



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

## Minutes

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm**

Attendees: Staff: Town Manager Tim Rasmussen, Town Clerk Kelsi Miller, Town Attorney Brandon Kavanagh (telephonically), Chief of Police Dayson Merrill, Police Department Admin Amy Sloane, Public Works Director Robert Pena, Planning and Zoning Director Stormy Palmer

**Springerville Town Council Chambers - 418 E. Main St. Springerville, AZ  
85938**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Springerville Town Council and to the general public that the Council will hold a meeting open to the public at the Springerville Town Hall, 418 East Main Street, Springerville, Arizona. The Town Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes Section 38-431.03 (A)(1)(3)(4) and (7) for legal consultation on any of the following agenda items.

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

**Minutes:**

Mayor Reidhead called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Kay Dyson led the pledge of allegiance.

#### 2. INVOCATION:

**Minutes:**

Robert Sandoval offered the invocation.

#### 3. ROLL CALL:

**Minutes:**

Present: Shelly Reidhead, Mayor; Richard Davis, Vice-Mayor; Douglas Henderson, Councilor; Donald Scott, Councilor; Florencio Lozoya, Councilor

#### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

**Minutes:**

Terry Shove addressed the Mayor and Council. She reported on the progress of the primary school and dome following the latest flooding. She explained that most of the delays at this point pertain to the contamination from the flooding. They are trying different disinfectants on the turf. It had one unsuccessful disinfectant and now waiting for the testing from the second round. She

reported that soccer, football, and volleyball are in full swing. Homecoming will be the weekend of October 9th.

## 5. COUNCIL, MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS:

### a. Mayor & Council Reports: Summary Updates on committee meetings.

#### **Minutes:**

Councilor Douglas Henderson reported on attending a Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board meeting on June 29th.

Councilor Florencio Lozoya reported on attending the League Annual Conference in Phoenix.

Mayor Shelly Reidhead reported on attending the Springerville Rib Burn event and that it keeps growing bigger and bigger. She reported on a grand opening/ribbon cutting for a motorsports shop in Springerville. She explained she met with Judge Latham regarding a new charter for the local Boys and Girls Club. They toured the former NPC building and will have an inspection done on it. They will be rebranding the club.

Councilor Donald Scott reported he also attended the Rib Burn and was a judge for it.

### b. Staff Reports: Summary Updates

#### **Minutes:**

Dayson Merrill Chief of Police reported that Council can review the full statistics from the department in their packet. He highlighted the total arrests based on misdemeanors and felonies. He reported on recent training including all officers being trained on the new tasers, Bevington and volunteer Sloan attended a background check training, and Amy has attended multiple trainings regarding records. They participated in the walk to school day, met with animal rescue personnel to see how we could help each other, and held a PSPRS meeting on August 29. He gave an overview of current staffing, Sergeant Holmes has taken a position for Eloy Police Department, we will miss him and wish him the best. Danielle is currently doing animal control on weekends as a part-time employee and we are interviewing soon for the full-time position. He reported on the successes the three police cadets are having at the academy, they are all doing well and showing great leadership. Manager Rasmussen asked him to explain what the PSPRS Drops program was, he explained once a Tier 1 officer has hit his 20 years he can choose to go into a Deferred Retirement Option Plan. Mayor Reidhead asked if the County Attorney's Office mess is affecting the police department. He said minimally, some cases have been sent to Brett to prosecute and some have been dropped. The bigger cases are going forward and our officers have been attending court.

Robert Pena the Public Works Director reported that they have been busy on multiple projects from North Pima, the North West sewer project, and Weinema.

### c. Manager Tim Rasmussen: Summary Updates & presentation(s)

#### **Minutes:**

Manager Rasmussen reported on the grant progress. We accepted grants from SRP/TEP in the amount of \$25,000 to go towards our WIFA AMR's grant match, a grant to hire a consultant to help us with our Master Plan, and an EDA grant for \$248,000 for the

engineering for the Light Industrial Park by the airport. In the last two years, we have successfully written four grants totaling over \$822,000. He will be writing a utility grant for another \$ 25,000 to help pay for the grant writer for economic grants. He reported on grant activity for the replacement of Weineima Bridge which was estimated to cost \$1.4 million. We have received \$750,000 from an Economic Development Initiative grant. He reported on a conversation with the FAA concerning the Lava Run Wind farms, the original plan was for the closest turbine to be 10 miles away from town, the new map shows the closest turbine less than 4 miles from Becker Lake and only 6 miles from our airport. The FAA explained an obstruction analysis review would need to be done. We also contacted St. John airport manager, who was unaware of the proximity to their airport. He reported on the open positions in the town and planned interview dates. Fall Fest will be held on October 5th at Town Hall. We have a bid closing for the AMR Installation projection on October 1st. Lastly, he reported we are currently advertising an RFP for the lease of 225 E Main Street. Mayor Reidhead asked if we have received our opioid settlement money yet. Manager Rasmussen said we have not. She was told the county has had it and has been holding on to it for two years.

## 6. CONSENT ITEMS:

### Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Douglas Henderson, seconded by Vice Mayor Richard Davis to approve consent items 6a, 6b, and 6c as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

### Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

- a. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable register from August 9,2024 through September 9, 2024.
- b. Consider approval of August 14, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes.
- c. Consider approval of August 20, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes.

## 7. PRESENTATION: AZ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### Minutes:

This item was tabled.

## 8. PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 2024-002

### Minutes:

FIRST ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to enter into a Public Hearing to take public and Council comments on proposed ordinance 2024-002.

Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION: No comments were made.

SECOND ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Donald Scott, seconded by Councilor Florencio Lozoya to leave the public hearing and enter back into the regular session.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results: Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

## NEW BUSINESS

### 9. FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2024-002

**Minutes:**

FIRST READING: Vice Mayor Richard Davis completed the first reading of Ordinance 2024-002 AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGERVILLE, ARIZONA, AMENDING TITLE 6, "ANIMALS" CHAPTER 6.08 IMPOUND OF ANIMALS - SECTIONS 6.08.010 NOTICE TO OWNERS OF IMPOUNDMENT; 6.08.040 REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS; AND CHAPTER 6.04 RULES AND REGULATIONS - SECTION 6.04.100 NUMBER OF ANIMALS ALLOWED, OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGERVILLE TOWN CODE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### 10. ROAF COMPLAINT:

**Minutes:**

FIRST ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Donald Scott, seconded by Vice Mayor Richard Davis to enter into executive session for item 10.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:** Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

SECOND ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to leave the executive session and enter back into the regular session.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:** Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

### 11. WHITE MOUNTAINS FLOWER COMPLAINT:

**Minutes:**

FIRST ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Donald Scott, seconded by Councilor Doug Henderson to enter into executive session for item 11.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:** Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

SECOND ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to leave the executive session and enter back into the regular session.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:** Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

### 12. TOWN MANAGER CONTRACT:

**Minutes:**

FIRST ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Douglas Henderson, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to enter into executive session for item 12.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:** Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

SECOND ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Donald Scott, seconded by Vice Mayor Richard Davis to leave the executive session and enter back into the regular session.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:** Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Minutes:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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Shelly Reidhead, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kelsi Miller, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in a Regular Meeting on \_\_\_\_\_. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

**Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024**

\_\_\_\_\_. Kelsi Miller, Town Clerk

Members of the public who only want to provide written comments can express their comments by emailing the Town Clerk at [kmiller@springervilleaz.gov](mailto:kmiller@springervilleaz.gov) to be read or summarized during the call to the public. All comments must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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