

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
April 5, 2017
6:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Steve West, Town Manager
Val Cordova, Town Clerk

Excused: Susie Silva, Vice Mayor
Timothy Shaffery, Legal Counsel

Public: Sandy Wagner, Terry Shove, Kevin Burk, Christine Ballard, Chamber Interim Executive Director, Trudy Bolcom with WMI and Apache County Supervisor Doyle Shamley.

Mayor Nedrow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present. Supervisor Shamley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation: None

Council, Manager and Staff Reports:

Manager West reported that the Community Garden was up and going again. They are working on getting the foundation in for the green house which will be here in a couple of weeks which will be an asset for the town. We've applied for a USDA match grant for the fire truck and it looks like it's going to be accepted. They're not sure if it will be paid this year or in their next FY budget which is in October. He ordered appraisals on two pieces of property the councils talked about. He talked with some visitor's from the White Mountain Independent that are looking at starting a new Fishing Guide for our region. There will be a Hazmat disposal for house-hold waste set up at Bashas. This is being sponsored in conjunction TEP and the Town's of Springerville and Eagar.

Manager West announced that Congressman O'Halleran will be present at the April 19th council meeting. He also announced that the Heritage Center and Museum grand opening will be held on Saturday, April 22nd starting at 1:00pm. He's still working with Navopache on the tree issue. They will be planting the city's trees without help from the town. They are also talking about something for the public but not sure what they are doing. The only other thing that's needs to be considered is whether or not to entertain a franchise which the attorney's feel should be.

He also announced that Ray Barraza who's a little shy didn't want to be here tonight but is being recognized for five years of service with the town. Tim recognized and presented him with his pin at public works yesterday. Ray sent his thank you to the council for his pin.

Mayor Nedrow announced that she would like to bring item 9 forward for discussion:

9. Old Airport hangar. Supervisor Doyle Shamley's first item was to suggest that the next Bi-city meeting with Eagar, Springerville and himself be scheduled sometime in May and the legislative session will be completed by then. He noted that we've secured one year reinstatement of part of the HURF funds and felt that they've wiped out the swap and sweep of HURF. This made it through the House and Senate it's in both budgets and awaiting the Governor's signature. They wiped out the entire DUI Bill to house our DUI's in our own county jail who will now have to be taken to Florence. Addressing the NPC building, the county engineers will get the keys and run through the building and map a digital map. They are looking at a large building to help with emergency management and store emergency equipment. Supervisor Shamley expressed his appreciation of Chief Nuttall and the Eagar Chief for sending his a letter of support to house our juveniles. Manager West explained that we've been sending our juveniles to Holbrook and Holbrook is closing down. He explained that his goal is to bring back the juvenile center and the 23 jobs. Mayor Nedrow asked if he could use a letter of support from the council. He said yes and thanked them.

He then brought up the high speed broadband expansion in our area saying that they will have them at their County Supervisor meeting on April 18th for anyone interested.

Manager West explained that Supervisor Shamley approached him about the possibility of the town selling the old hangar to the county for storage of emergency equipment or possibly trading it.

Manager West noted that the first step is to find out how much the building is worth and it's up to the council to give him direction.

Supervisor Shamley also noted that the county would like to consider cost sharing for the future for everyone.

Manager West thanked Supervisor Shamley.

5. Consent Items:

- a. Consider approval of the Mach 1, 2017 town council meeting minutes
- b. Consider approval of the March 15, 2017 town council meeting minutes.
- c. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable register for Mar. 8 – Mar. 31, 2017.

Robert MacKenzie/Phil Hanson motion to approve consent items 5a, 5b and 5c as presented.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Richard Davis
		Phil Hanson
		Robert MacKenzie

6. Old Business: None

7. Chamber of Commerce: Christine Ballard, introduced herself as the Interim Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce addressed the council saying that the chamber would like to continue to do work with and do business with Town asking them if they would consider joining the Chamber as a member.

Mayor Nedrow said she would be blunt and explained that the Town hasn't been members because the Chamber has done nothing for the Town. The Chamber was asked to report where our money was being used and we never received anything. There was never a connection with the town or even with Eagar. She said they would like to have a good relationship between the Chamber and the Town. The Chamber is supposed to be promoting us and bringing people here and it's never been accomplished. There has to be more communication between the Chamber and the Town for them to support the chamber noting she wouldn't be against paying dues and becoming a Chamber member as long as they can work together. Mayor Nedrow also noted that the Chamber wouldn't help with some of the towns past events such as publicity or website posting when they were asked. She hopes this is a new beginning.

Ms. Ballard said she worked on some of the previous town events such as the Color Fest and the chamber was involved with the DVD production of the promotional video last year promoting the town. She is very involved with the rededication of the Heritage Center. She said she understands what the council is looking for. She further noted that basically, the town is paying for her salary. The point of her position is to promote the Town and bring people here and support the businesses. She's been working on Instagram page and almost quadrupled the Facebook page in the two years she's been with the chamber. She said she would love to do more with Springerville and the Town of Eagar.

Mayor Nedrow said she would like to table this until there is a full council present to get input from everyone.

8. Tourism Tax Request: Discussion and possible action regarding requests for funding. The recommendation from the Tourism Tax Committee is to fund the following events:

- a) RV Quit & Fiber Arts Show in the amount of \$500.00
- b) Heritage Center for the purchase of an ad in the "Guide to High Country Fishing" in the amount of \$305.00

Discussion: Mayor Nedrow stated that the Tourism Tax money is earmarked for events that are taking place in Springerville. She then asked if and how much the Town of Eagar was donating.

Mrs. Wagner answered that she didn't know but she explained that a grant had been secured to help with this event and advertising locally and in New Mexico and Phoenix. All the money raised from this function will be given to the school for scholarships. The money will be paid directly to the school for books and tuition. The event will be held on June 23 and 24th at the high school auditorium.

Guide to High Country Fishing. Manager West explained that when we set the budget for the Heritage Center we didn't know how much money we would need. This is a new guide through the White Mountain Independent.

Mayor Nedrow asked how much advertising we're spending on. Manager West said he would bring a listing of the advertising.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to fund the RV Quilt & Fiber Arts Show in the amount of \$500.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Richard Davis
		Phil Hanson
		Robert MacKenzie

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to fund the Heritage Center for the purchase of an ad in the "Guide to High Country Fishing" in the amount of \$305.00.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Richard Davis
		Phil Hanson
		Robert MacKenzie

10. Adjournment:

Robert MacKenzie/Phil Hanson motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Richard Davis
		Phil Hanson
		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 a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2017

Town Clerk