

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
September 21, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Council: Dan Muth 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, Brent J. Slade Public Works Director.

Public: Kevin Burk, Ron Cavanaugh, Karen Warnick-WMI, Dorlene Maloy, Steve Christensen, Phelps and Kay Wilkins and Becky Christensen Chamber Director.

Mayor Muth called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with a quorum present and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation: None

4. Reports: Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Town Manager West reported Chamber Director Becky Christensen, Bill Greenwood and he watched a WebQA webinar. He said this is a searchable advertising website for any business in the community to advertise on this website and the business can be googled. The cost for this is \$866.00 for the first year including set up fees and the other years it's \$50 a month. Manager West felt that the small cost it worth applying for a year and this would be giving back to the businesses. Ms. Christensen said they would assist a business that doesn't have a web site they will create a simple one page website and link them to both towns and the chamber websites.

Manager West announced that Linda Matthews resigned/retired from Casa and asked for input from the council regarding whether or not to close during the winter months and should it be closed for 5 or 6 months.

The consensus of the council was to keep the museum open but the Mayor asked to put this on as an agenda item.

Manager West said the dedication of the North Country Clinic will take place on October 12, 2011 from 11:00 until 2:00p.m. The last item is the WIFA loan the town is taking out for infrastructure repairs. He said WIFA requires that the Town to show how the loan will be paid back, more information will be forthcoming. A resolution will be coming before the council as a precursor to the loan. Economist.com will be here on October 19th to do a presentation.

Councilmember Hunt said the Coalition is getting ready for "Ready, Set, Relax" in October. They are again considering the "Good Deed Week" and encourage families to have Block parties on October 10th.

Mayor Muth reported that he will be attending the ADOT consultation with the Rural Local Officials in conjunction with the NACOG meeting on October 27th in Flagstaff and won't be able to attend the conference.

Chamber Director said there will be a monthly luncheon sponsored by Jessie's Buns at a cost of \$12.00 per person with a variety of samples to choose from. On October 13th there will be a lunch with the Police Department for businesses to come in and see what the police department can do for them. The Annual Chamber banquet is scheduled for October 22nd but hasn't been finalized. The

chamber would like to have nominations from the council for “Business of the Year”, “Working Business of the Year” and/or “Volunteer of the Year” and need to be Chamber members. The ribbon cutting for North Country will be in the afternoon around 2:00 p.m. The chamber is having a Christmas Festival from December 11th through the 18th. The parade will be held on October 10th and they will be lighting up the Becker Wildlife area every evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. They are currently working on a safety parking plan for people to park at the closed weight station and take the bus across the street to attend.

Mayor Muth introduced our new Public Works Director Brent J. Slade.

Police Chief Mike Nuttall reported they represented Springerville Police Department at a 9-11 program in Show Low on September 10th. They also participated in the Preparedness Fair held at the Stake Center last week and will be meeting

5. Consent Agenda:

Connie Hunt/Ron Thebeau motion to approve consent agenda items 5a – 5b.

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

6. North Eastern AZ Sustainability Grant participation:

Connie Hunt/Susan Silva motion to participate in the NEAZSC grant.

Discussion: Councilmember Hunt said she talked to Hank Rogers about needing 50% participation for the grant and was told he really didn't know however they have 50% participation at the present. In answer to the other question regarding completing the USDA grant first then participating in this grant at a later date.

Councilmember Thebeau said he has reiterated several times this is the same grant only one is regional but it still ties us up with the government. This grant is UN generated and part of the LCIEI. His intention for staying out of this is we are wasting money.

Councilmember Silva said she didn't feel this costs the town any money and doesn't feel there's anything scary about it. There is a repeat of some of our grant but feels it will open doors in the future.

Mayor Muth asked Dorlene Maloy with EDAC if the town of Springerville participated, would the town be given the opportunity to complete our USDA grant then bring the information to the other grant or would we be duplicating efforts?

Ms. Maloy said the HUD grant is more of a regional grant that serves the needs of each community along with the region. Depending on how you choose to use the second grant she doesn't believe it would be duplicating, it would actually enhance and further possibilities for the town in the future.

Mayor Muth called for a vote:

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

Mr. Shaffery advised the council that this item can be brought back again.

7. Parks projects: Manager West noted he brought this back to ask if they had anything else they would like to add to the list. He said he would have a list ready for the next meeting.
8. Appointment of Council person: Discussion and action regarding appointment of a candidate to fill the unexpired vacancy on the town council.

Connie Hunt/Ron Thebeau motion to appoint Steve Christensen to fill the remaining term on the town council until the new council until the next election.

Discussion: Councilmember Hunt said Mr. Christensen has been here regularly and knows what is going on and what he's doing and would bring a lot to the table.

There were no other nominations.

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

9. Oath of Office: The Town Clerk Val Cordova administered the Oath of Office to Steve Christensen.
10. Executive Session:
 - a) Consider entering into executive session for legal consultation and discussion of town contracts ARS 38-431.03 (a) (3) (4)

Susan Silva/Ron Thebeau motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:57 p.m.

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

Ron Thebeau/Connie Hunt motion to adjourn executive session at 7:21 p.m.

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

Connie Hunt/Ron Thebeau motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:21 p.m.

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

- b) Any discussion/action as a result of the executive session.

No action was taken as a result of executive session but direction was given to staff and legal counsel regarding town contracts.

11. Adjournment:

Connie Hunt/Ron Thebeau motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Dan Muth, 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, September 5, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2011.

Town Clerk