

Springerville Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2020
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
Kelsi Miller, Town Clerk
Tim Rasmussen, Public Works/Community Dev. Director
Mike Nuttall, Chief of Police

Public Amber Shepard, Donald Scott, Steve West, Karalea Cox, Tony Contreras, Becki Christenson, Steve Christenson, Teresa Becker, Whitney Wiltbank, Earl Cochran, Jolean Holliday, Terry Shove

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Town Clerk completing a roll call, a quorum is present.

1. Public Participation: Karalea Cox introduced herself to the council and public. She thanked them for their support with the Arizona Rural Policy Forum which was very successful and wanted to recognize Springerville for having representatives helping in the process which led to Rural Community Assistance Corporation initiating much needed conversations. Whitney Wiltbank with Sprucedale Ranch introduced himself to the council and public. He also wanted to thank the Town of Springerville for allowing the ranch to have the equestrian parade down a small section of Springerville last year. However, he said the parade was primarily through Eagar, and this year with the help and support of the Springerville Police Chief they will be able to have the equestrian parade through Springerville and Eagar both equally. He lastly wanted to add he believes it's time to start considering having the conversation regarding the merging of Springerville and Eagar. Jolean Holliday with the Round Valley Elementary School addressed the council and public and let them know that next month the schools will be hosting the 14th annual Bouncing Under the Big Top Community Carnival. She said this isn't a fund raiser for the school but more of an inexpensive community event for families to come and enjoy. Historically they have about 600 people attend. She said Springerville has always been such a big supporter of this event via donation. She was informed by staff that they had budgeted to donate to the carnival again this year, and the school should be receiving the check shortly if they haven't already. She thanked the council for their support and invited them to the carnival. Steve Christenson addressed the council and public. He wanted to thank the council for their involvement in many recent community meetings and Mr. Jarvis's involvement as well. Whitney Wiltbank then came back to the podium to add that he forgot to tell them about the Community Day of Service he and Kay Dyson are arranging. He wanted to let the town know if they have individuals having trouble with code violation issues for yards not up to standard that these are projects they can potentially offer help during that day of service.

2. Public Hearing: Discussion and possible action regarding going into a public hearing to take council and public comments on proposing Video License Provider fees intended to recoup costs associated with managing the public right-of-way.

Robert MacKenzie/ Ruben Llamas motion to go into public hearing to take comments on the item listed.

Vote: Ayes: Phil Hanson
Robert MacKenzie

Ruben Llamas
Shelly Reidhead
Richard Davis

Mayor Hanson called for any comments from the public or the council regarding proposing Video License Provider fees pursuant to town Code Section 12.24.040 proposed fee is five percent (5%) of gross revenues. Manager Jarvis gave a brief explanation of the proposed fee.

Robert MacKenzie/ Richard Davis motion to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting.

Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson Robert MacKenzie Ruben Llamas Shelly Reidhead Richard Davis
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3. Council, Manager, and Staff Reports: Mayor Hanson called upon Mr. Rasmussen asking if he had anything to report on from his department. Mr. Rasmussen let them know he included some information in their packets to review and later in the meeting he will give an update. Mayor Hanson called upon council for any updates. Vice Mayor Mackenzie let them know himself and Manager Jarvis attended a Blue Hills meeting recently and he is happy to report everything is going good. Councilman Llamas informed council that he recently attended a budget training in Phoenix to gain more knowledge about the budgeting process. He felt the class was valuable. Councilwoman Reidhead gave an update about the progress of recent reconnect workshops and involvement in community economic development. Manager Jarvis displayed a plaque that the Town had received from a Round Valley Little League coach pitch baseball team. They wanted to thank the town for their sponsorship and support to the program. Next Manager Jarvis pointed out that the March scheduled council meeting will fall within the school districts spring break, he asked if the council had preference to keep it the same or change it. Councilman Llamas requested that we move the meeting up a week. All other council agreed they would like to have the next meeting March 11, 2020. Manager Jarvis reported that a few months ago we advertised to the community that the town is trying to fill vacancies on the Municipal Property Board. We have not had any applicants, he asked if Council would like to place the structure of the MPC as a future agenda item, or continue to advertise the vacancy. The council would like the item placed as a future agenda item. Manager Jarvis asked about their past interest in doing more proclamations, Councilman Llamas would like to see how we can recognize more of these items more often. Manager Jarvis will email council the list of ideas and see how we can better recognize topics. Next Manager Jarvis wanted to remind council that March 13th is first day people can reply to the Census online. During the last Census our area had a response rate of less than 20%, we are hoping to increase our rate this year. We are advertising as much as possible. Manager Jarvis then reported that Timothy Shaffery is still on leave, but hopes to be joining the council meeting in March. He reported that the Eagar council has committed their 5% of the grant match, and accepted to work with the Town of Springerville on the RDBG broadband grant. Eagar has also agreed to having a combined council meeting, and they have offered to host the meeting at their council chambers on Thursday February 27th. Some of the topics that will be on the agenda will be the police department, fire department, chamber of commerce, and 4th of July activities. He then reported Sprucedale Ranch will be having the horse parade June 6th down Springerville and Eagar. Lastly, he reported that the news letters have been mailed, and he is hoping everyone receives them. Staff wanted to try it out to see how it goes.

4. Consent Items:

- a. Consider approval of the minutes of the January 15, 2020 Town Council Regular meeting.
- b. Consider approval of the minutes of the February 3, 2020 Town Council Special meeting.

- c. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable register from 1/06/2020 thru 2/11/2020
- d. Consider approval of appointing Kelsi Miller as the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board Secretary.
- e. Consider approval of the Tourism Tax Committee to fund Goods & Services Committee in the amount of \$500.00 for assistance developing a website to promote shop local.
- f. Consider approval of the Tourism Tax Committee to fund AZOP Racing UTV Jamboree in the amount of \$500.00 for event promotions and advertisements.
- g. Consider approval of the Tourism Tax Committee to fund RV Quilt & Fiber Arts Show in the amount of \$500.00 for advertising and prizes.

Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motion to approve consent items 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 4f and 4g as presented.

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

Old Business:

5. Ordinance 2020-001: Second reading and possible adoption of Ordinance 2020-001 to comply with AZ Revised Statutes. The Town is to provide uniform video services licenses in accordance with law, to provide for imposition of non-discriminatory license fees for video license providers.

Richard Davis / Shelly Reidhead motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-001, to comply with AZ Revised Statutes. The Town is to provide uniform video services licenses in accordance with law, to provide for imposition of non-discriminatory license fees for video license providers.

Discussion: None

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

6. Ordinance 2020-002: Second Reading and possible adoption of Ordinance 2020-002 amending Title 16, Animals adding definitions for dangerous animals and adding section 6.12.140 "Dangerous or Vicious Animals". Adding penalties as prescribed by the Town of Springerville Magistrate Court and establishing an effective date.

Ruben Llamas /Robert MacKenzie motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-002 amending Title 16, Animals adding definitions for dangerous animals and adding section 6.12.140 "Dangerous or Vicious Animals". Adding penalties as prescribed by the Town of Springerville Magistrate Court and establishing an effective date.

Discussion: None

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

New Business:

7. Ratification of Voigt Well Blending Station Contract: Discussion and possible action regarding ratifying the contract amount and authorizing spending up to \$190,448.80 for the Voigt Well Blending Station construction with Western Grade LLC.

Richard Davis/ Ruben Llamas motion to ratify the contract amount and authorize spending up to \$190,448.80 for the Voigt Well Blending Station construction with Western Grade LLC.

Discussion: Public Works Director Tim Rasmussen addressed council and staff to update them on the project. He let them know that they are over halfway with the pipe, the engineers will be coming up soon to do a final inspection and pressure testing. The project is going well.

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

8. Resolution 2020-R003: Discussion and possible action regarding adopting Resolution 2020-R003, Call of Election designating the date and purpose of the Election and designating the deadline for voter registration, the place and last date for candidates to file nomination papers.

Richard Davis/ Shelly Reidhead motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R003, Call of Election designating the date and purpose of the Election and designating the deadline for voter registration, the place and last date for candidates to file nomination papers.

Discussion: None

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

9. Resolution 2020-R004: Discussion and possible action regarding adopting Resolution 2020-R004, regarding the submission of projects for consideration for the AZ 2021 Governor's Office of Highway Safety Plan grant.

Richard Davis/ Robert MacKenzie: Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R004, regarding the submission of projects for consideration for the AZ 2021 Governor's Office of Highway Safety Plan grant.

Discussion: Councilman Llamas asked what tint meters are, Chief Nuttall let him know that these are meters to tell the percentage of darkness on tinted windows. There has been an increase in vehicle vs deer accidents in our area, in many cases the vehicles windows are darker than ARS's limits allow. These meters will give our officers the ability to enforce this.

10. Resolution 2020-R005: Discussion and possible action regarding adopting Resolution 2020-R005, regarding Rural Transportation Advocacy Council urging state lawmakers to address the drastic under investment levels on the state highway system and local road networks.

Richard Davis/ Shelly Reidhead/ Ruben Llamas: Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-R005, regarding Rural Transportation Advocacy Council urging state lawmakers to address the drastic under investment levels on the state highway system and local road networks.

Discussion: Manager Jarvis let council and public know that we received a draft resolution from the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council looking for support. It was brought to Manager Jarvis by the Town of Pinetop/ Lakeside because they adopted a similar resolution.

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

11. Planning and Zoning Commissioner: Discussion and possible action regarding accepting and appointing Teresa Becker to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Shelly Reidhead/ Richard Davis/ Ruben Llamas motion to accept and appoint Teresa Becker to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Discussion: Teresa introduced herself to the council and public. The council thanked her for her willingness to serve on this commission.

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

12. Rural Business Development Grant Acceptance: Discussion and possible action regarding accepting the RBDG -B grant funds in the amount of \$49,500 and authorizing staff to finalize and execute the award documentation from the AZ Commerce Authority.

Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead/Richard Davis motion to accept the RBDG-B grand funds in the amount of \$49,500 and authorize staff to finalize and execute the award documentation from the AZ Commerce Authority.

Discussion: Manager Jarvis let them know that we need to accept the award within 60 days of receiving it. We should be receiving the documents from the AZ Commerce Authority any day.

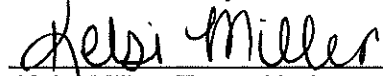
Vote:	Ayes:	Phil Hanson
		Robert MacKenzie
		Richard Davis
		Ruben Llamas
		Shelly Reidhead

13. RDBG Grant Contract with Community Broadband Advocates LLC: Discussion and possible action regarding authorizing the Town Manager to finalize and execute a contract for the RDBG-B grant not to exceed \$54,450 with Community Broadband Advocates LLC.

Richard Davis/ Robert MacKenzie motion to authorized the Town Manager to finalize and execute a contract for the RDBG-B grant not to exceed \$54,450 with Community Broadband Advocates LLC.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in a regular session on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2020



Kelsi Miller, Town Clerk