

Springerville Town Council
Meeting
July 16, 2014
6:00 p.m.

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

Excused: Vice Mayor Susan Silva
Council Member Phelps Wilkins

Staff: Steve West, Town Manager
Mike Nuttall, Chief of Police
Tim Rasmussen, Public Works Director
Heidi Wink, Finance Director
Sharon Pinckard, Community Services Director

Legal Counsel: Timothy B. Shaffery

Public: Kevin Burk, Becki Christensen Chamber Director

Mayor Nedrow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present. Heidi Wink was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public participation: None

4. Manager, Council and Staff Reports:

Manager West reported they are in negotiations with the Air Ambulance Service Native Air to build a hangar at the airport. They're looking at putting in a pad for the building and using it as a heliport for a couple of years and they're looking at putting in a residence on the non-airside. He'll keep the council informed as progress is made.

He also informed the council that he was appointed to the Forest Service Regional Advisory Council. He also said he would be on vacation the week of the 21st through the 24th. He reminded them that the League Conference will be August 19 through the 22nd with Vice Mayor Silva and Councilmember Davis attending.

The rodeo was a huge success with more attendance. He said it went out without any major issues. He thanked Cell One for their major presence, equipment, water, materials, donations and supporting this event as well as many others. He said they couldn't have done this without the community. As soon as they have the debriefing he will bring more information. The Chamber and the County were huge supporters. The county donated use of the grounds, and loans made to the committee and the chamber was super with advertising, flyers and raffle tickets with little or no

dollars. He also reported that the fireworks were spectacular and he received a lot of great comments telling the council this was a job well done on their part for supporting them.

Chief Nuttall reported on the officer involved shooting that occurred. He said he met with the attorneys and the investigating team. They've ruled that our officer did follow all the rules and regulations. They will be receiving a copy of the report once it's completed.

Airport Manager Sean Kienle reported that in addition to the development through Air Methods and Hangar we have a commercial carrier interested in moving and setting up shop at the Springerville airport. He would provide an organized flight school, charters as well as air ambulance and fixed wing aircraft. He also provided the council with a three year report on the airport operations. He's also counted the Med-Evac operations with over 300 med-evac flights not counting those that leave in the middle of the night.

Manager West reported that Sean is now the new Airport Manager. Sean's work and ethics are spectacular at the airport and looks forward to Sean pushing forward with the growth of the airport.

Community Services Director Sharon Pinckard reported on quilt raffle. They are working hard to reach their goal of \$5,000. It's a king size quilt that travels wherever they are set up to sell tickets.

They have hired Lisa Wilkins for energy assistance and is already taking applications. Director Pinckard and talked about the utility assistance project for new appliances. Director Pinckard reported on an incident that occurred at the senior center where a volunteer swallowed a tack. He was flown out in critical condition but he is doing great now. She reported that the Town of Eagar is working on an agreement between the two town's for funding the center. She said she asked her if they could keep it the same as last year.

Mayor Nedrow asked if it was possible to due a two year agreement instead of one.

Manager West suggested that our Legal Council Tim Shaffery contact Doug Brown. Eagar's attorney.

Director Heidi Wink reported they are closing out the last fiscal year and it looks like the Town is going to come in under budget with a few departments that went over but as a whole we're under. The audit for 2014 has been scheduled to start on September 16th. Colby & Powell will do the audit again this year and next then we go out to bid again.

Chamber Director Becki Christensen reported that there will be a Chamber Mixer at the Quonset hut next to Cowboy Up tomorrow night for a preview of the Dinosaur Center. She reported that the Arapaho ticket sales are doing well and they sold 200 tickets during the Alpine festivities on the 5th and 6th. She also reported that the businesses she has talked to around the area has reported that they are doing better with some saying although they had a rough winter they are having a better summer. They feel that the Dinosaur Center will add to the tourism and the Board has plans to do marketing with bill boards and digital advertising. They will attend the Arizona Chamber Executive meeting.

5. Public Hearing: Consider entering into a public hearing to take comments on the Town of Springerville FY 2014-2015 budget.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to go into a public hearing to take comments on the Towns FY 2014-2015 budget.

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Kevin Burk asked how much the budget was this year.

Public Comments:

Director Heidi Wink replied that it was about \$8.3 million. It's about a million smaller than last year.

Karen Warnick with WMI asked why it was bigger or smaller and why.

She was told it was due to special revenues i.e. Less grant money, HURF.

There were no more comments.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to adjourn and reconvene the public hearing.

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6. Consent Items:

- a. Consider approval of the minutes of the June 2, 2014 town council budget worksession.
- b. Consider approval of the minutes of the June 11, 2014 special town council meeting.
- c. Consider approval of the minutes of the June 18, 2014 town council meeting minutes.
- d. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable for the month of June, 2014

Robert Mackenzie/Richard Davis motion to approve consent items 5a-5d as presented.

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7. There was no old business:

8. Resolution 2014-R007. Discussion and action regarding adopting Resolution 2014-R007 adopting the Town of Springerville's FY 2014-2015 Budget.

Richard Davis/Robert Mackenzie motion to adopt Resolution 2014-R007 adopting the Town of Springerville's FY 2014-2015 budget.

Discussion: None

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		Robert MacKenzie

9. Water Activities: Discussion regarding water activities during 4th of July parade.

Manager West explained that we had received complaints about water i.e. water guns balloons, water in general during the parade. The issue is that there are people attending the parade that don't want to get wet but the enforcing no water is a problem. Even if all the water was removed from floats prior to the parade, a lot of the water comes from the sidelines. He said he didn't feel that this was a major issue, small town's have always had their fire engines squirt water. He said he didn't know how to address this issue other than to set different water zones, with a wet zone and have a safe zone.

Mayor Nedrow said asked the town had adopted an ordinance against water in the parade years earlier.

Manager West explained this would really be hard to enforce a policy, resolution or law that can't be enforced. He thought that there should be safe zone, possibly front of the old school would be a great place for a safe zone. He didn't feel that the majority were complaining but still felt that there could be a balance. He explained that our officers were all working one intersection or the other. How do we get them free and they would have to have a complaint on site and the only thing they could do is pull them off the parade route which would be hard. He asked the council if we wanted to be the Town to do this.

Chamber Director Becki Christensen addressed the council and said that the rules they use came from Chief Hogan and he will not sign off on their parade permit if the rules are not signed by the participants but no one enforces the rules. The Chamber Board is concerned about the liability.

Manager West stated that we can't allow what happens in the other community to dictate what happens in ours. By designating wet zones and safe zones and putting the school floats to the rear of the parade could help the situation. He expressed his concern with a knee jerk reaction of taking out the fun part of the parade.

Manager West said he didn't think this needed a formal action but we would advertise in advance that Springerville is a wet zone with the front of the Heritage Center/town hall as the safe zone.

He then addressed candy issue saying it would continue to be thrown but the hope is that parents will tell their children not to pass a certain area.

10. Adjournment:

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Vote:	Vote:	Mary Nedrow
		Richard Davis
		Robert MacKenzie

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, July 16, 2014. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Town Clerk