

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
November 1, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Nedrow, Mayor
Susan Silva, Vice Mayor
Phil Hanson Jr., Councilmember
Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember

Absent: Richard Davis, Councilmember

Staff: Steve West, Town Manager
Val Cordova, Town Clerk
Mike Nuttall, Chief of Police
Heidi Wink, finance Director

Public: Kevin Burk, Dan Jackson, Economist.com and Terry Shove, Boys & Girls Club.

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

3. Public Participation: Terry Shove with the Boys & Girls Club addressed the council regarding a \$30,000 grant for mentoring he Club applied for. She also said they're looking for volunteers to mentor and spend time with the kids.

4. Manager, Council and Staff Reports:

Councilmember Hanson reported he attempted to attend an airport meeting but a quorum didn't show up, however he noted that fuel sales are up over 37% over this time last year. He attended the Apache, Navajo Counties Mayor's, and Councilmembers meeting in Eagar last week. Senators Sylvia Allen and Jamescita Peshlakai were in attendance and talked about some legislature but the biggest topic was the PSPRS Retirement. He reported he also attended a cookout for the town employees. He talked to several town employees who said thank you for putting this on as it was very much appreciated.

Manager West reported that he's nothing on the appeals process which is good news. He also put before the council a confidential inspection report for the Becker building. He didn't see anything major, if anything he there might need to be some electrical work.

Mayor Nedrow asked how Trick or Treat went. Val reported it started out slow and didn't really get started until around 6:00 and we called it quits at 8:00p.m.

She asked if we coordinate any of this with the Town of Eagar. She was told that they had their Trunk or Treat on Saturday but when she was there last night the entire parking lot was full of Eagar's Police and Fire departments and the parking lot was full of cars doing Trunk or Treat. She was curious why this isn't all coordinated. She suggested that maybe we could have better communication and people were confused as to when everything was happening. Councilmember Hanson said that he went to both Safeway then Bashas and it was full of fun with the costumes, pumpkin painting and having great fun. She asked if maybe they should go and talk to Safeway about them participating and doing something for the Town.

5. Consent Items:

- a. Consider approval of the October 11, 2017 town council meeting minutes.
- b. Consider approval of the October 18, 2017 town council meeting minutes.
- c. Consider ratification and approval of accounts payable register for Oct 11 – 25, 2017

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

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

7. Economist.com Presentation by Dan Jackson.

Dan Jackson with Economist.com provided a Power Point regarding their proposal to provide a new water and waste water rate study for the Town noting that water and waste water rates are important for cities. The most important challenge is that no one wants to pay more. But a rate study does not necessarily result in rate increases and the council is not obligated to increase rates as a result of this study. However, what this does is give the council the information they need to make the best policy decisions on behalf of the Town and it guarantees revenue for the town. He explained that there would be an initial meeting with the staff to get some background information and gather the standard data they need, volumes and budgets then meet with staff to make sure they're comfortable with the preliminary numbers and tweak them if needed. They would then have a workshop with the council to introduce different rate plans and look at the different options they present, then have public hearings to let rate payers know and understand why you're doing this. Mr. Jackson said a successful rate plan does three things;

- 1) it allows you to recover the revenues you need to cover costs
- 2) to the best extent possible it seeks to minimize the costs on rate payers
- 3) to get the highest number of rate payers to except the need.

He said that he felt that most rational rate payers would accept it. He wanted to emphasize that it doesn't obligate the council to raise rates and may not even result in raising them but its information and a process to make the best long term decisions for the town.

Mayor Nedrow asked Mr. Jackson when he'd been contacted about this rate study, after hearing that it was longer than the last few months she asked why it hadn't been budgeted. She reiterated that she isn't going to vote to increase the rates.

Vice Mayor Silva said she wasn't in favor of raising rates but feels that maybe they can buffer it some but felt that if they don't have this analysis in place it doesn't do any good to raise or not raise them.

8. Water and Sewer Rate Study: Discussion and possible action regarding hiring Economist.com to do a water and sewer rate study at a cost not to exceed \$27,000.

Mayor Nedrow stated she felt that this should be tabled until there's a full council.

Robert MacKenzie/Susan Silva motion to approve hire Economist.com to do a water and sewer rate study for the Town at a cost not to exceed \$27,000. The motion passed.

Vote:	Ayes:	Susan Silva Phil Hanson Robert MacKenzie
	Nays:	Mary Nedrow

9. Adjournment:

Phil Hanson/Robert MacKenzie motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44p.m.

Vote:

Ayes:

Mary Nedrow
Susan Silva
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, November 1, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 2nd day of November 2017

Town Clerk