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Town Council: Mary Nedrow, Mayor
Susan Silva, Vice Mayor
Richard Davis, Councilmember
Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember
Phelps Wilkins, Councilmember

Staff: Val Cordova, Town Clerk
Tim Rasmussen, Public Works Director
Mike Nuttall, Chief of Police
Chris Chiesl, Community Development Director

Manager Steve West on vacation

Legal Counsel: Timothy Shaffery

Public: Kevin Burk, Rose and Steve Flowers, Cindy Jordan, Kay Wilkins, Mike Leiby, Roxanne Knight and Nancy Golightly, Doug Wolfe Paleontologist and Hazel Wolfe.

Mayor Nedrow called the January 15, 2014 town council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Participation: None

4. Manager, Council and Staff Reports:

Vice Mayor Silva had questions regarding a previous meeting with regard to Shannon's Law noting that she thought the council had been told that this law had been changed.

Legal Counsel Shaffery answered that the law had been changed but not pursuant to Shannon's Law. The changed with regard to shooting within the city limits.

Town Clerk Cordova was asked to listen to the recording to see what had been said about Shannon's Law.

Mayor Nedrow asked Chief Nuttall for a report on the recent break-in's.

Chief Nuttall said he submitted a written report with the statistics for a year by year comparison. He said his department did catch the thieves that burglarized Western Drug and found evidence at their residence from a previous burglary. He then reviewed the comparison chart he provided for the council. In answer to the Mayor's question with regard to whether they were drug related Chief Nuttall answered that they were. He said that with more man power they are able to be proactive instead of reactive and are working with the Drug Task Force to combat this drug problem.

Vice Mayor Silva said she's been told that there is an Eagar Police Officer that is parking out at Avery's Lounge waiting for people to leave the lounge.

Chief Nuttall said he would get a hold of their Chief and take care of this.

5. Consent Items.

- a. Consider approval of the minutes of the town council meeting held on December 4, 2013 at 6pm
- b. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable for the month of November, 2013.
- c. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable for the month of December, 2013.

Discussion: None

Susan Silva/Robert MacKenzie motion to approve consent items 5a, 5b and 5c as presented.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow Susan Silva Richard Davis Robert MacKenzie Phelps Wilkins
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6. Heritage Committee Appointment: Discussion and action regarding appointing John Wilhelm as the Fine Arts Representative on the Heritage Center & Museum Committee.

Discussion: None

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to appoint John Wilhelm as the Fine Arts Representative on the Heritage Center & Museum Committee:

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow Susan Silva Richard Davis Robert MacKenzie Phelps Wilkins
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7. Doug Wolfe, Paleontologist: Presentation by Paleontologist Doug Wolfe regarding two new species of dinosaurs and fossils he discovered, and the geology of our area.

Mr. Wolfe introduced himself and gave a short history over the last forty years ending with his coming back to this area to look for dinosaurs and fossils. He emphasized the rich geologic history here in this area. They are interested in trying to develop a more full time presence here and tie in work from the last fifteen years. He said his long term goal is to develop a world class functioning research educational institution and museum that would bring people here. He's asking for a footprint to develop a center to be able to approach companies for donations. He's hoping he can translocate from Phoenix and spend more time here but he needs a space.

Councilmember Wilkins said he attended the meeting last night and people love dinosaurs. He feels this is the best thing that could happen in our town and hopes we can set up something up in our building by spring. If they need to discuss the use of the space again but feels that if we need to take advantage of this. We could easily put some exhibits in here and double the number of tourists that here. He strongly supports Mr. Wolfe all the way and would love to have something here by summer. He would love to have a research center with labs here. This could be the dinosaur center of the state.

Vice Mayor Silva asked Mr. Wolfe explained what he means by foot print.

He explained that they need some seed money; they're hoping to find ways to purchase some incredible skeletons and money for graphics. He's also hoping that he can find a full time job as a director of the Cultural Center.

Chamber Director Becki Christensen explained they are asking for is space. The hallway is perfect for the dinosaur and an office space for supplies. They are asking the council to reconsider the use of the other portion of the building. Once he has space he can go out to the other corporations and ask for money to bring his exhibits here.

Vice Mayor Silva said she doesn't know what the council would like to do but right now there is not room for the city offices.

Ms. Kay Wilkins addressed the council saying they think they can use the hall for the dinosaurs but feel they can make accommodations. If the council chooses not to use the second room for a council chamber they would have enough room for the History Museum and the dinosaurs in the hall and one of the rooms. They think they have enough money.

Mayor Nedrow thanked everyone and Mr. Wolfe for the presentation noting this is a council decision that is not on the agenda tonight. The council will take all these items into consideration when they talk about it.

8. Vehicle lease purchase agreement: Discussion and action regarding approval of the Lease Purchase Agreement with Ford Motor Credit for the purchase of two vehicles for the Public Works Department with funds that were appropriated in the HURF budget.

Susan Silva/Robert MacKenzie motion to approve the Vehicle Lease Purchase Agreement with Ford Motor Credit for the purchase of two vehicles for the Public Works Department with funds appropriated in the HURF budget.

Discussion: None

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow Susan Silva Richard Davis Robert MacKenzie Phelps Wilkins
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9. Adjournment:

Robert Mackenzie/Richard Davis motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow Susan Silva Richard Davis Robert MacKenzie Phelps Wilkins
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Mary Nedrow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2014.

Town Clerk