



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm

**Springerville Town Council Chambers - 418 E. Main St.
Springerville, AZ 85938**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Springerville Town Council and to the general public that the Council will hold a meeting open to the public at the Springerville Town Hall, 418 East Main Street, Springerville, Arizona. The Town Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes Section 38-431.03 (A)(1)(3)(4) and (7) for legal consultation on any of the following agenda items.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Minutes:

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Donald Scott led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL:

Minutes:

The Town Clerk completed a roll call.

Councilor Ruben Llamas - Absent, Vice-Mayor Robert MacKenzie - Present, Mayor Phil Hanson Jr. - Present, Councilor Shelly Reidhead - Present, Councilor Richard Davis - Present.

A quorum is present.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Minutes:

No public participated.

4. COUNCIL, MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS:

a. **Mayor & Council Reports: Summary Updates on committee meetings.**

Minutes:

Mayor Hanson updated that he attended the annual light parade and tree lighting. It went well. He reported the parade seemed to be a little smaller this year.

b. Manager Christopher Collopy: Summary Updates & presentation(s)

Minutes:

Manager Collopy reported that Tim the public works director has returned from leave. He thanked Robert and Stormy for taking care of the department in Tim's absence. He next informed them of personnel changes. Susan Seils has resigned, Tim Mohning has been promoted from maintenance worker I to carpenter, we held interviews for planning and zoning directors, and the official start date of the new Fire Chief will be December 27th. He reported we are very sorry for the recent loss of two homes in the community, but it was wonderful that the two fire departments could work together and get them out. The fire in Eagar had responses from agencies all over. We are also still working on the Census numbers and broadband.

c. Staff Reports: Summary Updates

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes:

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to approve consent items 5a, 5b, 5c, and 5d as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

- a. Consider approval of the November 17, 2021, Work Session Minutes.**
- b. Consider approval of the November 17, 2021, Springerville Board of Adjustments Minutes.**
- c. Consider approval of the November 17, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.**
- d. Consider ratification and approval of accounts payable register from 11/09/2021-12/07/2021**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

6. APPLICATION FOR REVERSION TO ACREAGE AND LAND SPLIT:

Minutes:

FIRST ACTION: Shelly Reidhead / Richard Davis motioned to approve the Application for Reversion to Acreage for Parcels #105-22-054A, 105-22-056, 105-22-057, 105-22-058, 105-22-059, 105-22-060, 105-22-061, and 105-22-062 as long as all of these parcel owners have agreed.

DISCUSSION: None

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

SECOND ACTION: Richard Davis / Robert MacKenzie motion to approve the Land Split of the reverted acreage into three parcels.

DISCUSSION: None

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

7. DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH FINCO INVESTMENTS:

Minutes:

ACTION: Shelly Reidhead / Richard Davis motioned to approve the Development Agreement with Finco Investments to help with the housing shortage within the Town of Springerville.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

8. APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:

Minutes:

ACTION: Shelly Reidhead / Richard Davis motioned to approve the offer of employment with Mr. Larisch to be our Community Development Director.

DISCUSSION: They welcomed Michael Larisch.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

9. AMERICAN TOWER LEASE AMENDMENT:

Minutes:

ACTION: Shelly Reidhead / Richard Davis motioned to not accept the amendment to the American Tower lease agreement.

DISCUSSION: Town Attorney Tosca Henry explained staff has made the recommendation to not accept this amendment. We are currently in a lease with American Tower that will not expire until 2023. They have requested an amendment to the lease that will reduce the amount of rent they are paying the Town and reduce the annual escalator the rent increases each year from a 3% (it has been since 2013) to a 2%. Additionally, they are asking for a non-compete clause meaning we would not allow other wireless communication companies to come in. In Ms. Henry's opinion there is no reason for the Town to accept this. Without something in the contract for this, she highly recommends we do not accept something less beneficial for the Town. These are public monies.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

10. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILOR RUBEN LLAMAS:

Minutes:

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to accept the resignation of Councilor Ruben Llamas.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

11. FILLING COUNCIL VACANCY:

Minutes:

DISCUSSION: Councilor MacKenzie pointed out the election is in ten months. Whoever they appoint will only serve on the Council for a year. Manager Collopy explained we could advertise for it and accept applications. Councilor MacKenzie asked how long that would take. Mr. Collopy let him know they can make an appointment at the next Regular Meeting. Councilor MacKenzie agreed with that. He was verifying the legal requirements for a time frame to advertise. Ms. Henry let him know there is no legal advertisement requirements. Ms. Miller said she will start advertising. Councilor Reidhead said she is interested in asking for applications, so we know who is interested in filling the vacancy.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Minutes:

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. DISCUSSION: None Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

SECOND ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to exit Executive Session and re-enter into Regular Session at 6:35 p.m. DISCUSSION: None Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

13. POSSIBLE ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Minutes:

None

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Minutes:

ACTION: Shelly Reidhead / Robert MacKenzie motioned to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

Members of the public who only want to provide written comments can express their comments by emailing the Town Clerk at kmiller@springervilleaz.gov to be read during the call to the public. All comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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Contact: Kelsi Miller, Town Clerk (kmiller@springervilleaz.gov) (928) 333-2656 x 224 | Minutes published on 01/08/2022, adopted on 01/19/2022