

Springerville Town Council

Minutes

March 15, 2017

5:30 p.m.

Present: Mary Nedrow, Mayor
Susan Silva, Vice Mayor
Richard Davis, Councilmember
Phil Hanson, Jr. Councilmember
Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember

Staff: Steve West, Town Manager
Val Cordova, Town Clerk
Mike Nuttall, Police Chief

Legal Counsel: Timothy B. Shaffery

Public: Trudy Bolcom, White Mtn. Independent

Vice Mayor Silva called the worksession to order at 5:30 p.m. with a quorum present. Councilmember MacKenzie led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation: None

4. Budget Worksession: Discussion regarding 2017-2018 FY Town of Springerville budget.

Manager West began the discussion explaining that all departments heads receive and submit capital purchase forms which are reviewed and justified prior to bring them to the council. He explained that if they make it to the council in the budget they need to be able to justify it. They cut unjustified purchases in order to push the limited funds in the direction needed. He reminded them that all contingencies have to come to the council for approval before spending them. There will be two or three meetings prior to bringing a completed budget to the council for adoption. He explained that the Enterprise Fund is a business for water and sewer and often times, the Airport is also considered an Enterprise fund, and Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) can only be used for roads, road projects. Special Revenue Funds are grants.

Vice Mayor Silva asked if we still owed HURF. She was told that we no longer own any money to HURF.

Heidi said they are considering a change to employee cost of medical insurance. She explained that that it's considered the norm for the employer to pay 100% of the insurance premium for the employee and for the employee to pay 20 or 25 % of their family premium. We currently pay 85% of premiums for those employees that have family coverage. There are four tiers available, Number 1) single, 2) employee+spouse, 3) employee+child(ren) and 4) employee+family. Each tier is a different rate. Heidi said that we are going to have to start making cuts however; this will not be done this year to give employees time to adjust before implementing it. Heidi noted that we're going to have to pay 50% more for Public Safety Retirement this year. PSPRS is implementing two tiers. Tier 2 with a cost to the town and tier 3 with an additional cost of a 50% match for a 457K for officers hired after July 1, 2017.

Some thoughts for the future are to cut liabilities that would save \$35,000 is making the senior center a 501c3, and consider looking at a fire district which would be put to a vote of the people.

Manager West said they need to think of alternate sources of income in the future. He explained that the town has a matrix for employees with built in 3% increases. This year we will not be budgeting for COLAS but will be doing evaluations with raises based on merits. Some employees based on the matrix are at double or at the top of the matrix due to longevity. He also noted that in the future we may be looking for a full time fire chief. It's a burden to do grants. Currently there's an assistant chief that does a lot of the work.

When asked about evaluations, he said they should be done annually but haven't due to COLAS.

5. Adjourn worksession and continue with the regular meeting.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to adjourn the worksession and continue with the regular meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Vote: Ayes: Mayor Nedrow, Mayor
Susan Silva, Vice Mayor

Richard Davis, Councilmember
Phil Hanson, Jr. Councilmember
Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember

6. Manager, Council and Staff Reports:

Manager West reported we received the USDA grant for the street sweeper and we were notified that we are on track and were accepted for the fire truck. Now it's a process for the funding at a 2 to 3% loan. The coffee area is almost completed and we'll have a new water heater.

7. Consent Items:

- a. Consider approval of the February 15, 2017 town council meeting minutes.
- b. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable register Feb. 23-March 7, 2017.

Richard Davis/Robert MacKenzie motion to approve consent items 7a and 7b as presented.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mayor Nedrow, Mayor Susan Silva, Vice Mayor Richard Davis, Councilmember Phil Hanson, Jr. Councilmember Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember
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8. Round Valley Round Up Rodeo: Discussion and possible action regarding a donation for the Round Valley Round-Up Rodeo request from the Town of Eagar.

Susie Silva motion to approve \$100 to participate in the Round Valley Round-Up Rodeo.

Discussion: Manager West said this request came in at the tail end. We weren't able to assist in preparing or giving input on the rodeo. Concern was expressed regarding where the proceeds go. It was recommended by the council that they do a sponsorship this year since it's so late in the process and they felt they should sponsor one of the prizes.

Mayor Nedrow called for a vote of the motion on the floor. The motion died for lack of a second.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to donate \$1700 to participate in the Round Valley Round-Up Rodeo.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mayor Nedrow, Mayor Susan Silva, Vice Mayor Richard Davis, Councilmember Phil Hanson, Jr. Councilmember Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember
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Mayor Nedrow suggested that Manager Ray go to the Tourism Tax for the money as they have already approved it.

9. Veterans' Memorial Phrase: Discussion, presentation and possible action regarding a phrase for the Veterans' Memorial Brick.

After a discussion by the council regarding which phrase each councilmember liked Mayor Nedrow called for a vote.

Susie Silva/Richard Davis motion to select phrase number 2 of the options presented.

Vote:	Ayes:	Vice Mayor Silva Richard Davis, Councilmember Phil Hanson, Jr. Councilmember Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember
	Nays:	Mayor Nedrow

10. Resolution 2017-R006: Discussion and action regarding Resolution No. 2017-R006 authorizing the Town Manager or the Town Clerk to make recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor, Licensing and Control regarding special event liquor license applications.

There was no discussion.

Susan Silva/Richard Davis motion to adopt Resolution 2017-R006 authorizing the Town Manager or the Town Clerk to make recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licensing and Control for special event liquor license applications.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mayor Nedrow, Mayor Susan Silva, Vice Mayor Richard Davis, Councilmember Phil Hanson, Jr. Councilmember Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember
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11. Resolution 2017-R007: Discussion and action with regard to Resolution 2017-R007 supporting the Arizona Corporation's action to amend the Arizona Universal Service Fund.

Richard Davis/Phil Hanson motion to approve Resolution 2017-R007 supporting the Arizona Corporation Commission's action to amend the Arizona Universal Service Fund.

Discussion: Manager West explained that this resolution is to support the AZ Corporation Commission's action in amending the Arizona Universal Service Fund to provide matching funds to bring another high speed broadband internet carrier.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mayor Nedrow, Mayor Susan Silva, Vice Mayor Richard Davis, Councilmember Phil Hanson, Jr. Councilmember Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember
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12. Bouncing Under the Big Top: Discussion and possible action regarding a donation request from the RV Elementary School Carnival Committee.

Susan Silva/Robert MacKenzie motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Bouncing Under the Big Top.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mayor Nedrow, Mayor Susan Silva, Vice Mayor Richard Davis, Councilmember Phil Hanson, Jr. Councilmember Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember
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13. Executive Session:

a. Discussion and possible action regarding entering into executive session for discussion and legal consultation regarding possible litigation. ARS 431.03 (3) (4).

Robert MacKenzie/Susan Silva motion to adjourn into executive session for discussion and legal consultation regarding possible litigation A.R.S. 432.03 (3) (4)

Vote:	Ayes:	Mayor Nedrow, Mayor Susan Silva, Vice Mayor Richard Davis, Councilmember Phil Hanson, Jr. Councilmember Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember
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Phil Hanson/Richard Davis motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mayor Nedrow, Mayor Susan Silva, Vice Mayor Richard Davis, Councilmember Phil Hanson, Jr. Councilmember Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember
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b. Any action as a result of executive session.

Mayor Nedrow announced there was no action as a result from executive session.

14. Adjournment:

Richard Davis/Robert MacKenzie motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mayor Nedrow, Mayor Susan Silva, Vice Mayor Richard Davis, Councilmember Phil Hanson, Jr. Councilmember Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember
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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 a worksession and regular meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2017

Town Clerk