

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
August 17, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Present: Dan Muth Vice Mayor and Councilmember's Susan Silva and Ron Thebeau.

Excused: Connie Hunt

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Tim Shaffery Legal Counsel, Mike Nuttall Police Chief, Chris Chiesl Zoning Administrator.

Public: Kevin Burk, Eva Wilson and Doyle Shamley, Indio Chiesl and Steve Christensen.

Vice Mayor Muth called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Participation: Doyle Shamley Apache County Resource Coordinator was present to give an update on things going on with the Forest Service. There's an average of 3 salvage sales a week and there will be another sale and meeting at the town of Eagar tomorrow. They will also be assisting contractors with updating Dunn's numbers and getting them into the system. They had a meeting with Fish and Wildlife Services, all regional services directors to work on a coordination manual reference guide for coordination with cities and counties.

They learned that the Mexican Spotted Owl management plan is open again and suggested that cities and counties make comment of this recovery plan. There are some drastic changes to the management plan that could have consequences to our area and suggested that we make comments on this plan which are due on Monday. He also updated the council on a letter from Salazar with the Department of Interior regarding the Land Management Act. He said they have targeted 23 million acres around the western US now referred to as Western States. The plan is called "Bi-Partisan Wilderness Area". Only 11.9% of our whole land mass can generate revenue for this county and reminded the council the commentary deadline is Monday, August 22nd.

Manager West reported the USDA State Director will be presenting a Certificate of Award to the Town of Springerville on Thursday, August 18th at 11:15 am in the Udall-Johnson room. On August 24th the Justice Court is having a ribbon cutting at 11:00 a.m., the Governor will be at Big Lake for a ribbon cutting and at 6:00 p.m. we have a budget approval meeting, and Navopache Electric will have their annual meeting on September 10th at 1:00 p.m. in Blue Ridge.

Vice Mayor Muth reported the Mayor attended a meeting with Congressman Gosar on August 10th to discuss the 10 year Economic Plan put together jointly by both communities. Congressman Gosar asked that we prepare a packet for economic development giving specific examples. They were looking for ideas that could get Federal funding. Vice Mayor Muth said Congress is now realizing that the creation of jobs will ultimately drive the economic out of this ditch.

5. Consent Agenda Items.

- a) June 29, 2011 town council meeting held at 6:00 p.m.
- b) July 6, 2011 budget work session minutes held at 5:00 p.m.
- c) July 11, 2011 special budget meeting held at 5:00 p.m.
- d) July 20, 2011 regular council meeting held at 6:00 p.m.
- e) August 3, 2011 budget work session held at 5:00 p.m.
- f) August 3, 2011 regular meeting held at 6:00 p.m.
- g) Ratification and approval of the accounts payable for the month of July, 2011.

Susan Silva/Ron Thebeau motion to approve consent agenda items 5a through 5g.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dan Muth
		Susan Silva
		Ron Thebeau

6. HUD: NEAZSC GRANT: Discussion regarding the North Eastern Arizona Sustainable Communities grant, Chris Chiesl Grants Coordinator.

Zoning Administrator Chris Chiesl explained the planning grant was initially put together for the nine incorporated towns and the 3 tribes. The strategy behind this grant is the possibility of sharing resources, and how this can benefit all the communities by addressing their individual needs, i.e. transportation, tourism, destination, healthcare needs, and a possible light rail in the future. She noted there are issues involved such as how are we going to share resources with Native Americans when there are complicated issues like sovereignty, taxation and money issues. This grant is about what we can do with shared regional work. It was originally put together with the intent of shared resources on a large level. She said partnership funding whether its Federal, Rural or private is big at the moment and she saw a potential need. She saw a potential need in the fact that we're a rural area that has stats to be funded on various levels to help offset some of the need. This would provide a platform or a spotlight on this area if we wanted to go after this grant. However, things have changed and people have dropped out and issues have come to the table that have become problematic.

Manager West explained that the Steering Committee is supposed to do planning. Such as where does Springerville want to be? What do we want to look like? It's to pull ideas together but the committee hasn't been put together in Springerville. This doesn't cost the town anything at the moment and we can drop out at anytime. He agreed that there are some underlying issues and the picture that was painted has not come to fruition as yet. There are some underlying currents that have not surfaced yet. He said there are two things that could hurt the town

Councilmember Thebeau thanked Chris for all the work she's done but feels that we're taking a big step getting into this with the Federal Government. His big concerns are with the Global consequences and he is against getting involved at all.

7. Executive Session:

- a. Consider entering into executive session for legal consultation and discussion of town contracts ARS 38-431.03 (a) (3) (4)
- b. Any discussion/action as a result of the executive session.

Susan Silva/Ron Thebeau motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss town contracts.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dan Muth
		Susan Silva
		Ron Thebeau

Ron Thebeau/Susan Silva motion to adjourn from executive session and reconvene the regular meeting.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dan Muth
		Susan Silva
		Ron Thebeau

Dan Muth, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday, August 17, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 25th of August, 2011.

Town Clerk