

Springerville Town Council
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Council: 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
Susan Seils, Museum Director
J.C. Kemp, Police Officer
Daniel Carthel, Police Officer

Legal Counsel: Timothy B. Shaffery

Public: Kevin Burk, Mary Simpson, Liz Thayer, Cathy Taylor, Phelps Wilkins, Dave & Amy Pulsifer
Anthony Trugman, Jeffrey Aitken, Brian Carpenter, Vipur C. Shuh, Trudy Balcom w/WMI,
Christine Ballard w/Chamber of Commerce, Special guest, Congressman Tom O'Hallaran.

Mayor Nedrow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for the two kids involved in an accident this past Sunday.

3. Public participation: Jeff Aitkin addressed the council saying they are trying to get a dispensary license and are having some issues however they have an open door policy and invited the council to stop in any time and they would answer any questions.

4. Manager, Council and Staff Reports:

Vice Mayor Silva commented on the activity going on here in the town park noting that it's looking great.

Chief Nuttall reported he was invited by Chief Sweetser to attend a meeting of contingency of Mexican Nationals in Eagar. He reported that they were under the impression that the police departments were going to do a round up and deport them. They explained to them that they needed to follow the laws; they need to have a vehicle registration, and an Arizona Driver License. If they are victimized they were encouraged to report it. There was open dialogue between those present and the police departments.

They will be hosting the Northern Arizona Police Association with the main topic being the juvenile detention center.

Manager West reported that the award in front of the council was awarded to Robert Pena last week. This acknowledges that we not only get things done as a group but also as individuals. The award will be displayed in town hall for the next week. He encouraged anyone that sees Robert to congratulate him on this award. He then reported that our park is underway and is about 1/3 completed. This project included ADA bathroom and ADA access to the back to the equipment for the kids. The concrete barrier is going to hold in the wood chip bounce surface. A basketball surface will be added to the south side along with a few more pieces of equipment. When completed, it will bring our entire project into ADA compliance. He reminded everyone that the grand reopening of the Heritage Center will be this weekend.

5. Consent Items:

- a. Consider approval of the April 5, 2017 town council meeting minutes.
- b. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable register for March 30-April 10, 2017.

Robert MacKenzie/Phil Hanson motion to approve the consent items as presented.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow Susan Silva Richard Davis Phil Hanson Robert MacKenzie
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6. Old Business: None

7. U.S. Congressman Tom O'Halleran: Manager West introduced U.S. Congressman Tom O'Halleran and announced that the Congressman would also be hosting a Town Hall meeting tomorrow morning in our Udall-Johnson Room from 10:00 -11:00 am.

Congressman O'Halleran took the podium and thanked the Mayor and Council for having him here tonight and introduced Chip Davis who will be in charge of government relations and the economic development side of his internal office. He assured the council that he would be here as frequently as needed. He said his goals and objectives are making sure that we keep the jobs in rural Arizona and find new ones, develop broadband technology that allows us to be competitive on a commercial basis. He and Mr. Davis are working on issues like the Navajo Generating Station and about forty other issues. He talked about some of the issues including the national budget, military spending, and programs that are important to rural Arizona. He invited the council to give him input on issues that are important to Springerville.

Mayor Nedrow thanked the Congressman for being here in Round Valley and in our chambers, expressing that we're honored by his presence.

He reiterated that it's his job to be here but his honor to represent us. He has to make sure people know that if we need him he will be here if his schedule allows it he'll be here. He feels that he needs to be in touch with his communities on a consistent basis. He said the person they would reach out to would be Mr. Davis unless they had a problem that needed immediate attention. He stated that it's his job to be with us not lost in the structure of Washington DC. He doesn't mind criticism and likes people to express their views to discuss the issues involved and address them in a proper way. He again stated it was his honor to represent District I and hopes to be invited back.

8. Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation:

Richard Davis/Phil Hanson motion to adopt the Proclamation declaring the month of April, 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention month in the Town of Springerville.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow Susan Silva Richard Davis Phil Hanson Robert MacKenzie
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9. Town's Bulk Water Distribution:

Mary Simpson, Liz Thayer and Cathy Taylor addressed the council regarding issues they're having in the Escudilla Bonita Acres in trying to compete with the Town selling bulk water. They explained they'd received a grant from the Federal Government to resolve their water drought problem but they can't compete with the low prices the town sells their bulk water for. They said they are in the process of purchasing four wells to supply the residents of Escudilla Bonita Acres but they need the people to stop purchasing town's water. When asked what they want from the Town, they answered that they would like the council to consider raising the price of their bulk water rates so they can be competitive. They thanked the council for their consideration.

10. Chamber of Commerce Membership:

