

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
January 4, 2012
6:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Dan Muth, Vice Mayor Susan Silva, Connie Hunt, Steve Christensen and Ron Thebeau

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk Tim Shaffery Legal Counsel, Mike Nuttall Police Chief and Greg Cross Casa Malpais Office Manager.

Public: Kevin Burk, Gabriel Morales, Dustin Sanders, Diane LeFevre, Phelps & Kay Wilkins, Rebecca Pacey and Becki Christensen Chamber Director.

Mayor Muth called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with a quorum present. Vice Mayor Silva led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Participation: None
4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Manager West reported the footings for the airport hangar have been poured and the slab will be poured for by Friday and the building is running a little behind.

Mr. Shaffery briefed the council on the airport deed. After a couple of meeting with the title company they agreed to honor the quiet title action. He's waiting on the litigation guarantee should be coming in the next two weeks and he can start the process of the quiet title. He's working the street dedication. He reported that the airport issue with the engineers and the paving company is still on hold mode.

Vice Mayor Silva thanked the Mayor and Councilmember's that volunteered their time to ring the bells.

Manager West said that several council members did things to help out the community during the holidays. Councilman Thebeau drove the van for the River Walk. It means a lot to the citizens.

Councilmember Thebeau reported they planning and zoning will be bringing the Communication Towers to the council.

Chamber Director Christensen reported several councilmember's helped out at the River Walk serving hot chocolate. They She reported the \$20,000 Wallow Fire rebate donated by National Bank, they wrote 227 checks to 192 individual people. She said she was going to try to replicate this again next year and will be writing to large corporations with the help of National Bank asking them to participate.

Ms. Christensen reported that she has had a very positive response from the public and has had residents volunteering to build a display next year. They had approximately 600 people that came through the river walk and took in \$355.89 in donations. By 2013 or 2014 they hope to have the river walk lit from the highway to Airport Drive. They will partner with Sunrise or North Pole Experience to have a big Christmas Festival. She then reported that the White Mountain Winter

Jamboree Festival is going to be postponed due to difficulties with getting Sunrise on board this year. They will start with the Sawmill Festival. Tony Kyle isn't going to charge us anymore money and is going to work with us for the next year without a fee. He is committed to sticking around and helping out for the next year.

Chief Nuttall gave a written yearend report for the police department. (report attached) He also reported on the DUI Task Force statistics details. They're seeing a decrease in the number of DUI's per year with an increase in the number of designated drivers.

5. Consent Agenda Items:

Susan Silva/Steve Christensen motion to approve consent agenda items 5a and 5b.

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

6. Public Hearing: To take public comments on the liquor license application from Los Caporales Liquor Store.

Connie Hunt/Susan Silva motion to go into a public hearing to take public comments regarding the liquor license application for Los Caporales Liquor store.

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

The public asked where this liquor store was going to be located and advised the liquor store would be located behind the tire shop.

Councilmember Thebeau said this went before planning and zoning and approved and issued a conditional use permit but this is to be strictly a drive through.

Dustin Sanders added that planning and zoning only asked that they keep an eye on how many vehicles were backed up on the drive through and if space until they could drive through or they could risk their conditional use permit.

There were no more comments:

Steve Christensen/Ron Thebeau motion to close the public hearing.

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

Susan Silva/Ron Thebeau motion to return to the regular meeting.

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

7. Liquor License Person Transfer: Discussion and action regarding approving a #9 Liquor License Person and Location Transfer for Los Caporales Liquor Store.

Ron Thebeau/Connie Hunt motion to approval the #9 Liquor License Person and Location Transfer for Los Caporales Liquor Store.

Discussion: Vice Mayor Silva asked what was originally going to go on this property.

Mr. Sanders explained that originally there should have been a house and a concession stand but the conditional use permits have expired.

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

8. Big Brothers & Big Sisters Proclamation: Presentation, discussion and action regarding Proclaiming January 2012 as National Mentoring month.

Mayor Dan Muth read the Proclamation regarding proclaiming January 2012 as National Mentoring month.

Steve Christensen/Ron Thebeau motion to accept the proclamation for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Northern Arizona.

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

9. Landscape Committee: Presentation by the landscape committee regarding the landscape design for the front of the old school.

Phelps Wilkins presented the design of the landscape for front of the old school building. He said the committee consisting of Becky Pacey, Teresa Becker, Dale Goodman, Kay Wilkins, himself and Brian Burnham designed this first draft of the landscaping. He said they wanted to present the design to the council and ask for input. He explained that the draft includes the removal of several of the trees that blocks the front of the school and invited anyone with questions to attend the meetings. He said the landscaping design would have to be completed in phases. He also said they had reduced the amount of grass, and they want to build a bell tower. (draft attached)

Vice Mayor Silva stated that she would hate to see all the trees removed from the front of the school because of the history that comes with them. She said it was a beautiful plan but doesn't want to see our heritage gone.

Councilmember Christensen said they are trying to incorporate the Enhancement project with the bulb outs, the road and the landscape and parallel parking.

Kay Wilkins reported that the Historical Society made a video of our area that includes beautiful pictures of the mountains, wildlife and the area. The CD is put together with music and narration with all of the pictures donated and for sale at the Chamber of Commerce for \$20.00. They plan to show this video in the theater room.

11. State Centennial Celebration: Discussion regarding having a celebration for Arizona's Centennial.

Phelps said he requested this on the agenda. He said the communities were asked to do some kind of project for the Centennial and the old school is their project. He said they're pushing hard to get it finished and everyone moved in by the Centennial. He feels they need to have some type of celebration and suggested that the council appoint a community member maybe Kay Dyson, that would organize other members and plan a celebration that includes the old school.

Manager West said that in talking with Phelps his thought was to push this out about a little further maybe a week or two later. This would also give us an opportunity to pull people from the State and recognize it. Phelps said the only major thing left to do is trimming around the doors and the floors sanded and finished.

Chamber Director Christensen said the chamber is thinking of doing is making post cards with pictures of the old school and handing them out. The cost is for a thousand postcards is reasonable.

Manager West asked for direction from the council and asked them to call him if they had any other names they would like to consider. He reported the State is very interested in coming and doing something with the town and have been contacted by the Centennial Committee asking for a date.

Manager West suggested we get someone first and get organized. We might be able to get a lot of donations.

Vice Mayor Silva suggested contacting the service clubs about serving refreshments.

12. Tourism Tax: Discussion and action regarding a request from the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$1,000 for the River Walk.

Connie Hunt/Ron Thebeau motion to approve the request from the Springerville-Eagar Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$1,000.

Discussion: Vice Mayor Silva complimented on the great job Becki is doing but had concerns with funds left in the Tourism Tax and whether it will last until the end of the budget.

Ms. Christensen said she spend \$1,532.00 on lights.

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 with a quorum present in executive session on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2012.

Town Clerk