

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

Present: Mayor Eric Baca, Vice Mayor Dan Muth, and Susan Silva

Excused: Connie Hunt and Ron Thebeau

Staff: Town Manager West, Tim Shaffery Legal Counsel, Max Sadler Fire Chief, and Justin Fisher.

Public: Kevin Burk, Jeff Udall, Jessica Udall, Ruby and Tony Chapman, Travis Udall, Lucinda Ulibarri, Teresa Becker and Beckie Christensen Chamber Director.

1. Mayor Baca called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Muth.
3. Public Participation: Jeff Udall and Travis Udall presented Police Chief Mike Nuttall and Fire Chief Max Sadler with plaques and \$1,000 checks for their departments on behalf of the Ulrich Family and friends. The get together planned for June 11th was not able to take place due to the Wallow Fire evacuations. Mr. Udall said he and his wife were able to join them at a gathering in Fountain Hills and they expressed their sadness at not being able to come down.

4. Manager Council and chamber Reports:

Manager West reported we started a new program of straw bombing. Four seed planes have come in and will be staging their planning. There was a preconstruction meeting this morning with Simmons Construction. They will be looking for local help. He attended meeting on the flood control 191 between Alpine and Hanagan. We received a grant in the amount of \$91,000 for an Economic Development Study approved by the council. Tony Kyle is on track and will end his contract the end of August and the information will come before the council.

Vice Mayor Muth reported the planning and zoning commission approved conditional use permits for a home business leather shop and one for a medical marijuana dispensary. This will satisfy the dispensary requirements to disallow any home cultivation in the Round Valley area on the South side of Highway 60.

Councilmember Silva reported that they went on a tour of the Wallow Fire with Jim Zorns from the Forest Service saying there is still a lot of beauty on our mountain. There's a lot of work going on by the forest service and salvage logging.

Chamber Director Becki Christensen reported that tourism is up around the whole state with numbers up in hotels and travels. There will be a joint event on Labor Day weekend at Lyman Lake with the Springerville-Eagar Chamber of Commerce and the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce. The two chambers fee they need to work together to market this event and make it big. They will be having a breakfast meeting in the morning to brain storm ideas for "buy local" programs and educating the people to buy local. They are looking for input from the business people and citizens to put this program together. Buying local will help us out of the economic situation.

Manager West announced that one of the Eagle Scouts projects is the community garden which is coming along good and another project done by another Eagar Scout is placing benches along the back stop. He said we would bring them to a council meeting for recognition.

5. Consent agenda.

- a. Consider approval of the minutes of the July 06, 2011 regular town council meeting held at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable for the month of June, 2011.

Dan Muth/Susan Silva motion to approve consent items 51a through 5b.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Dan Muth
		Susan Silva

Old Business:

6. Ordinance 2011-004- Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2011-004 adopting the amendments of the Town of Springerville Tax Code.

Dan Muth/Susan Silva motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-004.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Dan Muth
		Susan Silva

7. Lift Fire restrictions: Discussion and action regarding lifting the fire restrictions imposed by the council in June, 2011.

Susan Silva/Dan Muth motion to lift the fire restrictions adopted on June 15, 2011.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Dan Muth
		Susan Silva

8. Sewer Rates & Fees: Discussion regarding possible amendments to sewer rates and fees. Request by Councilmember Dan Muth.

Discussion: Vice Mayor Muth explained this stems from the last budget meeting during discussion regarding stopping some of the hemorrhaging from the general fund to the different water and sewer funds. He said he would like to have staff begin working on a plan with ways for incentives to hook up to the sewer where available and come up with a plan to set fees for the incentive. Some of the things discussed were basic sewer rates levied against those residents with sewer available and setting up a 48 month window for this incentive to be available to encourage people to connect. The estimated amount of possible revenue is about \$31,000 into the sewer fund to offset the general fund. There are about 90 residents identified in the study and he would like to have staff solidify these numbers before making a decision. He further stated that the Town of Eagar mandates this. He further noted the idea behind this to make the sewer fund self sustaining. A suggestion to check what other communities around us do was made.

9. Resolution 2011-R010: Discussion and action regarding adopting Resolution 2011-R010 adopting Senate Bill 13345 and House Bill 2543 "Hunting within town Limits and Terminating the IGA dated May 27, 1987 with Arizona Game & Fish Commission.

Dan Muth/Susan Silva motion to adopt Resolution 2011-R010.

Discussion: Chief Nuttall explained that these laws were recently adopted. We had an IGA with Game & Fish to allow water fowl hunting at Becker Lake but this new law now comes into effect making the old agreement null and void. The new law stipulates that you have to be a legal hunter and ¼ mile from any residence. There will not be any target practicing within one mile noting that the Town can limit the areas where hunting can occur in. High powered rifles will not

be allowed within town limits. He said Game & Fish have offered to assist with regulating this new law.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Dan Muth Susan Silva
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10. Adjournment:

Dan Muth/Susan Silva motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Dan Muth Susan Silva
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Eric Baca, Mayor

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, July 20, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2011.

Town Clerk