



TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Minutes

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Attendees: Town Manager Tim Rasmussen, Town Clerk Kelsi Miller,
Finance Director Heidi Wink, Public Works Director Robert Pena,
Community Services Director Robin Aguero, Planning and Zoning Director
Stormy Palmer, Chief of Police Dayson Merrill, Heritage Center Director
Marcie Bafford

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Springerville Town Council and to the general public that the Council will hold a meeting open to the public at the Springerville Town Hall, 418 East Main Street, Springerville, Arizona. The Town Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes Section 38-431.03 (A)(1)(3)(4) and (7) for legal consultation on any of the following agenda items.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Minutes:

Mayor Reidhead called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Robin Aguero led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL:

Minutes:

The Town Clerk completed the Roll Call.

Present: Shelly Reidhead, Mayor; Douglas Henderson, Councilor; Donald Scott, Councilor;
Florencio Lozoya, Councilor

Absent: Richard Davis, Vice-Mayor

A quorum is present.

3. FY 2024/2025 BUDGET WORK SESSION:

Minutes:

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION: Finance Director Heidi Wink led the budget discussions. Staff and Council reviewed Schedule A, Schedule B, Schedule C, Schedule D, and Schedule E. The schedules show the expenditures, revenues, and fund balances. They next reviewed the capital expenditures and one-time project expenses. These include paying the PSPRS unfunded liability, settlement fees, general plan, a bathroom, Pima reconstruction, the chip sealing project, water and sewer to Williams / Airport Road, building for the Meadow Well, airport well rehab, EDA Grant for industrial park, a sewer jetter, and WIFA, CDBG, and ARPA projects. They discussed the chip seal project will do 40%-50% of the roads in Springerville. Originally we were going to do it with

Apache County and Eagar, but Manager Rasmussen feels we will get more for our dollar doing it on our own. They discussed not chip sealing roads that first need water and sewer lines done. Council and staff reviewed budget worksheets for each department. The airport's budget is just operational besides their portion of the General Plan. They reviewed wastewater with no questions. They discussed what departments are in the General Fund and how the State Treasurer tells us what our revenues will be. We are budgeting the PSPRS unfunded liability and our shared service of fire out of the General Government fund. The Council and staff discussed the Mayor and Councils budget, legal budget, and magistrate budget. Council asked if the Town employees would be getting a cost of living adjustment. Heidi said yes, all budgets have a 3% COLA built into them and the Police Department will be getting additional raises. The matrix will slide an additional step for ranges 1 - 7 to keep up with the constant increase in minimum wage. The finance budget consists of operations, salaries, and the audit. Stormy Palmer reported on the Planning and Zoning budget. She plans to update some code including changes from bills signed by the Governor. The Police Department budget was reviewed, and they budgeted payroll for a fully staffed department. They discussed that they are impounding vehicles now and eventually will be able to auction them. Marcie Bafford, the Heritage Center Director discussed the Heritage budget. She explained to them the issues we are having with securing insurance coverage for the inflatables for the Fall Festival. With all the uncertainty around the event, it is hard to budget for it. Council and staff discussed the mechanic budget and it was discussed if we need to track the number of hours and supplies that are going into just the police vehicles. This way we can determine if it needs to be included in our shared service budget with Eagar. Council discussed the AMR meter project within the budget and the sewer jetter. The current sewer jetter is 26 years old and we would be in big trouble if it went down and we were unable to get it going again. Pages 23, 24, and 25 are the grants within the budget. Council did not have any questions on them. Robin Aguero the Community Services Director presented her grants and budget. Council discussed that the Town of Eagar no longer contributes to the community services department even though the statistics show that the majority of the people who utilize their services come from Eagar. Next Council discussed the chip seal project, they asked for a tentative list of roads that will be done. While discussing the HURF budget Heidi Wink, the finance director expressed she is very concerned about them using that much of the reserves in HURF, it took 10 years to build that up and they need to understand if they use all of those reserves it could take another 10 years to build up. They discussed the 8 year rotation of NACOG funds and that it will need to be a road classified as a major collector to qualify. Tori Circle is not classified as that but Maricopa Drive going over Graveyard Hill does qualify.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Shelly Reidhead, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelsi Miller, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in a Regular Council Meeting on _____. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2024

_____. Kelsi Miller, Town Clerk

Members of the public who only want to provide written comments can express their comments by emailing the Town Clerk at **kmiller@springervilleaz.gov** to be read during the call to the public. All comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Americans with disabilities act (A.D.A.): The Town of Springerville intends to comply with A.D.A. If you are physically challenged or disabled and need special accommodations to participate in this town meeting, please contact the Town Clerk at (928) 333-2656 ext. 224 forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting to arrange necessary accommodations.