

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
January 15, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Council present: Phil Hanson, Jr. Mayor
Robert MacKenzie, Councilmember
Richard Davis, Councilmember
Ruben Llamas, Councilmember
Shelly Reidhead, Councilmember

Staff: Steve West, Town Manager
Valentina Cordova, Town Clerk
Heidi Wink, Finance Director
Sean Kienle, Airport Manager
Tim Rasmussen, Public Works Director
Mike Nuttall, Chief of Police
Max Sadler, Fire Chief
Susan Seils, Heritage Center Director
Sharon Pinckard, Community Services Director
Robert Pena, PW Foreman
Brian Carpenter, Senior Center Volunteer

Public: Shawna Llamas, Earl Cochran, AnnMarie Peña, Warren & Rhonda Francisco, Kathy Reidhead, Karalea Cox, Terry Shove, and Bob Martinson w/White Mountain Independent.

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Phil Hanson, Jr., and Councilmembers Ruben Llamas and Shelly Reidhead were sworn into office by Town Clerk Valentina Cordova and were seated.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Ruben Llamas.

3. Public participation:

Terry Shove with the Boys & Girls Club and with NPC introduced herself and gave the council an update on the Club also noting that their new director would be starting in February. She noted that Northland Pioneer College would like to be part of Apache County and would like to do a Power Point presentation at the next council next meeting.

Brian Carpenter introduced himself to the new council members saying he was a volunteer at the senior center. He talked about the senior center and the clients they serve and encouraged them to ride with him one day to visit the and see the things they do down there.

Councilmember Reidhead announced that the Arizona Rural Development council selected Springerville and Eagar to hold the 2019 Rural Policy Forum in August. Director Kimberly Lanning helped get Round Valley chosen as the location for the Forum. They expect this Forum to bring in over 300 rural community and business leaders. She noted that the Round Valley School district is allowing the Forum to take place in the dome and local businesses are also stepping up to help with lodging and the event and said they would love the Town's support for this huge event.

The Town's Department Heads each took turns introducing themselves and talking about their departments and gave brief updates on their departments.

Chief Mike Nuttall reported first, reporting he has a female cadet in the academy is on track to fill all positions needed after being short for quite some time. He'll be writing grants for more equipment and additional vehicles to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and the Gila River Casino.

Director Tim Rasmussen reported and updated the council on the public works department, employees, and projects. He explained that there is one item on the report he submitted that will be coming back to the council in February for approval. They've been working on a blending plan to reduce the radium levels for the Voigt Well including the engineers report.

Sean Keinle, Airport Manager briefed the council on the airport noting that Springerville has one of the premier airport facilities in the country for the size of our airport. He invited the council to stop by the airport if they haven't already been out to see it saying he would be happy to show them around.

Finance Director Heidi Wink reported next saying that they'll be gearing up for budget beginning in February. She said that the financial reports for the last fiscal year audits have just been completed and hopes to have them for the council by the end of February. She invited the council to stop and see her anytime if they have any questions.

Manager West encouraged the council to stop and ask her any questions. He further stated that if the council has any wants or needs, Heidi will be sending out budget questionnaires that will all come back to the council for approval. He encouraged the council to know their budgets and if they have questions, please come in and talk with Heidi.

Community Development Director Chris Chiesl came up to the podium next and explained some of the things she's does in her department and projects going on and what the Planning and Zoning Commission are working on. She advised the council that there is a developer that is purchasing the Round Valley Plaza and a second developer purchasing the Verizon building.

Community Serviced Director Sharon Pinckard came up and explained that they do a lot of things at the senior center. They provide services with grants to help low income people and the elderly. She explained how grants are applied for the different services in the community and home delivery services they provide including trying to set up subcommittees to help with mental health and chronic disease. She said the senior center mostly runs on grants along with money from the Towns of Springerville and Eagar.

Fire Chief Max Sadler reported on the fire department noting that they have 20 volunteer personnel on the department and the continued training. They are on call 365 days, 24 hours. He advised the council on the things the fire department does for the community that includes ISO grading for the town, which affects residents fire insurance, house and building inspections, public assists along with fire prevention. He also invited the council to stop in on Wednesday nights to see them.

Heritage Museum Director Susan Seils came forward next also noting that she oversees the Casa Malpais Museum as well. She markets the town and plans events for the town. She invited the council to come in and take a tour of the museums.
The department heads were all excused from staying for the rest of the meeting.

5. Consent items:

Consider approval of the minutes of the December 19, 2018 town council meeting
Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable register for December 12, 2018 through January 2, 2019.

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

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson, Jr. Robert MacKenzie Richard Davis Ruben Llamas Shelly Reidhead
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6. Old Business: None

7. Vice Mayor Appointment: Discussion and possible action regarding accepting nominations and appointment of Vice Mayor.

Mayor Hanson opened the floor for nominations for vice mayor.
Councilmember MacKenzie nominated himself. There were no other nominations.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to close the nominations.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson, Jr. Robert MacKenzie Richard Davis Ruben Llamas Shelly Reidhead
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Mayor Hanson called for a vote to appoint Councilmember MacKenzie as Vice Mayor.

Richard David/Ruben Llamas motion to appoint Councilmember Robert MacKenzie as Vice Mayor.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson, Jr. Richard Davis Ruben Llamas Shelly Reidhead
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8. Committee appointments: Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of councilmembers to various committees.

Councilmembers were asked to volunteer for each of the following committees:

NACOG.....	Phil Hanson, Jr and Ruben Llamas
PSPRS Local Board.....	Richard Davis
Little Co. RC&D.....	Robert MacKenzie
Blue Hills Environmental.....	Robert MacKenzie and Town Manager
Upper Little Co. River Watershed Partnership.....	Richard Davis and Town Manager
Apache, Navajo Co. Mayor, Council, Mgnr Mtg...	Councilmembers & Town Manager
Chamber of Commerce.....	Ruben Llamas

Municipal Property Corporation.....	Robert MacKenzie
Utility Board.....	Richard Davis
Airport Advisory Committee.....	Phil Hanson
LCR Watershed Coordinating Council.....	Richard Davis
State Wide Water Advisory Group.....	Richard Davis
NACOG-Economic Development Council....	Robert MacKenzie
Family Coalition	Shelly Reidhead

9. Planning and Zoning Commission Reappointment: Discussion and possible action regarding the reappointment of Kevin Burk on the Planning and Zoning Commission for another three year term expiring on December 31st 2023 (Incorrect expiration date)

Richard Davis/Shelly Reidhead motion to reappoint Kevin Burk for another three (3) year term expiring at the end of the year on December 31st.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson, Jr.
		Richard Davis
		Ruben Llamas
		Shelly Reidhead

10. Apache County 2019 Polling Place Agreement: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the Apache County Polling Place Agreement for use of the Udall-Johnson room for the 2019 elections.

Richard Davis/Shelly Reidhead motion to approve the agreement with Apache County for use of the Udall-Johnson room for the 2019 elections and authorize the Town Clerk/Election Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson, Jr.
		Richard Davis
		Ruben Llamas
		Shelly Reidhead

11. Building Usage: Discussion and possible action regarding a request from the White Mountain Community Coop to use the newly acquired Becker Building the first weekend in February for a Farmers Market.

Manager West noted that with the government shutdown, the transfer and completion of the purchase of this property has not taken place and noted that they would need to get permission from the current property owner from Fred Harper.

Robert MacKenzie/ move to allow White Mountain Coop the use of the building based tentatively on the Town owning the building for a Farmers Market.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson, Jr.
		Robert MacKenzie
		Richard Davis
		Ruben Llamas
		Shelly Reidhead

12. Resolution 2019-R001- discussion and possible action regarding authorized signers on the Town's National Bank checking accounts.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R001 authorizing the Mayor, Vice Mayor, One Councilmember, the Town Manager and Town Clerk as official authorized signers on the Towns' accounts as necessary to conduct business.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson, Jr. Robert MacKenzie Richard Davis Ruben Llamas Shelly Reidhead
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Councilmember Shelly Reidhead volunteered to be the signer on the accounts.

13. Fire District: Discussion and possible action regarding the possibility of pursuing a fire district for the Springerville Fire Department.

Richard Davis/Ruben Llamas motion to direct the Town Manager to pursue the possibility of a fire district for the Springerville Fire Department.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson, Jr. Richard Davis Ruben Llamas Shelly Reidhead
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14. Executive Session: discussion and possible action regarding entering into executive session for discussion and legal consultation regarding personnel under A.R.S. 38-431.03a(1)

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to adjourn into executive session for discussion and legal consultation regarding personnel A.R.S. 38-431.03a (1) at 6:49 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson, Jr. Robert MacKenzie Richard Davis Ruben Llamas Shelly Reidhead
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Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to reconvened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson, Jr. Robert MacKenzie Richard Davis Ruben Llamas Shelly Reidhead
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Councilmember Reidhead made a motion to table the retirement of the town manager.

Legal Counsel advised that there isn't a motion as this was executive session and there were no motions to table and this was regarding policy changes.

Manager West advised the council that they don't have to do anything until they have a chance to talk with the Finance Director.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion pay the Town Manager 240 hours in the new fiscal year for sick leave upon his retirement.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson, Jr. Robert MacKenzie Richard Davis Shelly Reidhead
	Nays	Ruben Llamas

Councilmember Llamas asked if his vote means anything since the majority voted in favor.

It was explained that his no vote does mean something. It shows the audience that you weren't in favor of something in the issue, such as the hours, maybe the stipulation. He absolutely has the right to vote no.

15. Adjournment

Richard Davis/Ruben Llamas motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson, Jr. Richard Davis Ruben Llamas Shelly Reidhead
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Phil Hanson, Jr., 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 held on January 15, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th day of January, 2019

Town Clerk