

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
February 7, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Present: 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

Legal Counsel: Timothy Shaffery,

Public: Kevin Bur, Doug Henderson, Terry Shove with Boys & Girls Club,
Mike Leiby with Wt. Mountain Independent.

Mayor Nedrow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Assistant Fire Chief Robert Pena led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public participation: Terry Shove with the Boys & Girls Club thanked the council for their sponsorship and gave a brief update on the club. She emphasized that their goal is to keep the kids involved to lean job seeking, job shadowing, mentorships, exposing them to higher education.

Manager West briefed the council on the latest setback with the public safety building purchase. He advised them that USDA is requiring an environmental review of the building prior to approval of the loan. He said we don't know what the cost is going to be and noted that if anything, there may be issues with the roof. In answer to the Mayor's question, he said the responsibility would rest on the seller.

He also reported that the bell tower should be erected by the first of next week. It needs to be sandblasted but he thought maybe have the inmates use brushes on it. There will be a walk through next week.

5. Consent items:

- a. Consider approval of the January 17, 2018 town council meeting minutes.
- b. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable register for 01/9/18 – 01/26/2018

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

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow, Mayor Susan Silva, Vice Mayor Richard Davis, Councilmember Phil Hanson, Jr. Councilmember Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember
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6. Old Business: None

7. Springerville, Eagar Fire Departments: Presentation and discussion by Fire Chief Max Sadler and Assistant Chief Robert Peña regarding the possibility of combining the two fire departments.

Chief Max Sadler gave a presentation regarding the pros and cons of either combining or sharing services between the two town fire departments. Their mission and goal is to provide cooperative resources. They have a great working relationship between the two entities. This would keep costs down as they would share resources, and combining services could mean the possibility of at least some full time firefighters in Springerville. . He noted that this is becoming a national trend for small communities to combine or merge their departments. He said they are reviewing and researching how Snowflake and Taylor have combined services without forming a district. They've shown that this is a possibility. Chief Sadler noted that they didn't want to put burden on the residents by forming a district but to combine services. He asked the council to consider this option. The department is just surviving and they need to do something to get the equipment they need. Combining departments and sharing services including equipment is the way to accomplish this. He said there was still a lot of research to be done and it could not happen overnight but they would like authorization to proceed and gather more information.

Mayor Nedrow noted that this was brought up during a joint meeting with Springerville and Eagar eight to 10 years ago and she was in favor of it then but fire fighters at the time were against it.

Several questions were asked by the council; Who would take responsibility for the money would they keep two fire houses, what about the difference in budgets, would they be creating a fire board, would they eventually form a fire district.

Chief Sadler reiterated that they still had a lot of research to do but wanted to get an idea of whether the council would consider the possibility. The council directed him and Assistant Chief Pena to continue with the research.

8. Resolution 2018-R001: Discussion and possible action regarding approving the submission of projects for consideration on Arizona's 2018 Governor's Office of Highway Safety Plan.

Richard Davis/Susan Silva motion to approve Resolution 2018-R001 approving the submission of projects for consideration in Arizona's 2018 Governor's Office of Highway Safety Plan and appoint Chief Mike Nuttall as the agent to negotiate, and to execute all documents and any other or desirable instruments in connection with such grant.

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

9. Office of Manufactured Housing IGA: Discussion and possible action regarding entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Fire, Building and Life Safety Office of Manufactured Housing and the Town of Springerville.

Phil Hanson/Richard Davis motion to renew the IGA between the Arizona Department of Manufactured Housing and the Town of Springerville for an additional five years.

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

10. Old Town Hall/Fire Department Property: Discussion and possible action regarding advertising the sale of town property located at 23 S. Papago St. (Old Town Hall)

Richard Davis/Phil Hanson motion to authorize Manager West to start advertising the sale of property located at 23 S. Papago St.

Manager West noted that he just needs an okay to begin the process. It's a long process that will need to go through the Municipal Property Corporation to sell.

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

11. Economic Development Apache County: Discussion and action regarding appointing a councilmember to represent Springerville on the EDAC Board.

Councilmember Robert MacKenzie volunteered to sit on the Board.

Phil Hanson/Richard Davis motion to appoint Robert MacKenzie as the council representative on the Economic Development Apache County (EDAC) Board

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

12. Alternative Expenditure Limitation or Permanent Base Adjustment: Discussion and possible action regarding Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule) versus Permanent Base for this year's election.

Manager West explained that the difference is that we have to have an election every four years to reapprove home rule. With permanent base adjustment we would permanently adjust the expenditure base of the Town as determined by economic estimates and we would not have to have elections every four years to pass it. If it fails, we would have to attempt it again at a special election or have to use the state imposed limitation until the next election.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to proceed with Permanent Base Adjustment in the 2018 Fall Election.

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

13. American Tower Lease Agreement Amendment: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the lease agreement amendment for American Tower.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to approve the amendment for American Tower.

Manager West explained that they negotiated the contract for a onetime fee of \$20,000 with 3% annual increase and scheduled to expire in 2038 with the option to renew ever five years for the period beginning December 2018.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow Susan Silva Richard Davis Phil Hanson Robert MacKenzie
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14. Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board Appointment: Discussion and action regarding appointing Phil Hanson, Jr. as a member on the PSPRS Local Board as a member of the public at large.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to appoint Phil Hanson as a member of the PSPRS Local Board as a member of the public at large.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow Susan Silva Richard Davis Phil Hanson Robert MacKenzie
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15. Adjournment:

Phil Hanson/Richard Davis motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow Susan Silva Richard Davis Phil Hanson Robert MacKenzie
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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 held on February 7, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 13th day of February, 2018

Town Clerk