

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
August 14, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Present: Phil Hanson, Jr.
Robert MacKenzie
Richard Davis
Ruben Llamas
Shelly Reidhead

Staff: Joe Jarvis, Town Manager
Val Cordova, Town Clerk
Tim Rasmussen, Public Works Director
Mike Nuttall, Police Chief
Susan Seils, Heritage Center Director
Sharon Pinckard, Community Services Director

Public: Phil Hanson, Sr, Brian Carpenter, Terry Shove, Doug Henderson, Keven Burk,
Tony Contreras, Corey Pinckard, Executive Director Betsy Wilson, and Friends
and Family of Northland Pioneer College Nicole Ulibarri, Michael Colwell,
Tamara Osborne, Mark Vest, Jessica Clark, Maderia Ellison and Terry Shove.

Mayor Phil Hanson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Retired Lieutenant Colonel Phil Hanson Sr.

Public participation: Terry Shove gave an update on the activities of the Boys & Girls Club and noting that they will continue some of the trips on Fridays and projects they will be focusing on. Ms. Shove thanked the council for the donations to the Boys and Girls Club.

Chief Nuttall gave an update on the Rib Burn saying they have 34 teams signed up and are looking for more generators. He has another sponsor who reached out to him with a donation of tee shirts and personal fans and grills to raffle off. His working with a production company and working on getting a food network star here. He said he's reached out to a couple of other sources but he's waiting to hear back from them. They are still selling tickets and they will have a Kids Que with a limit of 20 kids competing.

Brian Carpenter reported on the activities at the senior center and the trips they've taken. He also gave a shout out to Tim Rasmussen for taking over as the new Zoning Administrator and Manager Jarvis then thanked the public works department for their assistance.

4. Manager, Council and Staff Reports:

Chief Nuttall gave an update on his recruitment, noting he's close to getting his lateral officer and the background check on the other person is also complete to send to the academy. He also reported that the department is in the running for a traffic enforcement vehicle as well as the vehicles he applied for through the Gila River grant. He displayed one of the new portable shields they received through the Fire House Subs. He thanked Apache Industries for their help in getting this grant.

Councilmember Reidhead reported that the Arizona Rural Policy Forum was a huge success. The thanked Tim and his staff and anyone that helped make this a success and said they learned a lot at the work sessions.

She also said there was going to be another big event, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints would be holding a multi-state devotional on September 14th and expect about 15,000 people at the dome that will be open to the public.

Manager Jarvis recognized former State Representative Phil Hanson Sr. and thanked him for joining us tonight. He reported that he looked into whether the Town could handle payments similar to the way Navopache handles them and said yes, we are already doing that. People can put down an advance payment and will be notified when the balance is low.

He and Heidi did a review of our cash balances for the end of last fiscal year and money was added to both the general and the Hurf funds, noting we are working on other funds that need to get to that point. He reminded the council that our town clerk Val will be retiring at the end of the year and asked them how they would like to proceed in the hiring process since the council appoints the new clerk. They said to move forward with advertising and reviewing applications bringing the top applicants for them to interview. Manager Jarvis asked the council if they were interested on taking a tour of the ruins and asked them to let him know so it could be posted. He also thanked everyone involved in the Arizona Rural Policy forum including the Little Colorado Revitalization Association. He reported that all of the restaurants have said they were very busy. He also said they were having a follow up meeting in the morning regarding what to do moving forward.

He thanked the town of Eagar staff for moving a shed so the walk-in cooler could be installed. He announced that there would be a planning meeting for the October Fall Festival being held on October 4th and 5th. The last item was that Navajo County would be having a

Heritage Center Director Susan Seils reported on the 2013 24-passenger bus purchased for Casa Tours. She asked if anyone was interested in looking at the bus after the meeting. She also passed around a new tee shirt they are carrying at the Heritage gift shop on consignment by R-Tees designs.

Community Services Director Sharon Pinckard briefed the council on the growing pains they are feeling at the senior center and on the growth in the number of food box distributions noting this was the need for the new walk in cooler.

Mayor Hanson announced that they would be moving item 10 on the agenda if there were no objections from the council.

10. Northland Pioneer College Presentation: Executive Director Betsy Ann Wilson introduced herself and the members of the NPC Friends and Family staff. She introduced Maderia Ellison, Vice President of Administrative Service and Chief Financial Officer who gave a presentation on NPC's financial operations. She gave information about funding they provide and all the services they offer in both Navajo and Apache County. She also covered the funding they receive, when and where they get funding and how they spend it. She also noted they can provide a comprehensive financial report for anyone that is interested.

5. Consent Items:

- a. Consider approval of the minutes of July 17, 2019 town council meeting.
- b. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable register from July 6 to July 20, 19
- c. Consider approval of the purchase of a 2018 304E2 Mini X in an amount not to exceed \$46,753.25

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

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Phil Hanson |
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| | | Shelly Reidhead |

6. Old Business: None

7. Tourism Tax Committee Appointment: Discussion and possible action retarding appoint Brenda Crawford as a member of the Tourism Tax Committee.

Richard Davis/Robert MacKenzie motion to accept Brenda Crawford's application and appoint her as a member of the Tourism Tax Committee.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Phil Hanson |
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8. Springerville Volunteer Fire Department: discussion regarding the future of the Springerville Volunteer Fire Department.

Manager Jarvis reminded the council that in January staff brought up and discussed the idea of presenting a fire district to the community and are working diligently to put together the information to present to the council. There would need to be an election for the citizens of Springerville to vote in favor of it. If a fire district is approved a taxing district would be created that would have the authority to charge property taxes on the citizens or any property within the designated area.

In talking with the fire department about the needs and future of the department they've discussed the possibility of cooperating with other entities in our area. There's a concern that there's duplication of services and want to minimize this for our citizens and still provide the best service possible. There is a good relationship with our neighboring community the Town of Eagar and the fire department. They currently the other department is in need they help each other out as well as working together to complete training. He asked the council if they would be comfortable in staff pursuing all the available options to cooperate with other entities in the area pertaining the future of the fire department. He said he'd like to talk with the Eagar Fire Department and the Town Manager about certain points in the previous IGA they turned down and possibly figure out what would make sense for both town councils to consider. The council felt this was made sense.

9. State Parks Grant-Scope of Work: Discussion regarding a possible change to the scope of work for the State Parks Grant.

Manager Jarvis reminded the council that in February, staff presented a scope of work for the State Park grant for improvements to the park. In reviewing this grant, he noticed there would be a duplication of services. In the grant scope of work, it calls for improved lighting, leveling out the park grounds and reseed, address the transformers, add additional lighting for sidewalks and ramadas, with in-kind work as well as build a splash pad. This is in conjunction with the CDBG grant project adding ADA sidewalks. He explained that in reviewing this grant he found that Eagar already has a splash pad at Ramsey Park. He asked the council if they would consider a change of scope to replace it and possibly add some more fields such as a new baseball diamonds, soccer fields.

He explained that we could make improvements to the park so it would be accessible to all the kids in the community and including sitting areas. If we make significant scope changes, we will have to submit a new application and that would mean delaying the project. Because of the write-in comments from some of the council, he wanted to bring this back up for comments.

He said he wanted to solicited ideas and work with staff to bring ideas to the council for consideration. In January we will start moving forward with the CDBG grant construction of the ADA sidewalks.

Adjournment:

Robert MacKenzie/Shelly Reidhead motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Phil Hanson |
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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 Wednesday, August 14, 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2019

Town Clerk