

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
October 17, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Nedrow, Mayor
Robert MacKenzie, Vice Mayor
Richard Davis, Councilmember

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

Legal Counsel: Timothy B. Shaffery

Public: Kevin Burk, Teresa Becker and Jane Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Nedrow, Val Cordova was asked to led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public participation: None

4. Council, Manager and Staff Reports:

Manager West reported that he has a meeting with the council elect scheduled and they will be attending the Open Meeting Laws conference at the League of Cities and Towns.

5. Consent items:

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

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow Robert MacKenzie Richard Davis
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6. Old Business: None

7. Financial Policy Change: Discussion and possible action regarding changes with the "Cash Receipts" page 6 #2 of the Town's Financial Policies and Procedures, removing the first sentence "Hand-written receipts shall be I triplicate" and the verbiage "hand written" adding the verbiage "cash register" and "filed" as noted below.

~~Hand written receipts shall be in triplicate.~~ Customers paying in person will be given a ~~hand-written~~ receipt, customer's payments will be logged into the cash receipting program, and a receipt printed, and attached to the ~~hand-written~~ **cash register** receipt and will be **filed** in the daily deposit.

Richard Davis/Robert MacKenzie motion to approve the change to the Town of Springerville's Financial Policy, removing the first sentence "~~Hand-written receipts shall be in triplicate~~" and the words "~~hand-written~~", and adding "cash register and the word "filed" to the paragraph.

No discussion:

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow Robert MacKenzie Richard Davis
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8. Greenhouse 2018 Summary: Hear a wrap-up summary presentation for the 2018 year on the Town of Springerville Greenhouse by Jane Anderson and Teresa Becker.

Jane Anderson gave a little history of how the Greenhouse was started in conjunction with the Town. Hazel Wolfe was contracted by the town to research and order the hydroponics and aquaponics systems that would be used. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Town, the Community Garden and the White Mountain Community Co-op in 2017.

Teresa Becker thanked Hazel Wolfe and the members of the Co-op and explaining the systems. She said there are two aquaponic systems and three hydroponic systems in the Greenhouse. She said they started cycling the aquaponics systems meaning they started developing healthy bacteria to put in the fish and start the plants. They weren't able to keep the larger tank balanced and it didn't do very well. By the end of the season it became infested with aphids and they started losing fish. She reported that both systems were very tedious for all the testing that needed to be done. It took a lot of time and was the least productive. She noted that aquaponics systems are usually run year-round.

They had three hydroponic systems. The Dutch bucket system did the best of the three especially for growing tomatoes, cucumbers and the eggplant was infested with aphids early on. The Evan flow tank was set up for leafy greens, herbs and mint but they had problems in getting the plants started. The Dewey Mister was the least successful system because each had its own bucket and basket and each had to be tested and time consuming. A problem they had with all the systems was keeping the PH balanced due to the alkaline in the water. She reported that it was costly to control the temperature at 70 degrees.

As part of the MOU the Town paid for the water and electric which cost about \$575 this season, Other expenses totaled about \$300. Produce from the Greenhouse and the community garden was about \$120. The net expense to operate the Greenhouse the first season was about \$834.40 total. Without the Town's help in paying the water and electric the cost would have been \$260.

In conclusion, Ms. Anderson noted that the Community Garden fulfilled their Memorandum of Understanding with the Town and have submitted a report. She noted that Teresa Becker bore the brunt of the hours to run the Greenhouse as Hydroponics took up to three times a day of care not including the issues like the electricity going out. The White Mountain Community Coop have volunteers lined up to run the greenhouse if the Town is interested.

Manager West gave both Jane and Theresa kudo's for their outstanding participation and handling of the greenhouse project.

9. Adjournment:

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mary Nedrow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby further certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 22nd of October, 2018

Town Clerk