

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

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

Excused: Susan Silva Vice-Mayor, Steve West, Town Manager and
Timothy Shaffery, Legal Counsel

Staff: Val Cordova, Town Clerk
Mike Nuttall, Police Chief

Public: Chris Bagnoli w/Game & Fish Pinetop Regional Manager, Arron Harshel and Mike
Lepes, Aquatics Manager w/Game & Fish, Terry Shove, Boys & Girls
Club Secretary, Jason Moor, Boys & Girls Director, Kay & Phelps Wilkins and Kevin
Burk and Trudy Balcom w/White Mountain Independent.

Mayor Nedrow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m with Chief Nuttall leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public participation: Terry Shove Secretary for the boys & Girls Club talked about the October Fest they would be having on September 23 at Kay & Phelps house noting that she is selling tickets. She then introduced the new director for the Boys & Girls Club Jason Moore.

Mr. Moor then addressed the council introducing himself saying he came from St. Johns. He gave some statistics regarding the Club and how well it's doing noting that overall it's a great club and experience.

4. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports:

Councilmember's Hanson and MacKenzie reported they attended the Annual League of Cities and Town's Conference noting that if there's any council members that haven't attended they recommend attending. Councilmember Hanson stated that he wanted to attend again next year.

Chief Nuttall reported that this year's Rib Throw Down was a huge success. They made over \$2200 in profit after paying all the expenses this year that was donated to the Historical Society for a new roof at the Historical Park building. He said he already has more teams that want to come next year. Shamrock donated all the ribs this year. He's talked to Tucson Electric Power about a generator and drop boxes to put in the park area next year to accommodate all the teams.

Consent items:

- a. Consider approval of the August 16, 2017 town council meeting minutes.
- b. Consider ratification and approval of the August 10 – 28, 2017 accounts payable register.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to approve the consent items 5a and 5b as presented.

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

6. Old Business: None

7. Arizona Game & Fish Presentation: Hear a presentation and discussion regarding partnering with Arizona Game and Fish on a pond.

Chris Bagnoli, Pinetop regional supervisor presented a power point to the council and public present regarding the several fishing ponds that Game & Fish have developed including the Patterson pond in St. Johns that have been very successful. He was approached by Kay and Phelps Wilkins with the idea of developing a fishing pond on their acreage. They have the property, the water rights, and the Becker Lake ditch to fill the pond and they

have water rights as well. He said that Game and Fish is on board with this idea but it would take a three way agreement. However, Game and Fish doesn't have the funds to develop this pond. It would take a three way agreement, between Phelps and Kay Wilkins, the State and the Town. This is going to take some heavy equipment to construct the pond which would be the first step,

This pond would not be a catch and release pond like Becker Lake but it would be a two fish limit on trout, bass one (1), sun fish five (5) to keep the fish from diminishing quickly ut they would stock on a regular basis. People would be able to use bait, treble hooks or anything they want. Mr. Bagnoli explained how successful the other ponds have been within the other communities. They've held clinics to show people that have never fished how to along with other clinics for hunting, elk camp workshops that have all been well attended.

Mr. Bagnoli said they need a three way agreement; with the Wilkins, Game & Fish and the Town. They would need heavy equipment to be able to dig the pond eight to ten feet deep. He said they would stock with several types of fish, tiger fish, bass cat named several types of fish they would stock in the pond and the types of fishing lures, hooks, bate that will be allowed. He was advised to get in touch with Supervisor Doyle Shamley for the equipment.

Phelps and Kay Wilkins said there would be a conservation easement and would work out the details with Game and Fish. Mr. Bagnoli said part of their land owner relationship is securing access to properties. A community fishing agreement is between the agency and the Town to defray the costs for stocking but it's up to their agency to help keep the costs down. The costs are depending on how often they plan to stock but they vary.

Phelps Wilkins addressed the council noting that there are 12 acres not five, saying that they have ten additional acres in which to possibly make a town park, maybe putting in a disc golf course that is very popular and very inexpensive to put in, restrooms, some picnic tables and make a nice town park.

Mayor Nedrow asked about the possibility of a Ninja Warriors area. She felt this was wonderful that they want to do this.

Mr. Bagnoli asked that they keep the conversation going and they follow-up with the council. He said there would be other bridges to cross.

The council members present were all tentatively receptive to this idea and also felt that they should keep this communication going with Game and Fish.

9. Adjournment:

Phil Hanson/Robert MacKenzie motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 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 regular session on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 13th day of September, 2017

Town Clerk