

Springerville Town Council  
Special Meeting Minutes  
July 8, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Joseph Jarvis, Town Manager  
Kelsi Miller, Town Clerk  
Robert Pena Jr. Assistant Fire Chief / PW Foreman  
Robert Pena III. Battalion Chief  
James Kempt, Sergeant

Public: John Huerta III, Steve West, Terry Coopin, Mary Nuttall, Tony Contreras, Chris Dodge, Jena Dodge, Mathew Mears, John Lucas, Heidi Lucas

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

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Manager Jarvis read to the public and Council two public comments submitted prior to the meeting. Kay and Phelps Wilkins submitted public comment regarding COVID-19. The Wilkins would like the Council to understand their beliefs on the importance of wearing face masks. They feel this does not interfere with personal freedom, masks will help the economy in the long run, and would like the Council to reconsider enacting safety measure for the Town.

Kay Dyson submitted written comments that included her opinion on Fourth of July activities. She would like to see the Town use the 4th of July banners as they had in the past. She commented that the Town used to have 4 sets of banners for each season and if they need replaced, she suggests we budget to do so. Her next subject was COVID-19 and the Towns response. She gave her opinion on wanting the Town to consider mandating the use of masks. She explained her outlook on safety and constitutional freedoms. She then supplied the Council with an article titled "The truth about masks".

2. COUNCIL, MANAGER, AND STAFF REPORT:

Police Chief Mike Nuttall let Council know this will be his last meeting as the Chief. He wanted to thank the Town for 30 years of employment. He explained how he moved up the ranks. He let council know the department has a history of retaining long-term employees lasting their entire careers, from 20-30 years and what that should show them. Chief Nuttall said he is leaving the department in good hands with Interim Chief JC Kempt. He invited the Council and public to his retirement party on July 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.

3. PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY BROADBAND ADVOCATES: The presentation of the Springerville/ Eagar ACA Grant broadband planning report presented by CBA.

John Lucas with Community Broadband Advocates introduced himself to the Council and Public. He explained they have had the opportunity to work in our community. They have evaluated our broadband needs and short comings. The first thing they did when they arrived was create a consortium made of representatives of both Towns, schools, the county and other important community partners. He explained next they canvased the community. They talked to business owners and residence to see what their perspective was on our current technology. Then they analyzed what we have available here such as can broadband be brought in under ground or above ground. They took all the information and created a broadband master plan. He explained the grant

Springerville applied for. He said Springerville was the lead on it but, it really helped that we worked with neighboring communities to apply as a region. He said we are not dealing with the issue of how to get the broadband here. The schools brought in broadband a couple years ago. When they brought in the fibers, they added much more than they needed for the schools. Because they over built, we now have fiber available for us from Show Low. CBA is proposing a community network vs an ISB. John explained the proposed distribution technology as Gigabit Passive Optical Network. He said it would be a wireless mesh network, placed every other block on NEC power poles, and two multipoint wireless units placed at the two hilltop graveyard sites to provide almost complete community coverage. He explained (WAN) Regional Wide Area Network to tie into state resources with an MPLS Community Cloud for things such as police resources and elections. Lastly, he explained how the flow structure for community owned open access networks works. Councilor MacKenzie asked how long this would take to implement. John let him know if they got the grant in September, they could possibly have the first stage of getting the internet to the businesses in as early as December. It would probably take 4-5 months up to a year for phase 2. Councilor Llamas asked where to view the full 95-page feasibility study and plan. John let him know that is available from Manager Jarvis.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. FOURTH OF JULY: Discussion and possible action regarding the Fourth of July events that occurred last weekend.

Councilor Shelly would like to see the Fourth of July flags and banners again. She would like us to purchase those if they have been destroyed by the wind. Councilor Llamas would like us to also do flags for other holidays such as Veterans Day. Manager Jarvis will look into the budget to see if we can replace them. Steve West asked to address the Council regarding the matter. The Mayor agreed. He explained the old seasonal banners that were hung were sponsored by families and businesses in the community. He said maybe they can do that again and have the banners donated instead of the Town buy them. Councilor MacKenzie said he has heard a lot of positive feedback on the fireworks. Manager Jarvis thanked all those who made the firework show a success. Chief Nuttall has a couple concerns. The barricades were put out an hour early for the parade and it caused traffic problems. His next concern was regarding the cars in the parade doing burn outs. If one of those cars gets away, they could easily go into the crowd. He said the Town was well covered by law enforcement. We had three groups of officers throughout the Town if anything were to happen. Manager Jarvis said they will hold an after-action review regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and will let the committee know Council Members opinions.

5. COVID-19: Discussion and possible action regarding the pandemic and he recent State and Federal actions.

Manager Jarvis explained this is an opportunity to discuss this matter if they would like. Councilor Llamas said he would like to continue to move forward as we are and do our best to remind the community to take precautions. Manager Jarvis said on our Website and Facebook pages the town is promoting the CDC Guidelines. Councilor Llamas added he feels the government should not intervene and cause panic and fear.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion and possible action regarding entering into executive session under A.R.S. 38-431.03(7) Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider it is position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.(4) Discussion or consultation with the attorney of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorney regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation. (3) Discussions or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.

a. Development Agreement with One Under Farm LLC.

- b. Construction of Broadband Options
- c. Contract with Community Broadband Advocates LLC
- d. Motion to reconvene the regular meeting at \_\_\_p.m.

Robert MacKenzie/ Ruben Llamas motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m.

Discussion: None

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

Robert MacKenzie/ Richard Davis motion to reconvene into regular session at 8:11 p.m.

Discussion: None

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

7. DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND LEASE OF 105-18-021E TO ONE UNDER FARM LLC:  
Discussion and possible regarding entering into a development agreement with the Farm. The agreement would include payment for Town resources to prepare the parcel for the Farm's use and for the lease of the parcel.

Robert MacKenzie/ Rube Llamas motion we direct staff to negotiate a development agreement with One Under Farm LLC, for the preparation and lease of 105-18-021E and request that the final development agreement be presented to the Town Council for approval.

Discussion: None

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

8. FY 2020 EDA PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC ADJ. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS INCLUDING CARES ACT FUNDING: Discussion and possible action to apply for this grant with the Town of Eagar.

Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motion to direct staff to work with the Town of Eagar and other interested parties to apply for the Department of Commerce's PWEAA 2020 Grant. Also, authorize the Town Manager and Mayor to execute the associated documentation for the grant application.

Discussion: Councilor Llamas asked what documentation would they be signing. Manager Jarvis said they will get an assortment of papers to sign to apply for the grant. Rather than coming back to the council when a paper needs signed this would authorize him and the Mayor to sign associated forms to apply for the grant.

