

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

- Council: Eric Baca Mayor, Susan Silva and Ron Thebeau.
- Excused: Dan Muth, Connie Hunt
- Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova .Town Clerk, Tim Shaffery Legal Counsel and Mike Nuttall Chief of Police, Sharon Pinckard Community Serv. Dir. Suzanne Ely and Patricia Ballejos.
- Public: Kevin Burk, Jim Muth, Brannon Eagar, Karen Warnick (WMI) Dorothy Howard, Steve Flores and Becki Christensen Chamber Director

Mayor Baca called the meeting to order at 6:03 with a quorum and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Participation: Chief Deputy and Emergency Management Incident Commander Brannon Eagar extended an invitation to attend a MAG training for elected officials and department heads to be eligible for federal grant funding. The training will be held at the Board of Supervisor's office on April 19th at 10:30am.

Sharon Pinckard said some seniors sitting in the back row are having a hard time hearing and asked if something could be done to help them hear the speakers.

4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Town Manager West said he submitted a written report with upcoming events including limb pickup by the town the week of April 11-17 and a Springerville and Eagar spring cleanup for 1 free dump at the transfer station and free dumping at the Green Waste pit for tree limbs/green waste. You will need your May water bill to dump.

Chamber Director Becki Christensen announced the Chrome in the Dome will be next weekend including the Copper Chopper beginning with a barbeque on Friday night, inviting the council to com. She announced that there will be a Mixer on Thursday the 21st at Rode Inn and a Mixer April 26th in the Udall-Johnson room hosted by Team Clean a new business also at 6:00p.m. She announced the Renée Cushman Museum things have been moved in and the sheetrock is being hung in the new chamber office.

5. Consent Items.

- a. Consider approval of the March 16, 2011 regular council meeting held at 6:00pm
- b. Consider approval of the February 25, 2011 council workshop held at 9:00am
- c. Consider approval of the February 22, 2011 joint council meeting held at 6:00p.m.
- d. Consider ratification and approval of accounts payable for the month of February 2011.

Ron Thebeau/Susan Silva motion at approve consent items 5a through 5d.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Susan Silva
		Ron Thebeau

Old Business:

6. Tony Kyle – Life & Business Coach was moved to the bottom of the agenda.
7. Ordinance 2011-002- 2nd reading and action regarding the adoption of Ordinance 2011-002 Medical Marijuana.

Susan Silva/Eric Baca motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-002, the public document entitled “Medical Marijuana regulations.

Discussion: Councilmember Thebeau said he had suggested to Dan Muth the council liaison to planning and zoning commission there would be no reason not to allow a business to grow medical marijuana in a commercial building for use. The ordinance restricts cultivation to agricultural and or industrial zoning only. There are many businesses that are sitting idle and vacant and unless they don’t meet the set back issues there is no reason not to allow them to grow it. He felt planning & zoning needed to address why they would not include commercial properties as long as they meet the state standards.

Planning & Zoning Commissioner Jim Muth explained that the commission sent to the council a draft of the state draft regulations that now has 290 pages which once adopted they will have to immediately make changes that are in conflict. He further explained that they need something in place for people that will want to make application for a permit but they will have to make changes.

Legal Counsel agreed stating that he has received all the changes and what we are adopting now is what the states regulations at that time and we need to begin making revisions to comply with current laws but noted that it may have been in the original state regulations .

Councilman Thebeau again stated that he disagreed and asked why it would be excluded tonight since we’re going to make revisions in the future why not go ahead and allow it tonight under conditional use permit. It’s a total exclusion from the main business area of town.

Councilmember Silva stated they have had 3 people trying to lease land and they need to have something in place so they’ll be eligible for the state draw.

Manager West explained we wanted to have something in place because of the permitting and the lottery taking place next week and we wanted to have it in place so they could at least apply, knowing that we would revise this at a later date. Fees for permitting and licensing haven’t been established but will be coming in the next few meetings.

Mayor Baca noted Councilman’s Thebeau’s point is well taken regarding the commercial use, but we need to have something in place and called for a vote.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Susan Silva
	Nays:	Ron Thebeau

Manager West asked for direction regarding fees to bring to the council. He was asked to look at other fees for comparison.

8. Fair Housing Proclamation:

Susan Silva/Ron Thebeau motion to proclaim April as Fair Housing month in the Town of Springerville.

Discussion: Councilman Thebeau stated his concerns with the Fair Housing proclamation saying he didn’t feel it was protecting consumers financially and felt the council was voting for this under duress or we won’t be eligible for anymore CDBG grants.

Councilmember Silva explained this puts everyone on an even playing board without discrimination and there's a \$10,000 fine if we don't have a Fair Housing poster.

Mayor Baca called for a vote:

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Susan Silva
	Nays:	Ron Thebeau

9. Relocation of Electrical Vault at the Springerville Municipal Airport Bid Award.

Ron Thebeau/Susan Silva motion to award the contract for the relocation of the electrical vault for the Springerville Municipal airport to North Country Inc.

Discussion: None

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Susan Silva Ron Thebeau
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10. C & S Engineers Inc.: Discussion action regarding approval of C & S Engineers, Inc. agreement for Airport consulting Services.

Susan Silva/Eric Baca motion to approve the annual update for C & S Engineers Inc, annual agreement with the Town of Springerville for airport consulting services for 2011.

Discussion: Councilman Thebeau said he still wants to know what C & S does for the chunk of money they receive.

Manager West asked him to stop by town hall and we'll provide him with all of the C & S files including copies of checks paid to them.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Susan Silva
	Nays:	Ron Thebeau

12. Donation Requests:

- a. St. Peters Church Fiesta Committee in the amount of \$500.00
- b. RV Primary School "Bouncing under the Big Top School carnival \$?

a. Susan Silva/Ron Thebeau motion to approve the request from St. Peters Church Fiesta Committee in the amount of \$500.00

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Susan Silva Ron Thebeau
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b. Susan Silva/Ron Thebeau motion to approve the request from the RV Carnival for \$300.00

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Susan Silva Ron Thebeau
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Mayor Baca announced they would return to the items they moved to the bottom of the agenda.

6. Tony Kyle Life & Business Coach: Discussion and action regarding entering into an agreement with Tony Kyle Life & Business Coach for consulting services to market the communities of Springerville and Eagar.

Susan Silva/Eric Baca motion to approve this agreement with Tony Kyle Bringing Families and Businesses Together Consultants for a period of 3 months.

Discussion: Mayor Baca said he had concerns with the fees after the 3 months.

Manager West said he feels that if Mr. Kyle doesn't give a quality product after three months, then the council has their decision commenting that for the minimal amount \$1,200 it's more than worth seeing what direction Mr. Kyle pushes.

Councilmember Silva said she was in favor of going into partnership with the other 3 entities noting that taking a chance, is better than doing nothing at all.

Councilman Thebeau said they are not going to get any results in 3 months or change the economic conditions. He said after quizzing the man he didn't get anything from the man he could relate to at all. The only thing he gathered was that they were going to put the businesses together to refer to one another. This has been done, and tried and as a business man in the community this doesn't work. This is about money about someone making a profit. He said he asked the manger for specifics and nothing came back and he has a problem putting money on this.

Mayor Baca asked if anyone else is moving forward with this. He was advised by Karen Warnick of WMI that the town of Eagar passed this agreement last night.

Mayor Baca reiterated that he is struggling with this issue on both sides agreeing with Councilman Thebeau that 3 months isn't much time to prove anything. He felt that they were looking at more than just the 3 months and if there's success they are looking at \$21,000.

Councilman Thebeau stated he was against this while Councilmember Silva stated she was in favor.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Susan Silva
	Nays:	Ron Thebeau

Councilman Thebeau noted they made a decision again without a full council.

11. Updating the Zoning Map.

Jim Muth gave a presentation to the council regarding updating the current zoning map which is 11 years explaining the plan is to put zoning map on the GIS to have a living document and eventually eliminate paper maps. They will make the map in layers beginning with grids adding overlays showing colored zoning parcels, add the streets and infrastructure with water and sewer mains, valves, and include all the zoning to bring the zoning map up to date.

He said he has submitted a proposal to the town manager to put this into a PDF format in anticipation that next year the council will establish an annual budget to start work on the GIS.

Manager West explained they were working on GIS about 3-4 years ago trying to do overlays that encompassed the correct zoning, including overlays of infrastructure, valves, plat mats, possible crime mapping for the police department. He said one of the main concerns is street easement issues. Each time we think we own a street we find that we don't. The recommendation of public works is to take a grid a year, clean it up and put in all of the overlays. When a water line is put in all of the information about that line would be put in, i.e. how deep, what type, distance, and size. This will tell us where, how

deep and even what kind of water line is used. As the changes are made it would allow a quick update to the planning and zoning map especially with land split and land trades and easement tracking. The information will be stored on a hard drive and software elsewhere. Manager West advised the council the estimated cost would be approximately \$10,000 to get this on GIS with overlays and about \$500 per year for updates.

Mr. Muth explained the plan is to make a simple maintenance activity on a town computer accessible to everyone and keep it updated and usable. He said the cost depends on what the town wants annually. He said over the years the town has purchased certain portions of the electronic software but can't be viewed.

13. Adjournment:

Susan Silva/Ron Thebeau motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Susan Silva
		Ron Thebeau

Eric Baca, 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, April 6, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2011

Town Clerk