

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
April 20, 2011
6:00 p.m.

- Present: Vice Mayor Dan Muth, Connie Hunt, Susan Silva and Ron Thebeau
- Absent: Eric Baca
- Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Tim Shaffery Legal Counsel, Mike Nuttall, Karen Asquith, Chris Chiesl, Sharon Pinckard, Suzanne Ely and Patty Ballejos.
- Public: Indio Chiesl, Mary Romero, Melisa Webb, Kevin Burk, Dorothy Howard, Mike and Carol Holt, Amy Downer, Brooke Logan, Becky Coffman, Suzanne Trezise, Steve Christensen and Becki Christensen Chamber Director.

Vice Mayor Dan Muth the meeting to order by at 6:05 p.m. and Councilmember Thebeau led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Participation: None
4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Town Manager West introduced Christine (Chris) Chiesl our new Community Development/Grants Coordinator. Manager West said Chris comes to the town with 30 years experience.

Becki Christensen Chamber Director reported on the Chrome in the Dome held last weekend. She gave statistics noting that there were 16 cars less this year than last. She reminded the council about a ribbon cutting for Team Clean a new business that is going to be held in the Udall-Johnson room at 5:30 on Tuesday night and encouraged the council to attend the business summit meeting that will be held on Thursday the 28th at 6:00 pm at the high school. She announced that the Special Olympics was leaving to State Olympics and thought it would be nice if there were people lined up to give them a send off.

Chief Nuttall reported on the Law Enforcement Torch Run from the St. Johns intersection to the Sunrise Turn-off riding bikes. He said the Special Olympics kids would carry the Torch from the stop light to Safeway on Thursday April 26th. Chief Nuttall told the council he received a stipend from the 100 Club to purchase bullet proof vests for the police department. He also reported that we have one police officer that will be going to the ACCENT Drug Task Force but will be spending most of his time in the Round Valley area.

Finance Director Karen Asquith gave a brief summary of the town's financial position at 75% of the year noting that most of the departments are 75% of their budget or less. However the actual are showing a deficit in some of the funds but not anywhere near what she had expected.

When asked about cuts for next year Ms. Asquith explained that our State Sales Taxes are lagging. She received notice that State Shared Revenues are down again this year. She calculated that \$579,000 out of general fund from the loss in these revenues. She feels that the coming year is going to be a little rough but not as bad. Other issues that will need to be considered next year in the general fund will be the propane and electric for the new renovations taking place which she estimated at about \$25,000 noting that the priority for the last several council workshops has been infrastructure. She said she would try to have a budget worksheet for them by Monday but has not set a budget calendar as yet.

Community Services Director Sharon Pinckard reported that Sarah Benatar of United Way was not able to attend tonight's meeting and briefly talked about the availability of tax help for low income people at the senior center. Mrs. Pinckard told the council that the senior center will be receiving a minivan from the County Transit Authority. She said there were going to be more budget cuts to the programs this year. She's expecting 50% cut to the emergency food and shelter (senior meals) and cuts to the Medicare and Social Security benefits which she asked the council to contact our congressman about.

5. Consent Items:

Susie Silva/Connie Hunt motion to approve consent items 5a through 5b.

Vote:	Ayes:	Vote:	Dan Muth
			Connie Hunt
			Susie Silva
			Ron Thebeau

6. Old Business: None

7. Boys and Girls Club Presentation: Steve Christensen read the new Mission Statement for the newly formed Boys and Girls Club. He talked about their goal to provide a safe place to learn and grow in a positive environment. They are in the process of renovating the new building located on Butler Drive in Eagar. Mr. Christensen said they are going to ask the council for monetary support in the coming budget.

8. United Way Presentation: Withdrawn from the agenda.

9. Resolution 2011-R004: Adopting Resolution 2011-R004 to accept the dedication of streets and easement of the Saffel addition to the Springerville Townsite.

Connie Hunt/Ron Thebeau motion to adopt Resolution 2011-R004 accepting the dedication of streets and easements of the Saffel addition to the Springerville Townsite as depicted in Book 1 of Townsite Maps, Page 18 and revised and amended in Book 1 of Townsite Maps page 22, records of Apache County.

Discussion: Vice Mayor Muth explained this addition was established over 42 years ago. The streets and easements were dedicated to the public but never formally accepted by the Town. This resolution will formally accept them. He explained the Saffel subdivision is this block back to Haulapai Street.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dan Muth Connie Hunt Susan Silva Ron Thebeau
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10. Resolution 2011-R005: Amending the Town fee schedule to include fees for Medical Marijuana.

Susan Silva/Connie Hunt motion to adopt Resolution 2011-R005 amending the Town of Springerville Fee Schedule to include fees for Medical Marijuana.

Discussion: Councilman Thebeau asked why fees for growing marijuana were not included in the fee schedule and asked why fees were being charged for employees when other businesses didn't have to pay for employees to work.

Legal Counsel Shaffery explained these were just fees for store fronts and the fee schedule would change as the ordinance changed and the State is requiring these fees.

Councilmember Silva felt these fees were minimal.

Vice Mayor Muth stated these fees were in line with costs associated with setting up a medical marijuana business.

Councilman Thebeau disagreed saying he thought the fees were too high and the fee for growing marijuana should be included.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dan Muth Connie Hunt Susan Silva
	Nays:	Ron Thebeau

11. Adjournment:

Connie Hunt/Susan Silva motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10p.m.

Dan Muth, Vice 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 regular session on Wednesday, April 20, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2011.