

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
November 19, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Council: Mayor Mary Nedrow
Vice Mayor Susan Silva
Councilmember Richard Davis
Councilmember Robert MacKenzie

Staff: Town Manager Steve West
Town Clerk Val Cordova
Police Chief Mike Nuttall
Finance Director Heidi Wink

Legal Counsel: Timothy Shaffery

Public: Kevin Burk, Arlene Roan, Cindy Cole and Karen Warnick with White Mountain Independent.

Mayor Nedrow called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation: Ms. Arlene Roan addressed the council regarding how the sewer bills are calculated. Manager West explained that the sewer is calculated on water usage during three months of water during the winter. He asked her to come into the office and they would review her bill and straighten it out.

4. Manager, Council and Staff Reports:

Manager West reported that he, Mayor Nedrow, Vice Mayor Silva and Chief Nuttall met with three representatives of the Mexican Consulate regarding how they could help the town with some of the immigration issues and what are some of the things the town can help them with. Issues discussed were the conversing with language barriers, their participation in the census count, and the potential for victimization by each other and not reporting it to the authorities and not sharing of information. They said they would build a pamphlet in Spanish if we would get the information to them for distribution. Another suggestion brought up was the possibility of financial assistance from them to set up a group learning center to help with the language barrier.

Vice Mayor Silva said the Consulate had come in during the Wallow fire and knocked on the doors of people that don't speak Spanish and told them they had to evacuate.

Manager West also explained that they are going to give them some type of a drivers license or and ID. They would have to pass a test to get a drivers license with some type of stamp noting whether they are legal or illegal. The issue of underinsured, uninsured drivers in accidents was also brought up. They explained that if they don't get the means to drive, they can't get insurance because it's the law. They said they would be back again.

Manager West also reported that the U of A would be starting a Veterinary College that would be fast tracked in four years. He and Chris called them and asked if they could be part of this and they

suggested this could be a great place to do some of their internships with our Veterinarians and they were not opposed to the idea. They said they could come back and meet with them on February 19th.

He attended a dispatch meeting at which they discussed the possibility of using an incremental type of payment system over a five year period to get to where they want everyone to be. He reminded the council that the offices would be closed for Thanksgiving.

Mayor Nedrow said she wants to set a date for an economic development worksession on the next agenda.

Community Development Director Chiesl followed up with the U of A report noting that there are five satellites with four set up around the state and they're looking at us as the potential fifth satellite and this would be the only public training school. They will be meeting with two professors and vets on the 19th. She was also asked to check on the possibility of bringing in an Arizona Collectibles Road Show. These folks said they need to have at least three thousand antiques and shoot 13 shows in two days and are talking about 2016 too. She reported we're going to be getting a pawn shop and the next public hearing on January 7th for CDBG will be coming up to decide what topics they want. The Transportation Enhancement grant environmental was completed today and they will be here next Monday.

Tim reported that the sewer cleaning is going well and is about 45% complete. The Mason Drive water line replacement is complete and the next project will be sewer lines at the top of Pima, the construction documents for the rehab of the one million gallon water tank are completed and will go out to be in December, finalizing the construction documents for backup generator for the west lift station, and working on the documents for the east well. The Pima Street mill and overlay is on schedule is at 95% is on schedule for next spring. He received confirmation for the SHIP for striping of South Mountain Ave and Maricopa for this summer. The council chambers and museum is also going well and on track. They will begin working on Christmas decorations next week for the town and the chamber and will be working on a Christmas float.

Manager West said a plaque is in the works for the park thanking.

Public Works Director Tim Rasmussen gave an update on the projects he's working on. They will be working on replacing sewer lines with PVC. They will be looking at drilling test holes for the new well. The council chambers and museum is also on track. They will start working on decorations for Christmas and they will be working on a float for the Christmas parade.

Chief Nuttall reported that they caught the kids that vandalized the park with graffiti. They recovered some stolen cones but don't know who took them.

5. Oath of Office:

Newly elected officials Mary Nedrow, Susan Silva and Robert MacKenzie were sworn into office by Town Clerk Val Cordova.

6. Consent Items:

- a. Consider approval of the minutes of the November 5, 2014 town council meeting held at 6pm
- b. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable for the month of October, 2014

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to approve consent items 6a and 6b as presented.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Susan Silva
		Richard Davis
		Robert MacKenzie

7. Old Business:

8: Appointment of Vice Mayor: Discussion and action regarding accepting nominations and the appointment of Vice Mayor:

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to nominate Susan Silva as Vice Mayor.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Richard Davis
		Robert MacKenzie

9. Forest Update: Hear a Forest Update presentation by Jim Zornes with USFS.
This item could not be present.

10. Employee Handbook: Discussion and action regarding adopting the new Town of Springerville Employee handbook

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to adopt the new employee handbook.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Susan Silva
		Richard Davis
		Robert MacKenzie

11. Financial Policies: Discussion and action regarding adopting the new financial policies for the Town of Springerville

Susan Silva/Robert MacKenzie motion to approve the financial policies for the Town of Springerville.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Susan Silva
		Richard Davis
		Robert MacKenzie

12. Adjournment:

Robert MacKenzie/Richard Davis motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Mary Nedrow, 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, November 19, 2014. I further certify that meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2014

Town Clerk