

Springerville Town Council  
Minutes  
May 21, 2014  
5:30 p.m.

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

Excused: Susan Silva

Staff: Steve West, Town Manager  
Val Cordova, Town Clerk  
Mike Nuttall, Chief of Police  
Sharon Pinckard, Community Services

Legal Counsel: Timothy B. Shaffery

Public: Kevin Burk, Lanette Cross, Earl Cochran, Billy Wilde, Joh and Carol Buseman.

Mayor Nedrow called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. with a quorum present and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Participation – None

4. Manager, Council & Staff Reports:

Manager West announced he would like to acknowledge that Sharon Pinckard's 20 year anniversary noting he was going to present her with a 20 year pin that he would present to her at the next staff meeting.

He told the council that he would be attending a mediation with Meadow Valley, our legal counsel and the mediator next week and would be out of the office 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and had a premeditation meeting on Tuesday. He and Councilmember MacKenzie attended the Blue Hills meeting where they reviewed their budget. They have been asked by Reserve to take over their refuse service which would include Catron County area. He reported that the rodeo is going well and they are almost at their goal. They are attempting to get their last donation and they will be able to allow children 16 and under accompanied by a parent to attend free of charge. Manager West advised the council that the preliminary budget is ready to present to the council. He said Val would get in touch with them to find out the best time for a meeting.

5. Consent Items:

- a. Consider approval of the minutes of the town council meeting held on May 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable for the month of April, 2014.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to approve consent items 5a and 5b as presented.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Richard Davis
		Robert MacKenzie
		Phelps Wilkins

Old Business:

6. Town Manager Contract: Discussion and action regarding entering into a new contract with Steve West as Town Manager for the Town of Springerville effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019.

Robert MacKenzie/Phelps Wilkins motion to renew the contract with Steve West as Town Manager for the Town of Springerville with the agreed upon changes effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019.

Discussion: Manager West said he was proud to have a contract out that many years and thanked the council for believing in him and the direction we're moving the Town and we're doing great things.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Richard Davis
		Robert MacKenzie
		Phelps Wilkins

New Business:

7. Hand in Heart Award: No one was present at this time. Mayor Nedrow called for a motion to table this item.

Robert MacKenzie/Phelps Wilkins motion to table the Heart in Hand award.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Richard Davis
		Robert MacKenzie
		Phelps Wilkins

Mayor Nedrow suggested they move item 10 on the agenda for discussion prior to item 8.

10. Tourism Tax Limit: Discussion and action regarding setting a \$500.00 limit on all Tourism Tax requests.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to set a limit on all Tourism Tax Requests.

Discussion: Mayor Nedrow said that they no longer receive the amount on the bed tax they used to get and want to be able to fund requests.

Manager West explained that the former finance director was taking one percent of gross taxes the Town was receiving on everything not just the bed tax. After figuring out the correct balance with an annual amount of about \$5,000. There isn't a large amount of money to give out. His suggestion is to set the limit off \$500 that the Tourism Tax Committee can authorize but asked the council to consider that people with bigger needs attend the meeting and present to them.

Mayor Nedrow noted that if they keep giving out this amount of money there won't be any money left to give out.

Councilmember Wilkins said they need to insure that money is used in a way that has long term benefits and agreed they should come before the council.

Legal Counselor Tim Shaffery suggested that the council amend the motion to state the limit is set at \$500 unless over ridden by the council.

Councilor Mackenzie amended his motion to set a limit of \$500 for all tourism tax requests unless over ridden by the council,

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Richard Davis
		Robert MacKenzie
		Phelps Wilkins

8. Tourism Tax Request: Discussion and action regarding an application from the Fraternal Order of Police: Little Colorado Lodge #74 in the amount of \$800.00

Mack MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to approve the request of the Fraternal Order of Police, Little Colorado Lodge #74 in the amount of \$800.00

Discussion: Chief Mike Nuttall explained they've had this event for the last three years. They currently have about six teams signed up but are expecting more. He explained that some of the proceeds are donated to Special Olympics, scholarships, people in need and other charities.

Mayor Nedrow said that one of the issues the council has is that they would really like to see this event take place in Springerville to draw people into the museum and our downtown area.

Mayor Nedrow called for a vote.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Richard Davis
		Robert MacKenzie
		Phelps Wilkins

Mayor Nedrow announced that recipient of the Heart in Hand award was now present and asked the council to put item 7 back on the table.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to remove item 7 from the table.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Richard Davis
		Robert MacKenzie
		Phelps Wilkins

Community Services Director Sharon Pinckard presented Carol Buseman with a Heart in Hand award for her commitment and dedication to the community. Carol is one of only 10 Heart in Hand awards were given out this year. Mrs. Buseman has volunteered her time delivering meals, acting as ombudsman in Apache County, Casa Malpais, the Chamber of Commerce and others.

Mrs. Buseman thanked everyone and gave a shout out to other volunteers.

9. Tourism Tax Request: Discussion and action regarding an application from the White Mountain Sportsmen's club request in the amount of \$1,500 for a Trophy Elk contest.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard motion to approve \$1000 for the Trophy Elk contest.

Discussion:

Councilmember Mackenzie asked if anyone was present to talk about the request.

Councilmember Wilkins said he had a lot of questions to ask and wouldn't vote for it without answers. He said he thought that the sporting goods stores should be putting up the money as they are the ones that benefit from this.

Manager West clarified that the Tourism Tax Committee approved only \$1,000 of the \$1,500.

Mayor Nedrow reminded the council that they just made a decision that anyone requesting money should be present to answer questions and talk about their request and suggested they let the motion die. She called for a vote.

Vote:	Ayes:	
	Nays	Mary Nedrow Richard Davis Robert MacKenzie Phelps Wilkins

Mayor Nedrow gave direction to bring this back and have someone present to discuss it.

Manager West commended and thanked Sharon Pinckard for her 20 years of service with the Town and presented her with a 20 year pin.

Ms. Pinckard responded that she appreciates the opportunity to work for the Town and said it's wonderful opportunity for her and its something she enjoys and gives her a chance to give back to the people everyday.

11. Adjournment:

Richard Davis/Robert MacKenzie motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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Mary Nedrow, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014

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Town Clerk