

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
January 19, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Council: Eric Baca Mayor, Dan Muth Vice Mayor, Connie Hunt, Susan Silva and Ron Thebeau.

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Tim Shaffery Legal Counsel, Mike Nuttall Police Chief and Max Sadler Fire Chief.

Public: Nelson Garrison, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Simpson, Ken McLain, Bill Wright, Phil Hanson, Jenn Dean, Eva Wilson, Doyle Shamley, Scott Gerfer, Kevin Burk, Jim Muth, Chuck Corey, Mike Gowey, Ron Cavanaugh, Doug Henderson, Becki Christensen Chamber Dir., Michael Hotaling and Corey Hazelwood with C & S Consulting.

1. Mayor Baca called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Participation: None

4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Chamber Director Becki Christensen invited the council and town staff to a Chamber luncheon at Sunnyside Restaurant at noon on February 17th. She reported that the Chamber Board of Directors met and to do some strategic planning. Their focus is going to be business development, and discussion on having a winter festival. They have partnered with NPC and the Small Business Development Center and Microsoft Community and will have a presentation on Microsoft 10 sometime in March or April at which time they will be giving away Microsoft 10 to someone in attendance.

Councilmember Muth reported that Planning and Zoning is reviewing the Master Plan and having discussion regarding the new medical marijuana.

Manager West reported that our public works crew and inmates are in the process of tearing walls down to the studs in the old school in preparation for work on the Casa Museum and Becker room. He reported there's been a change to the plans with regard to the Cushman Museum. Due to the amount of room required and security, the Museum will now be located in the front of the building instead in the back. The Heritage Museum will eventually be located in the back.

Councilmember Hunt said the Museum group in Salt Lake has given them permission to strip the pillars and track lighting for the Cushman Museum.

5. Consent Agenda:

- a. Consider approval of the January 5, 2011 regular town council meeting minutes.
- b. Consider approval and ratification of accounts payable for the month of December 2010.

Dan Muth/Connie Hunt motion to approve consent items 5a-5b.

Councilmember Silva asked for a correction on the minutes regarding Councilmember Muth. She said he'd declared a conflict of interest on the appointment of Jim Muth to the Planning and Zoning Commission and his name is listed on the vote count.

The town clerk said she would make the correction as noted.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Dan Muth Connie Hunt Susan Silva Ron Thebeau
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6. Mountain States Employers Council, Inc: Discussion and action regarding entering into an agreement with Mountain States Employers Council, Inc.

Manager West said this was the human resource firm that did a presentation for the council noting that this would be a good resource for handling our human resource issues.

Susan Silva/Dan Muth motion to enter into an agreement with Mountain States Employers, Inc.

Discussion: None

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

7. Doyle Shamley Apache County Resource Coordinator presentation on Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest recent activities and open comment period on projects which are time sensitive with a limited window of opportunity.

Mr. Shamley reported the Forest Service after reviewing all of the commentary they received on the TMR will be going into the EIS stage and there will be a 30 days appeals window. The draft for the Forest Plan (Manual for running the Forest Service) will be coming out in May and he'll be back to give an update. Mr. Shamley then talked about the surface water issues, reporting the Forest Service has made an unheard of surface water claim proposal (claim sheet attached) to the AZ Department of Water Resources. The information sheet includes the number of acre feet per annum they're claiming for Threatened and Endangered species, the watershed location stream name and the tributary. There has never been a claim for surface water before now. If awarded the claim it would affect upstream and downstream water users meaning water wouldn't be available in watersheds for municipalities or any type of business that would have a need for water. If we go to an adjudication stage the courts will step in and divvy it up. The Grazing Act that protected senior water holders such as ranchers, municipalities, power plants won't matter if the water is adjudicated. Notices were issued by the State and the applicant should have posted them but didn't giving us only 40 days to file a comment instead of 60. Apache County is writing a letter in opposition to the Forest Service application for surface water allocation. Mr. Shamley requested a letter from the council in opposition to the Forest Service Plan.

Connie Hunt motion to write a letter to the Arizona Department of Water Resources

Connie Hunt/Dan Muth motion to amend her motion to direct staff to write a letter.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Dan Muth Connie Hunt Susan Silva Ron Thebeau
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8. Joe Simpson: Discussion regarding a youth recreation center.

Mr. Simpson said he had talked to the two brothers who own the Lockhart Building who said they would try to work something out with him for the rent in the old XA and would be contacting them. He asked about the Boys Club he heard was being started.

He was advised that it was a Boys and Girls Club with Steve Christensen is spearheading the project. He was told there would be a meeting in the Udall-Johnson room tomorrow morning and was invited to attend.

9. 2011 Polling Place Agreement: Discussion and action regarding authorizing the Town Clerk to sign an IGA with Apache County Elections to hold the 2011 Elections in the Emma Udall-Johnson meeting room.

Ron Thebeau/Dan Muth motion to authorize the Town Clerk to sign an IGA with Apache County Elections to hold the 2011 Elections in the Emma Udall-Johnson meeting room

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Dan Muth
		Connie Hunt
		Susan Silva
		Ron Thebeau

10. Charles Corey: Address the Town Council regarding the new airport terminal.

Mr. Chuck Corey explained that the FAA grant is normally specific to the grant or in this case the terminal and can't be allocated to other projects. He stated that we don't want to turn the money back to the FAA and the SMAAC is very interested in seeing the terminal put up.

11. Terminal, Hangar & Safety Project: Discussion and action regarding the Springerville Municipal Airport Terminal, Hangar and Safety Project.

Dan Muth/Susan Silva motion to adopt the Springerville Municipal Terminal, hangar and safety project.

Discussion: Councilmember Hunt asked if this plan had been voted on by the other council, if changes could be made and if the demolition would be put out to bid.

Councilman Thebeau said they need a clear direction of where they're going asking if the hangar's going to be re-erected and where.

Manager West encouraged the council to come in and review the plans and advising them only minor changes can be made to the plans. In answer to Councilmember Thebeau's question regarding putting the hangar back, he said yes but it would not be immediate. We'll have to wait for year to year Entitlement funds from FAA to do it. Then a decision can be made on where to re-erect it.

Councilmember Thebeau asked for clarification on the use of the hanger asking if there would be a policy in place and offer the same rental program we currently have..

Councilmember Silva said this was a win, win situation for Springerville and the improvement of the community. The Town deserves something nice, the community needs the work desperately and we need the tax dollars it will generate from materials. She emphasized this is a great project with very little dollars coming from the general fund and she supports it.

Councilmember Hunt voiced her concern with the size of some of these projects and the ability of our local contractors to bond asking if this was a possibility with this project. She recommended relooking at the blue prints plans if local contractors aren't able to bond to make it possible.

Manager West said we have several commercial contractors that have the capabilities of bonding.

Local contractor Bryon Harrington address this questions saying that they subcontract under larger contractors like IBuild from Phoenix if their bond isn't large enough to cover the project and they purchase all of the materials locally.

Michael Hotaling President of C & S Inc. Engineers the town's airport engineers said the FAA doesn't look kindly at local preferences. He said they could discuss this with their office but it's highly likely they are going to say no because it would violate federal procurement regulations so the answer is "no" we can't have a local preference in the bid.

Councilmember Hunt said she was willing to sacrifice the blue prints to a metal building instead of the current design. The metal building comes with blue prints so we wouldn't be out any money for more blue prints. She said her concerns stem from the massiveness of the libraries that were built without local contractor's ability to bid on them also noting that local materials were not purchased.

Manager West said we could have meetings with local contractors to make sure they are well informed on the project. If one contractor can do it then others can as well.

Mr. Hotaling explained that the Town needs to hit this federal grant year which ends in September so we'll have the project bid and awarded and ready to or we risk going into another fiscal year not knowing if we have a grant to do any of the project.

Mayor Baca stated there's motion on the table. He said this had been discussed previously and called for the question.

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

12. Community Garden: Discussion and action regarding a community garden.

Manager West explained he was approached by Dr. Hamblin of the Health Coalition about the possibility of starting a community garden. The garden would be located inside a fenced area by the Quonset hut. The town would build the boxes and sell them for a very small fee. We would supply the water and this shows that Springerville cares.

The council thought this was a great idea and were in favor of it.

13. Round Valley Roundup. Discussion and action regarding the Round Valley Roundup and setting a date for the next meeting.

Mayor Baca said it's Springerville's turn to host the meeting and said February 3rd was suggested by Mayor Holaway.

Councilmember Hunt said she couldn't attend on Thursdays due to conflict with classes.

The consensus of the council was to hold the meeting on Thursday, February 3rd at 6:00p.m.

Councilmember Thebeau asked if they would decide whether they even want to hold the event.

He was advised that it would be and Councilmember Hunt suggested he express that.

14. Adjournment.

Dan Muth/Ron Thebeau motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Dan Muth Connie Hunt Susan Silva Ron Thebeau
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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 regular session on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2011

Town Clerk