

Springerville Town Council  
Meeting  
May 15, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Joseph Jarvis, Town Manager  
Val Cordova, Town Clerk  
Heidi Wink, Finance Director  
Mike Nuttall, Police Chief  
Max Sadler, Fire Chief

Public: Terry Shove, Mannie Bowler, Wink Crigler and Tony Contreras

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the full council present. Max Sadler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public participation: Mannie Bowler thank the Council and presented them with an appreciation plaque for the Town's sponsorship of the Boys & Girls Club. She also gave an update of the activities and trips they will be taking.

Terry Shove gave an update about the Wellness Coalition and the School Board activities and competitions. She noted that \$1.4 million in scholarships were given out this year. She reported that NPC is going to start offering Real Estate classes.

Chief Nuttall said he started a new add campaign for the vacant position. This weekend is the kickoff to summer that the Police Department participates in every year.

Fire Chief Sadler reported that the planned burning of the buildings on Main Street went well and were out of there about two hours early. The Eagar fire department also participated on the burn. The recruits were introduced to heat, smoke, watch the fire patterns and discuss the fire. He reported that engine II is having some issues. They are waiting on parts to fix it. Chief Sadler reported that they are hoping for the summer rain but the wet winter has somewhat reduced the fire danger.

Councilmember Davis reported he attended the Chrome in the Dome. There were more people and cars in attendance than they've ever had.

Mayor Hanson reported he was asked to give out the 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophy. He reported on all the events he attended.

Manager Jarvis reported he has work sessions he would like to schedule beginning on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and tentatively on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> again from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 but noted he feels it can be completed on Monday night. Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> will be a budget work session.

Manager Jarvis advised the council that we received a request to use the parking lot at the Becker building saying he wanted the council to know that he didn't see a problem with it and has given permission for them to use that space.

Terry Shove said they were supposed to ask for the parking lot and use of the building so they could lock their items without having to remove them and have access to the bathroom facilities.

Manager Jarvis suggested that the appropriate person reach out to him so they can discuss it further.

He reported that the Chambers new website is [springervilleeagarchamber.com](http://springervilleeagarchamber.com). The Constituent Services Representative for Congressman O'Halleran, Rochelle LaCapa is scheduled to be here every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Udall room of the Heritage Center from 9:00 am until 11:30 and 11:30 until 12:30 at the Senior Center to visit with constituents about concerns related to the federal government and last there will be an employee appreciation potluck at the senior center. He asked that they contact the Clerk if they plan to attend so it can be posted.

5. Consent items:

- a. Consider approval of the minutes of the April 17, 2019 regular town council meeting.
- b. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable register from 4/10/19 to 5/07/19.
- c. Guardian Flight Airport Terminal Lease Agreement.
- d. PSPRS Funding Policy.
- e. Arizona Department of Revenue Intergovernmental Agreement

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

No discussion:

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

6. Becker Building Plans: Discussion regarding the Becker Building at 225 E. Main Street.

Manager Jarvis advised the council that it is staff's intention to put \$100,000 in the budget to hire an architect to help put together a plan, ideas and concept for the Becker building. Staff believes that the best way to make this a beautiful building is to take time, come up with ideas, hire a firm to formulate them, involve both chiefs and figure out how best to proceed with the facility. He noted he's had conversations with council members who've expressed concern with the length of time this will take and would like to move faster. We currently have a building assessment for hazards and building inspection on the building. He asked the council what direction they would like to move in.

Mayor Hanson said his opinion is that he doesn't want to hire an architectural firm and then a general contractor.

Councilmember Reidhead felt they should hire an architect, Vice Mayor MacKenzie, Councilmember Llamas also agreed.

Manager Jarvis advised the council that a general contract would have a plan to work with, however he expressed concern in bringing one in, moving forward then moving forward, then back and forward again. He said staff is very interested in moving into the building and getting established as quickly as possible. He reiterated his apology from the previous meeting that there wasn't enough time before the end of this fiscal budget to reasonably put this together.

Councilmember Davis asked if we could afford an architect to bring this old building up to modern day code.

Manager Jarvis said this was a reoccurring concern but noted he couldn't speak to that specifically. A general contractor as well as an architect would both advise us if something needs to be replaced.

He noted that the consensus tonight is in support of an architect. He said he would proceed keeping in mind that there is a work session on May 29<sup>th</sup> and the budget is adopted we would get this advertised as quickly as possible.

#### 7. Presentations:

Range Riders Presentation by Sara-Marge (Wink) Crigler. She gave a brief history of the original six White Mountain Range Riders that stated coming here in 1953 by six prominent business men. Because we are a resource-based community she recognizes the need for outside people to come into our community due to the government mandates and losing much of our capacity to utilize our resources. Ms. Crigler wrote a book about the origin of the book and the relationship of the local businessmen that founded the group. She reiterated that they made contributions to the community and they still come here now with donations to our local hospital and our Boys and Girls Club and many others. She asked for community support of the White Mountain Range Riders and welcome them. She asked if it was possible to hang banners and signs in our restaurants that say "Welcome Range Riders".

Councilmember Reidhead asked if it was possible to order banners to hang on our light poles welcoming them. She asked Ms. Crigler if she could provide a picture of the original six to put on the banners. She said she probably could.

Chief Nuttall said he has electronic signs that can be used to welcome them.

Manager Jarvis asked for direction from the council that staff work with Ms. Crigler and the White Mountain Range Riders to figure out ways to each other and to promote.

FY 2019-2020 Town of Springerville Budget Introduction: He advised them that a budget would be handed to the council after this overview and will meet again on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to talk about it. He said, If there's a consensus on how they want to move forward they will bring the budget back on June 19<sup>th</sup> for adoption. He also advised them if they need additional time there are two or three more weeks to schedule additional meetings.

Manager Jarvis said he would give a brief overview of the budget then turn the time over to Heidi. He said he's been impressed with the work Heidi and her staff have done.

First item:

Community Services- senior center and a variety of other programs: He noted that only \$7,400 in contributions would be transferred this year from the general fund to community services. There available cash they are going to utilize to benefit the community services department and their programs. The cash balances are going to be used for one-time expenditures for proposed updates to the building. There have multiple pots of money.

General Fund: 63% of our general fund money comes from sales tax. We get a little from State Shared Revenues which is based on our population of 1900. We will be doing our best to count every person that lives in Springerville.

General fund expenditures proposed are more than the general fund revenue that's coming in. We are proposing to make \$388,600 in one-time purchases that include grant matches, new equipment, new individual purchases, \$100,000 for the Becker building, using cash balances to pay for the one-time purchases, including a full-time position in the fire department.

Mayor and Council:

Public Relations and Dues: He asked them to review these sections and decide if this is how they want to use the money in their budget.

He told the council there is at least fifteen different pots of money, each having its individual purpose. If there's a shortfall, the general fund will cover it.

HURF- (Highway User Revenue Funds) There's a difference of \$23,997 in revenue expenditure, most of which is included in a grant match. , one-time purchase. Staff is proposing to hire an engineer on record that will be paid out of HURF, water and wastewater funds. The engineer will be hired specifically to create the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

Airport Fund: Transition from using public works staff for over time and night-time support and hire a part-time position. The proposal this year is not to subsidize the airport from the general fund but to use the funds from the litigation to cover the shortfall.

Tourism Tax: The town collects about \$10,000 annually to distribute in the tourism tax. This is the additional tax that is added when people stay at hotels. He and Heidi have ideas and recommendations for future use of the tax.

Water fund: Expenses are exceeding the revenue by \$149,000. Included are capital improvement projects; crack sealing next year in preparation for major road improvements, and hiring an engineer.

Wastewater fund: Money left over in the wastewater fund is allocated back to the water fund for repayment of a debt. This is money borrowed from the water fund to cover expenses in the wastewater. Also included is replacement of water and wastewater lines projects in the coming year. These are also one-time purchases to maintain and improve our infrastructure.

Manager Jarvis asked the council to spend some time reviewing the documents. He encouraged everyone to come in and talk to either Heidi or him about questions and concerns.

Finance Director Heidi Wink also encouraged the council to come in and talk with them on any questions they might have on the budget.

8. Thank you letter: Discussion and approval of the thank you letter for Mr. Fred Harper for the purchase of the Becker building on 225 E. Main Street.

Richard Davis/Shelly Reidhead motion to approve and send the thank you letter to Mr. Fred Harper for the purchase of the Becker building located at 225 E. Main St.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson
		Robert MacKenzie
		Richard Davis

Ruben Llamas  
Shelly Reidhead

9. Forest Bioenergy in Arizona letter: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the draft letter presented to the Arizona Corporation Commission regarding the Forest Bio-Energy in Arizona.

Richard Davis/Robert MacKenzie motion to approve and send the letter to the Arizona Corporation on behalf of the Town of Springerville.

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

10. Fire Department Capital Asset Purchase: Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of an Air-compressor for the fire Department in the amount of \$52,000.

Richard Davis/Robert MacKenzie motion to approve the purchase of an air compressor for the fire department from FDC Rescue not to exceed the amount of \$51,513.38.

Discussion: Chief Sadler explained that this is the breathing air they use when they gain entry into any hazardous buildings. This compressor is a specialized unit used to recharge their old cylinders. They've had the last unit for 15 years or longer. He's personally repaired it seven years ago, however the parts are obsolete. The last three years they've put in for a grant through the Gila River Indian Community to upgrade the compress and SCBA's and have been turned down. Chief Sadler said Eagar has worked, and they have upgraded their equipment in the last few years. They brought their equipment van with them to the fire and recharged their cylinders. The air compress is a necessity.

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

11. Adjournment:

Robert MacKenzie/Shelly Reidhead motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

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

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Phil Hanson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2019

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Town Clerks