

Springerville Town Council

Minutes

December 7, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Council: Dan Muth Mayor, Susie Silva Vice Mayor, Connie Hunt, Steve Christensen and Ron Thebeau

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Tim Shaffery Legal Counsel and Mike Nuttall

Public: Kevin Burk, Hank Rogers EDAC, and Becky Christensen Chamber Director

Mayor Muth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Council member Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Participation:None

4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Manager West reported that the Forest Service is looking for a new area to stage their fire crews and Helitac. They are looking for approximately 2,500 sq ft. to lease out for 5 to 10 years.

Mayor Muth reported the Girl Scouts placed Secret Santa trees at Alco and at Western Drug. Instructions are on the tree with the request for a gift.

Chamber Director reported that Phelps and his committee did a great job developing the CVD of our area. The CD's are available at the chamber for a cost of \$20.00. There are also gift certificates for regional shop local available at the chamber. The parade starts at 6:00 p.m. with line up at 5:30. She invited anyone from the council interested in helping her judge the floats to be at the line up at 5:20. The lighted walk begins on Sunday, December 11th through the 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. She said hopes to triple or quadruple the number of businesses in the next two to three years. The next chamber luncheon will be at noon December 14th.

Councilmember Christensen asked that the landscape design committee would like to be on the January 4th agenda.

Chief Nuttall reported they assisted the Assembly of God Church handing out 532 turkeys to local residents. They are also working with the chamber on security for traffic for the Christmas River walk and will be doing security for the parade and participating with the bell ringers at Safeway.

5. Consent Items.

- a. Consider approval of the November 2, 2011 town council meeting minutes held at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Consider approval of the November 16, 2011 town council meeting minutes held at 6:00 p.m.

Connie Hunt/Susan Silva motion to approve consent agenda items 5a and 5b.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dan Muth Susan Silva Steve Christensen Connie Hunt Ron Thebeau
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Old Business:

- 6. **ORDINANCE 2011-005:** 2nd Reading, discussion and adoption of Ordinance 2011-005 reverting zoning of real property formerly known as Wenima Village Project from R1-7 to General Agriculture (AG).

An Ordinance of the Town of Springerville, Arizona adopting Section 3 of Resolution #503, adopted March 2, 1993 reverting the zoning of Real Property formerly known as Wenima Village Project from R1-7 to (AG) Agriculture (AG) Zoning designation and establishing an effective date.

No Discussion:

Vote:	Ayes:	Dan Muth Susan Silva Steve Christensen Connie Hunt Ron Thebeau
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- 7. **REAL AZ CORRIDOR:** Discussion and action regarding annual membership fees for REAL AZ Corridor for FY July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012.

Susan Silva/Connie Hunt motion to approve the annual membership dues for REAL AZ Corridor invoice in the amount of \$2,000.

Discussion: Councilmember Thebeau said he would like to see what this organization has done for the Town. He said one of the selling points in approving this was that this wouldn't cost the town a dime. He said he was opposed to giving them the \$2,000.

Manager West explained that this was Regional Economic development made up of the cities and towns in Navajo and Apache County. On a regional basis they bring businesses to the White Mountains.

Councilmember Hunt asked if they could be placed on an email list so they can receive information.

Mayor Muth called for a vote of the motion on the floor.

Vote:	Ayes:	Susan Silva
	Nays:	Dan Muth Steve Christensen

Connie Hunt
Ron Thebeau

Dan Muth/Connie Hunt motion to ask Eric Duthie to come to a council meeting and make a presentation.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dan Muth Susan Silva Steve Christensen Connie Hunt
	Abstain:	Ron Thebeau

8. **RESOLUTION 2011-R018:** Discussion and action regarding adopting Resolution 2011-R018 adopting the Government 457(b)

Susan Silva/Connie Hunt motion to adopt Resolution 2011-R018 authorizing the VALIC plan restatement.

Discussion: Councilmember Thebeau asked if there was going to be paying more money.

Manager West explained the Town's contribution was cut last year and there are no more contributions from the town.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dan Muth Susan Silva Steve Christensen Connie Hunt Ron Thebeau
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9. **NORTHEAST AZ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING GROUP:** Discussion and action regarding the Northeast Arizona Economic Development Planning Group Participant Agreement.

Connie Hunt/Susan Silva motion to approve the motion to participate in the Northeast Arizona Economic Development Participant Agreement.

Discussion: Councilmember Thebeau asked Hank. Rogers if he had gotten the 50% participation.

Mr. Rogers said they are in the process of signing contracts due to the change in verbiage. There is only one other that has signed and can come back later to answer this question. He's been told there are others that are going to sign and he will let the council know when they have the 50%.

Councilmember Hunt said this is no more than an opportunity to plan regionally and doesn't feel this is an evil plan.

Mr. Rogers advised the council that if they only have 3 entities sign up then this contract is over.

Councilmember Thebeau said his concern is that we are a part of it because the ICLEI was on the steering committee from the initiation of this.

Mr. Rogers assured that to be on the ICLEI you have to join it and we have not and it was never part of the grant.

Councilmember Christensen said he sees an opportunity for a regional planning effort with endless opportunities and supports this effort..

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

10. **DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING:** Discussion and action regarding the December 21st council meeting.

Susan Silva/Connie Hunt motion to cancel the December 21st council meeting.

Vote:	Ayes:	Dan Muth Susan Silva Steve Christensen Connie Hunt Ron Thebeau
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Manager West invited the council to a Christmas Potluck on December 19th.

11. Adjournment:

Connie Hunt/Susan Silva motion adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Susan Silva Steve Christensen Connie Hunt Ron Thebeau
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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, December 7, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2011

Town Clerk