

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
June 29, 2011
5:00 p.m.

Council: Eric Baca, Dan Muth, Connie Hunt and Susan Silva

Excused: Ron Thebeau

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova, Karen Asquith, Mike Nuttall, Sharon Pinckard, Linda Matthews, Suzanne Ely and Patricia Ballejos.

Public: Becky Christensen, Tammy-Jo Anders, Steve Christensen and Kevin Burk

1. Mayor Baca called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. asking Councilmember Silva to led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Town of Springerville Budget: Discussion regarding the Town's FY 2011-2012 budget regarding the following items.
 - a) Whether to fund the Boys & Girls Club request and if so, for how much? They requested \$20,000.

The council listened to a brief presentation by Ms. Anders from the Boys & Girls Club on the increase in participation. They are averaging 20 to 25 kids per day at the club. The fee per child is \$5.00 membership per year per child, the summer program is \$5.00 per day for the 1st 2 children. If there's more than 2 children it \$1.00 per day. Ms. Anders said this is scheduled in their Monday through Friday calendars.

Councilmember Hunt said she thought the town of Eagar was going to donate \$20,000 and recommended funding the Club with monthly payments to support the Club.

Vice Mayor Baca also recommended making monthly payments but would like to see us make progress toward a parks/recreational system earmarked specifically for parks. He said he felt that \$20,000 is a lot of money and if the Club doesn't make succeed he felt it was taking a step backwards. He reiterated that we need to put together a direction to go with that.

Manager West explained that we are looking for grants but they are hard to find because most of the money came from Lottery or parks and we know what the State has done with those moneys. He agreed that we have to consider building that nest egg to build the asset.

Councilmember Silva said they should try to fund they as they are taking care of our youth and kids and would be willing to fund them with \$1,000 a month. This is a wonderful organization and does wonderful things and we need to try.

Councilmember Muth said he looks at this as an investment. He agreed it may be hard to obligate \$20,000 and was in favor of monthly payments and see where we are later in the year. He said he'd like to see this council provide for the Boy's and Girl's Club and agreed to \$1,000 a month with an evaluation later on for an increase if we can afford it. He see's a problem with this council not going back to evaluate on a quarterly basis.

CFO Asquith said the impact of the fire is not know at the moment. At this point they have decided not to lower the projection this year. She said she calculated a loss of revenue to the general fund but said everything is up in the air about where we are going with this budget. We will have some serious readjusting if our revenues fall 20 to 30% short in term of what we can fund. She suggested making decisions based on where we are now with the understanding that things may change radically. This year there will restoration and rehab that will bring in revenue this year but we don't know what will happen next year.

The consensus of the council was to give Karen direction to budget \$12,000 at \$1,000 a month for the Boy's and Girl's Club.

Ms. Anders said she would provide quarterly financials and would come regularly to update the council at a regular meeting.

b) Whether to fund the Senior Center for an additional \$22,000 transfer from the General Fund.

Senior Center Director Sharon Pinckard presented a Power Point overview of her department; the services they provide for the locals as well provide services for the people in Springerville who have been stricken by financial hard times. She presented graphs comparing our senior to senior's centers around the state.

Mayor Baca stopped Ms. Pinckard apologizing to her having to cut her presentation short due to loss of time. He asked her to come to the next budget meeting to complete her presentation.

c) Chamber Director Christensen was asked if she could provide the council with a packet prior to the next budget meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday night at 5:00p.m. on July 7th.

Susan Silva/Connie Hunt motion to adjourn the workshop at 5:55 p.m.

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 budget work session on Wednesday, June 29th 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 18th day of July, 2011.

Town Clerk