

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
October 16, 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
Mike Nuttall, Chief of Police
Brayden Wiltbank, Patrol Officer
Sean Kienle, Airport Manager
Tim Rasmussen, Public Works, Community Dev. & Zoning Adm.

Public: Amber Shepard w/Wt. Mtn. Ind., Donald Scott, Tony Contreras,
Kevin Burk, Terry Shove, Dave Williams and Doug Henderson

Mayor Phil Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Officer Brayden Wiltbank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public participation. Chief Mike Nuttall introduced Brayden Wiltbank the new officer hired by the police department. He then reported that there is now a new professional video of the Rib Burn event that was donated by the videographer. The video is currently posted on his Facebook page captured how it's a family friendly event.

Terry Shove with the Boys & Girls Club and the RV School Board gave an update on the Boys & Girls Club noting that they've increased after school participation by 100%. She also invited the council and staff to the Chili Cook Off Extravaganza appreciation day as a thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors.

Ms. Shove then announced that this coming year the Round Valley High School will be celebrating their 100 graduation. They will be celebrating Home Coming this week and spotlighting the 100th graduation in the parade Friday at 1:pm

Manager, Council and Staff Reports:

Chief Nuttall reported that his staff has been working on acquiring new weapons and were able to achieve this at no cost to the town. They traded in the old generation 1 weapons for generation 5 and still have a \$600.00 credit. He gave a quick update on a fire on Ten Mile Hill cause be an 18-wheeler had a tire blowout which is under control. They responded and closed the road until other agencies came to relive them.

Public Works director reported on the crack sealing that was completed. They will start putting up Christmas decorations. He noted that the parks mower purchased is outside for display and will bring the mini X at the next meeting. He's working on establishing rights of ways and easements for the town and identifying easements, and property files along with Manager Jarvis and they are getting ready for the online public surplus auction. They repaired some electrical work on the big well on the east side. They constructed and competed the walk-in freezer at the senior center and completed some rolling files in town hall. They received a building permit application to reopen the

XA Bar. A couple of new businesses opened up, Camping and Beyond and apache County asked them to establish parcel numbers with physical addresses. Code enforcement letters have been going out and will report later.

Mayor Hanson reported he attended the Fall Festival and the Fire Department Open House. The events were well attended, and everyone had a great time.

Councilmember Davis reported he attended a Public Safety Local Board meeting where they unanimously approved Brayden Wiltbank’s employment for the police department. He said he also attended the Fire Department Open House.

Councilmember Reidhead reported on the REDI Economic Development Innovation grant was awarded to the Rural Economic Development Committee. All the plans have been submitted and they will meet in December. She also attended the Coalition for Family Values meeting and are moving forward with Thanksgiving programs and donations and the Christmas program will be coming up.

Manager Jarvis acknowledged Tony Contreras for the as-built he prepared for the remodeling of the public safety building and offered copies for the council’s review. He advised the council that we would like to schedule a work session to talk about town owned properties (physical parcels). We’d like to find out what the council’s interest is pertaining to these properties. Working with Councilmember Reidhead to review county records. The work session would only last an hour which they could schedule prior to the regular meeting with a 15-minute break between the meetings. The council members did not have a problem with scheduling the work session prior to the next meeting on November 20th at 4:45 p.m.

Manager Jarvis reported they received a thank you from the 4-H Club, thanking the council for their support of their activities as well as a thank you letter from the white Mountain UTV Jamboree. They received an invitation from the American Legion to support the Christmas dinner and Santa Claus on December 25th and are looking for toy donations.

5. Consent items:

- a. Consider approval of the minutes of the September 18th town council meeting minutes.
- b. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable register from 9/11 to 10/18/19.

Robert MacKenzie/Shelly Reidhead motion to approve consent items 5a with the correction to the minutes and 5b as presented.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson Robert MacKenzie Richard Davis Ruben Llamas Shelly Reidhead
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Springerville Municipal Airport Presentation: Presentation by Airport Manager Sean Kienle on the new airport layout plan for the Springerville. Sean explained that this plan took a year and a half from start to finish. This is a 20-year Capital Improvements Plan. The packet he distributed included the current layout plan with the proposed future updates of the layout and the list of projects that will be completed. He said they would be moving part of the apron across the road from the terminal due to the RVZ.

6. Old business: None

7. Proclamation: Proclaiming the month of October, 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness month in the Town of Springerville.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to proclaim October, 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness month in the Town of Springerville.

Councilmembers agreed posting something once a month on Facebook with links for victims to get help.

Manager Jarvis suggested that staff come up with ideas and suggestions to post. He also noted that October 23rd was wear purple day in awareness of domestic violence awareness.

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

8. Ordinance 2019-002: First reading of Ordinance 2019-002 repealing Ordinance No. 120 that granted Citizens Utilities a non-exclusive gas franchise for natural gas lines.

First reading of Ordinance 2019-002 was read by Mayor Hanson. There was no other discussion.

Discussion: Manager Jarvis explained that this company after getting the franchise did not move forward with the construction of the gas lines. Susan Goodwin of Gust, Rosenfeld has been working with him on the franchise agreements and recommended repealing this ordinance.

9. Voigt Well Blending Station Bid Award: Discussion and possible action regarding awarding Western Grade, LLC the contract for the Voigt Well Blending Station in an amount not to exceed \$175,663.80.

Richard Davis/Ruben Llamas motion to approve the contract with Western Grade, LLC., for the Voigt Well Blending station in an amount not to exceed \$175,663.80.

Discussion: Councilmember Reidhead asked for clarification on the grant to cover the cost difference.

Manager Jarvis explained that Tim requested more funds from ADEQ as the original grant amount of \$110,000 wasn't enough to cover the cost. ADEQ and WIFA have accepted our request and granted additional funds. He further explained that the Town would fund the project upfront and then wait for reimbursement.

Tim Rasmussen said the final contract will be signed tonight after the meeting.

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

10. Building Inspection Rate Increase: Discussion only.

Tim Rasmussen explained that they have been dissecting historical costs associate with building permits. In doing so he found that the building valuation data is based off of the 2015 International Building Code that were adopted by the Town. On the rate sheet he provided, he

highlighted the rates suggested by the IBC of \$102.41 per square foot for residential and the current cost the town is charging of \$83.84.

The next charge is for utility buildings, miscellaneous such as garages. The current charge is \$27.95 per square ft. and the suggested IBC cost would be \$43.33 pqf.

Building permits have been revamped by the Town. The current charge for a commercial build is \$300.00 right off the bat and for \$100.00 for residential with \$94.00 for inspection fees.

There is an evaluation cost for tax purposes that is also given to Apache County for tax evaluation with the multiplier of 75%.

11. Municipal Property Corporation Board Reorganization: Discussion and possible action regarding having members of the town council serve as the MPC Board, or appointing citizens to serve on the MPC Board.

Robert MacKenzie/Shelly Reidhead, motion to reorganize the Municipal Property Corporation Board to have Councilmember serve as the MPC Board.

Discussion: Council members felt that they should have citizens involved and didn't feel that the council should act as the MPC Board. After further discussion the following motions were made.

Mayor Hanson called for a vote on the motion presented; The motion died with a unanimous vote of Nay.

Richard Davis/Shelly Reidhead motion to give staff authority to advertise for citizen volunteers.

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

12. Municipal Property Corporation Council Nominations: The council took no action on this item since they voted to have citizen volunteers on the MPC Board.

13. Arizona Rural Broadband Development grant application: Discussion and action regarding authorization to submit an application in partnership with the Town of Eagar with a match of \$2,500 for each entity.

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to submit an application to the Rural Arizona Broadband Development grant with a match of \$2,500.

Manager Jarvis explained the Arizona Commerce Authority announced this Broadband grant opportunity with two types of grants; one for construction and a grant for planning of up to \$50,000. The Towns of Eagar and Springerville are both interested in improving Broadband availability in our communities but also recognize that this an economic development stumbling block. The Arizona Commerce Authority wants to see joint group applications. Springerville & Eagar will submit a planning grant application together which will provide up to \$50,000 to hire a contractor to assist with the planning. This would take the existing fiber that's within our community that was put in place by the Superintendent of Apache County Schools and ATN and finding a way to connect the residents and businesses to that existing fiber line. We currently can't connect to those fiber

lines because they were purchased with e-rate funds. If possible, they are going to include unincorporated communities in our area to be part of the planning grant. They feel this will improve their grant application by showing they are trying to bring in other entities, especially those that don't have a municipality. They'll need the council's authority to move forward because the grant will cost more than the town manager's authority which will require a 10% match, with five percent for each community. The Town of Eagar staff will be writing the grant but the name on the grant will be Springerville and Springerville will be handling the finances if the grant is awarded.

He also noted that the town has submitted our name of support for a grant application submitted by ATN International. They will find out on or after November 1st if their application was successful. If successful, then Springerville and Eagar will reevaluate the need for this grant. They are interested in moving forward just in case they don't get good news on November first, and will have information on this one by December first.

The project timeline will need to be completed within twelve months of execution of the agreement which would be January 2021 if signed in January.

Adjournment:

Richard Davis/Robert MacKenzie motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 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 a regular meeting on October 16, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2019

Town Clerk