

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
July 17, 2019
6:00 p.m.

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

Town Staff: Joseph Jarvis, Town Manager
Val Cordova, Town Clerk
Mike Nuttall, Police Chief
Tim Rasmussen, Public Works Director
Max Sadler, Fire Chief

Pubic: Kevin Burk, Terry Shove, Mannie Bowler, Don Scott,
Tony Contreras, Dave Williams and Billye Wilda

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Don Scott was asked to led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public participation: Mannie Bowler gave an update on the Boys & Girls Club weeklong trip to the Grand Canyon noting that the trip was enjoyed by all of the children. The trip was sponsored by the Grand Canyon Conservancy grant. She was also grateful for Bob Dyson who Terry Shove spoke

Chief Nuttall reported that they would like to purchase an award for the sponsor of the Rib Burn for Arizona Barbeque. He said they would like to purchase a Key to the City award for them. If the council is okay with this, he'll place an order.

Trudy Balcom with the White Mountain Independent addressed the council and introduced the new reporter Amber Shepard who'll be covering Springerville, St. Johns and Eagar noting that she is local.

Terry Shove shared information regarding the new Youth Lodge. They will be breaking ground in August with a completion of one year. She also reported that Eagar Daze is taking place on August 3rd in the dome. She asked that everyone come and support this event. Northern Arizona College would like to come back and make another presentation. The last item she reported on was the baseball fields at the high school. The grass is being removed and new sod will be planted after the flood plain issues are addressed with a FEMA grant through Apache County.

4. Council, Manager and Staff Reports:

Chief Nuttall reported they have one applicant for the Academy. He noted they are still working on a lateral position. He continued saying that the 4th of July was uneventful with no issues, and they received a Fire-House sub grant for ballistic panels from Apache Industries and working on another possible grant.

Fire Chief Sadler reported on the new air compressor with help from Councilmember Davis it was installed. They were able to use it on the last training. They received three new AED's, automatic electronic defibrillation shocker for heart attack victims, carrying one in the engine two

and one in his truck. These were received from an ERF grant from ADEQ for 5 buckets of foam for firefighting practice which doubles our water capacity along with a 5-gas analyzer to test hazardous atmospheres, and received two sets of turn-out gear from the 100 Club. Heidi, Kelsi and Chief Pena were helpful in putting in for another ERF grant for safety vests and a hazmat led detection kits. They've also received a grant for State Fire School for six firefighters. They are also doing training the Eagar fire Department and having meetings. He also wanted to acknowledge Family Dollar for donating a lot of bottled water to the Fire Department.

Public Works Director Tim Rasmussen reported that they will be purchasing a park mower approved in this budget as well as a mini-excavator which they will bring this equipment for the council to see. He also reported that the Voigt Well Blending Plan is moving forward and will go out for advertisement. The last quarter testing shows that that radium levels have declined and are waiting for the 3rd quarter testing. He also noted that the Range Rider banners have been put up.

Councilmember Davis reported that the 4th of July and the fireworks went well with lots of people in town.

Councilmember Reidhead reported that she's been working with a person that wants to move his business here and is doing her best to keep him in Springerville. He'll employee up to 15 people.

Manager Jarvis announced that they would like to present the Boy's and Girls Club with a check. Club Director Mannie Bowler and Terry Shove were presented a \$10,000 check by Mayor Hanson to help purchase little furniture and items needed for the Boys & Girls Club.

Manager Jarvis announced there are pictures by Maggie Leef available the back counter for anyone interested. The pictures were donated to the Town. He thanked the staff for working diligently to make the 4th of July a success and cleaning up after the event.

He also said that on August 21st which is the date of the next meeting, he and two members of the council will be attending the League of Cities and Towns Conference. He asked for the council's direction regarding whether to hold the meeting, postpone it or to move it.

The consensus of the council was to push the meeting up one week so everyone could be present.

He reported we'd received a thank you card signed by the dancers and the Instructor from Genuine Dancer. They conducted a fund raiser during the 4th of July events and retained some of the proceeds and donated \$1235.00 to the Town for fireworks. He expressed appreciation to all the businesses and individuals who contributed and to the Genuine Dancer Troupe.

Manager Jarvis reminded everyone that the Rural Policy Forum being held beginning August 7th through August 9th will be hosted here at the Heritage Center and Congressman O'Halleran will be the opening speaker at that event as well as others. As a sponsor we will be able to send two individuals to the evening social and send two individuals to participate in the forum and would send out invites to the council to see who could attend. In the event that they are not able to attend the forum he will be sending two staff members as there are specific classes, he feels the Town could benefit from.

He also received an email from USDA in connection with the Forest Service. They are going to be advertising for the next level of the 4 FRI (Forest Restoration Initiatives) phase II request for proposals. The USDA will have their NEPA open for review and would like to make improvements to their process. He encouraged the council to send letters of encouragement to make the process more efficient. He said he would draft a letter of encouragement for them to consider. He'll be attending a meeting on Monday to get more information.

He also read a letter from the White Mountain CO-OP explaining that they are thankful to the Town for their support. He also had a letter from the Town of Eagar saying they are appreciative of our sponsorship and support of their Round Valley Roundup. Rodeo.

5. Consent Items:

- a. Consider approval of the July 19, 2019 town council meeting minutes.
- b. Consider ratification and approval of June 11 – July 10, 2019 accounts payable register
- c. Consider approval of the Eagar Scout project thank you letter.
- d. Consider and approval of the purchase of a Kubota tractor for the airport.

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

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

6. Old business:

Arizona Department of Corrections Amended Agreement. Discussion and possible action regarding approving the amended Agreement No. 19-055-24 between ADOC and the Town of Springerville for firefighting services.

Robert MacKenzie/Shelly Reidhead motion to approve the amended Agreement No. 19-055-24 between ADOC and the Town of Springerville for firefighting services at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Winslow-Apache.

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

7. Resolution No. 2019-R008: Discussion and possible action regarding adopting Resolution NO. 2019-R008, submission and approval of funds from the Gila River Indian Community of Special Funding.

Richard Davis/Shelly Reidhead motion to adopt Resolution 2019-R008 regarding the submission and acceptance of a grant from the Gila River Indian Community, Office of Special Funding for two police vehicles. No discussion

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

8. Tourism tax Committee: Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations for the Tourism Tax Committee to fund the following events:

- a. RV Quilt & Fiber Arts Show in the amount of \$500.00
- b. White Mountain Historical Society Rib Burn in the amount of \$1,500. \$1,000 approved in the 2019-2020 budget and \$500.00 from the Tourism Tax.
- c. Heritage Center (Susan Seils) in the amt. of \$1545 for advertising in AZ White Mountain Magazine (Mead Publishing).
- d. Arizona Off-Road Promotions Racing for the annual UTV Jamboree in the amt. of \$500

- a. Richard Davis/Robert MacKenzie motion to approve \$500. For RV Quilt & Fiber Arts Show

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

- b. White Mountain Historical Society Rib Burn in the amount of \$1,500 with \$1,000 approve in the 2019-2020 budget and \$500 from the Tourism Tax

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to approve \$500 for the Wt. Mtn. Historical Society Rib Burn from the Tourism Tax and \$1,000 from the Council Public Relations budget.

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

- c. Richard Davis/Shelly Reidhead motion to approve \$1545.00 for advertising in the AZ Wt. Mountain Magazine.

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

- d. Arizona Off-Road Promotions Racing for the annual UTV Jamboree for \$500.

Richard Davis/Ruben Llamas motion to approve the request from

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

9. Planning and Zoning Appointment: Discussion and possible action regarding accepting and appointing Don Scott to fill the vacancy on Planning and Zoning Commission.

Richard Davis/Ruben Llamas motion to appoint Don Scott to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission until the end of that appointed term.

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

10. Utility Assistance Policy: Discussion and possible action regarding approving and adopting the Utility Assistance Policy for the Town of Springerville.

Robert MacKenzie/Ruben Llamas motion to approve and adopt the Utility Assistance Policy for the Town of Springerville.

Discussion: Manager Jarvis explained We recognize that the rates for water and waste water consumption have increased putting a financial challenge on specific individuals in our community. They recognize a number of individuals working diligently but have fallen behind on their water and wastewater bills. Several options were considered to help individuals and restrict this to only the payment itself. This will not cover fees for being late, connects, deposits, tampering, capacity, grease trap inspections and current balances and will only be eligible once a year with \$150.00. This year will be a test run for the program and be able to track.

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

11. Painted Sky Engineering: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Painted Sky Engineering as the Engineers for the Town's water and wastewater projects.

Richard Davis/Shelly Reidhead motion authorize the Town Manager to finalize a contract with Painted Sky Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Manager Jarvis explained we need to have engineers on record. This engineer is to fulfill our engineering needs for water and wastewater engineering services. The Town has previously worked with Doug Brimhall who is now Painted Sky Engineering.

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

12. Woodson Engineering & Surveying: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Woodson Engineering as the Town's engineers for street projects.

Richard Davis/Shelly Reidhead motion to authorize the Town Manager to finalize a contract with Woodson Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Manager Jarvis explained that Mark Woodson has good communication with funding sources available and very familiar with NACOG and ADOT the priorities. We feel that Woodson Engineer would be an excellent representative of our community in the areas where he has worked. He further stated that a capital improvement plan will be created for our road projects.

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

13. BWS Architects Agreement: discussion and possible action regarding contracting with BWS Architects to redesign the Becker Building.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to authorize the Town Manager to finalize the contract with BWS Architects not to exceed \$15,920.

Manager Jarvis reminded the council that \$100,000 has been budgeted in this year's budget for improvement and upgrade of the Becker building. He's proposing hiring an architectural firm to remodel the building to be compliant with standards in the police department. They are currently remodeling a public safety building as well as other projects throughout the state. They are proposing a stage approach to allow for the council and staff to see how they want to proceed. He said he was asking for approval for a purchase order for this first stage. Staff will return to the council for further direction.

Councilmember Reidhead expressed concern with spending more money, is this the best use of the space, slow down some and research whether we need to contact ADOT regarding vehicles entering the highway, i.e. stop signal, caution signals etc. She felt they were rushing into this. She also said she spoke with the USDA Director and she was told if they could justify that, it could be done.

Manager Jarvis said he also spoke with him. He was told they need to provide proof they can repay the loan, a letter requesting the change and the scope of that change and clarification of what we would be doing different.

Councilmember Reidhead asked how they were going to pay for this million-dollar facility?

Manager Jarvis answered that they currently have \$100,000 budgeted. Once there's a plan for the cost of the building, then staff will come up with a method on how to pay for it. The town has a variety of funds that are available within the cash reserve. However, he said he wasn't suggesting paying for the building up front but there are financing methods to pay for it. To justify paying for it, staff would have to come up with a method for paying for those financing methods. He said he didn't have a firm answer but knows that he, Heidi and staff members would come up with a method and it would-be built-in phases and selling the property after the fire department has moved out is one of the options.

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

14. Adjournment:

Robert MacKenzie/Shelly Reidhead motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson Robert MacKenzie 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 on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2019

Town Clerk