



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm

AGENDA AMENDED 7.15.24

Springerville Town Council Chambers - 418 E. Main St. Springerville, AZ 85938

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.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Minutes:

Mayor Reidhead called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Jenn Moreira led the pledge of allegiance.

2. INVOCATION:

Minutes:

Kelsi Miller offered the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL:

Minutes:

Present: Shelly Reidhead, Mayor; Richard Davis, Vice-Mayor; Douglas Henderson, Councilor; Donald Scott, Councilor;
Appeared telephonically Florencio Lozoya , Councilor
A quorum is present.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Minutes:

Terry Shove addressed the Mayor and Council. She updated on the projects from the bond funds. The auditorium parking lot and the primary school parking lots are being paved this week. She reported both parking lots are in bad shape and needed done. The elementary school is in desperate need for furniture. They couldn't use the funds until July 1. They are now working with vendors on sample furniture. She reported that fifth grade has moved to the elementary school,

first grade has moved to the primary school. Those classrooms are being setup. Lastly, she updated that security upgrades are almost done at the primary and high school. They are also working on a grant for sod.

Tony Contreras with Springerville – Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce addressed the Mayor and Council. He reported on the growth of the chamber memberships. They gained one new member, and have had 4 members renew putting them at a total of 246 active members including the Town of Springerville. Lastly, he reported the raffle is doing well and he hopes everyone can participate and buy tickets.

Sandy Rupp newly hired with the public works department introduced herself to the Mayor and Council. She expressed she is looking forward to working with the Town. She enjoys this type of work where she is getting to be out and about and not doing the same thing every day.

5. COUNCIL, MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS:

a. Mayor & Council Reports: Summary Updates on committee meetings.

Minutes:

Mayor Reidhead thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for their hard work for a successful fourth of July. She reported that White Mountain Regional Medical Center held their grand opening of the new emergency room. She stated it is beautiful. She reported she attended a Real AZ meeting where they heard Northland Pioneer College is expanding their offerings and is now offering 3 bachelor's programs and additional trade classes.

Councilor Don Scott reported on the successes of the 4th of July . He feels this was one of the largest parades and happy that it went by American legion. The Legion gave away 200 hot dogs and 200 burgers during and after the parade.

b. Staff Reports: Summary Updates

Minutes:

Shane Bevington, lieutenant of the Round Valley Police Department updated the Mayor and Council. He read a letter of appreciation from the Round Valley Rodeo Committee regarding the officers who spent numerous hours and evenings at the dances and the rodeo. He reviewed the June statistics including 296 total incidents, 16 misdemeanors and 5 felony arrests for a total of 21 arrests. He updated on staffing. The department is sending 3 cadets to the police academy next week, and in the background check portion of a lateral officer. They currently have 7 sworn officers.

Public Works Director Robert Pena reported on the activity of Public Works. He thanked Sandy for coming and meeting the Council. She is doing a great job cleaning up files.

Public works has been busy with the 4th of July and working with engineers. Installation for the AMR meters is getting ready to go out for bid as well as working on a bid packet to finish the northwest sewer project.

Town Clerk Kelsi Miller reported she will be at a conference next week and email if Council needs to reach her.

c. Manager Tim Rasmussen: Summary Updates & presentation(s)

Minutes:

Manager Rasmussen reported the town is working to get auction items ready. We do not

have an auction date set yet. He reported that he and Chief Merrill met with Round Valley Animal Rescue regarding the animal control ordinance and how it could be improved. He reported on a letter of appreciation we received from the RVAR for the facility and the employees who helped make the 12th Annual Aviation Expo a success. The Towns of Springerville and Eagar are back out to bid for the jointly owned property at 578 N. Main Street. The bid closing is July 24th at Eagar Town Hall. He reported that the Town is still working with residents in the Hacienda / El Cajon Circle neighborhood moving fences out of the utility easement. There is an informational meeting on community broadband to be hosted on July 24th at the High School Auditorium from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. This week runway 321 is getting a fog seal, it will be back open on Saturday. He updated on the EGA Grant we submitted two weeks ago in the amount of \$248,000 for planning, designing, and engineering for the light industrial park. We were approved for two \$25,000 grants for coal transition through the Utility Grant Funding Program. One will go towards our AMR match and the second will help us get a general plan written. Lastly, he reported we will be bringing Title 6 the animal control ordinance back to the Council. The first public hearing of the two will be in August. Currently animal control has not issued any citations and is educating the two towns.

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Douglas Henderson, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to approve consent items 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, and 6e as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

- a. Consider approval of June 17, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
- b. Consider approval of the June 26, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes.
- c. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable register from June 11, 2024 through July, 8, 2024.
- d. AMENDED 7.15.24 ADDING : RESOLUTION 2024-R004
- e. AMENDED 7.15.24 ADDING: IGA NORTHEASTERN ARIZONA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

7. PUBLIC HEARING:

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPEAL:

Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Don Scott to enter into a public hearing to take public and council comments on the conditional use permit appeal.

Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

William Gleeson introduced himself and explained he is the one who filed the appeal. He explains he is a long-time resident of Springerville who lives here, raises his family here, works here, and plans to stay here. He is opposed to corporate greed. He explained this is no different than the community being opposed to the Wind and Solar farms. He expressed his concerns with them bringing in used trailers and having no on-site management that will

be visible from the highway. He is asking the Council to stand with him and say "thanks, but no thanks", He expressed the proposed area is the eastern gateway into town/ Arizona and what happens when trailers become dilapidated. Ownership can change and codes and stipulations may not be enforced. He invites Council to drive around and look. There are currently trailer parks in the community that have vacant trailers and lots. This trailer park is proposed in our limited commercial zone. He predicts that successful tourists won't stop at our stores and restaurants or look at real estate in our town if we have this trailer park. Based on his profession, he can say that law enforcement spends a lot of time in trailer parks. He expressed we do not have a fully staffed police department to support more trailer parks. He has concerns on what Mr. Graves will do with his other parcel. He reported that he and his wife knocked on doors for 4-5 hours last weekend and quickly collected signatures that were given to the Council. With the current uncertainty of the power plant closing he wants them to rethink this.

Laurel Gleeson addressed the Mayor and Council. She expressed her concerns about a national agency failing this week and the Secret Service becoming a laughing stock in a matter of seconds. Common people were pointing to the problem and they ignored it. She explained we should not do that now. She gave examples of good intentions that were not successful such as the golf course, people putting fresh fruit in the giving box, and this potential park. She feels we need to be proactive in preventing this from coming and we need better long-term planning. She feels the Town leaders do not have the time to fix things if this goes bad. You can always want things to go great, but that doesn't mean they will. She asked them to look at the pages and pages of names of our residents who do not want this.

Jacob Deehr who resides on North E Street near the proposed location addressed the Mayor and Council. He expressed his concerns with the proposed trailer park being in his backyard. He is worried about the increase in drug use and crime in their neighborhood. He asked the Council to look around at the trailer parks in town and name one that isn't falling apart. He doesn't want to see people stumbling around allies. He owns rentals and feels trailers are impossible to keep up with. He questioned if these trailers would also have to meet the same snow loads as everyone else. He asked about age limitations of the trailers.

Melvin Termain via phone addressed the Mayor and Council. He explained he is one of the owners of Termain storage in the area of the proposed park. They have owned the Termain storage since 1985. He expressed he sent a lengthy letter to Planning and Zoning outlining certain conditions if the park is approved and he wants them to consider those too. He is an Arizona native and has concerns for his grandmother's safety. He also has concerns about our economy and the types of businesses we allowing in.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Doug Henderson to leave public hearing and enter back into regular session.

Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

b. FISCAL YEAR 2024 / 2025 BUDGET:

Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Doug Henderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Richard Davis

to enter into a public hearing to take Council and public comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 2025 Budget.

Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

Councilor Doug Henderson wanted to thank Finance Director Wink for her hard work on this years budget.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Doug Henderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Richard Davis to leave the public hearing and enter back into the regular session.

Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

8. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPEAL:

Minutes:

DISCUSSION: Councilor Henderson expressed his concerns about how this will do in the future as leadership changes.

Terry Shove, the chairperson of the Planning and Zoning presented this item. She explained we have seen similar conditional-use permits for this parcel 3 or 4 times to have mobile units brought in to rent them out. The idea is to bring affordable housing into our community. The issue with the former conditional use permit was the developer getting the funding. The infrastructure is in place to put in the units. Until now, we have not had anyone come forward against this. There were around 3 meetings with votes for this project and around 6 public hearings. Having objections to this new conditional use permit was a surprise to the commission. We have a duty to this community that if we see them operating outside the code or conditions to enforce the code and revoke the conditional use permit. She feels this is a reasonable way to bring housing to our community.

Mayor Reidhead invited Robert Graves, the applicant to the podium.

William Gleeson from the audience objected to Mr. Graves and Chairperson Shove presenting. Mr. Graves explained to the Mayor and Council he purchased the property with the hopes of creating a mobile home park with new units. He explained the first two units would be brand new and they would slowly bring in more units. All of the units would not be coming in the first few years. He said the cedar court park is a cross between a trailer park and a mobile home park. The park would have rules and regulations that they would have to adhere to.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Douglas Henderson, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to grant the appeal and revoke the conditional use permit for 64 North D Street.

Councilor Donald Scott did not vote on this item.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

9. FISCAL YEAR 24/25 BUDGET:

Minutes:

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to approve the fiscal year 2024/2025 Budget as presented.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

10. TOURISM TAX COMMITTEE FUND REQUEST:

Minutes:

DISCUSSION: Mayor Reidhead asked Becki Christenson if the Chamber of Commerce could supply them with a copy of their financial audit.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Douglas Henderson, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to approve the tourism tax fund request for the Artists and Authors expo event in the amount of \$750.00

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

11. AWARD FOR PESTICIDE SERVICES:

Minutes:

DISCUSSION: Manager Rasmussen explained we went out to bid again for pesticide services. We received two bids for the services.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to approve Killum Pest Control for Springerville pesticide services and authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

12. MOTOR VEHICLE LEASE: TOWN OF EAGAR

Minutes:

DISCUSSION: Manager Rasmussen explained this initial lease has expired. We are looking to renew the lease and have added verbiage to avoid this lapsing again.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Donald Scott, seconded by Vice Mayor Richard Davis to approve the Motor Vehicle Lease Agreement between the Town of Springerville and the Town of Eagar.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

13. AUGUST MEETING DATE:

Minutes:

DISCUSSION: It was explained that there is a meeting in Phoenix on our Regular Council Meeting day that Kelsi and Heidi need to attend. We are requesting to change the meeting date. The council discussed meeting a day earlier.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Donald Scott, seconded by Vice Mayor Richard Davis to hold the August Council meeting on Tuesday, August 20th, 2024.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 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 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 or summarized during the call to the public. All comments must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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