



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm

**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 Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Brian Carpenter led the pledge of allegiance.

### 2. ROLL CALL:

**Minutes:**

The Town Clerk completed a roll call. Councilor Douglas Henderson - Present, Vice Mayor Robert MacKenzie - Present, Mayor Phil Hanson - Present, Councilor Donald Scott - Present, Councilor Richard Davis - Present. A quorum is present.

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

**Minutes:**

Terry Shove addressed the Mayor and Council. She reported that school will start on August 15th and teachers will report back around August 1st. She reported that a few weeks ago they had all teaching staff arranged. Due to a variety of reasons they had 4 teachers resign so they are working on refilling those positions. Next, she informed Council that they will be moving the kindergarten classes back to the elementary school on Maricopa. They have repainted the middle school gym for the upcoming

school year also. They have replaced the lights in the dome with LED lights. The annual chamber raffle for the Boys and Girls club is off to a great start. Next, she updated that Little Colorado Meats is open for business and they are now processing beef.

Brian Carpenter with Community Center updated on their recent trip to Quemado to play bingo with the seniors. He will be taking a group of seniors to the upcoming hummingbird festival and the Alpine gold, gem, and mineral show. Next, he reported that they have hired another driver to help with transport. Tony will be paid by a NACOG grant. Brian will be doing the morning transports and Tony will be doing the afternoon transports. Everything else is moving smoothly and meals on wheels are staying busy.

Becki Christensen with the Chamber of Commerce reported that she recently attended the AZ governor's office of tourism conference. She was happy to report Marcie, the director of the Springerville Heritage Center was in attendance. They talked about partnering for some marketing efforts and upcoming events. She next reported on the AZ Rural Policy Forum in Winslow on August 3-5th. This is a great way for rural areas to share information and resources. She introduced Bill Farbstien with the chamber. She let Council know that Bill is working for the White Mountain Independent. There will be a story and interview in Friday's paper on the Museum and Heritage Center.

#### **4. COUNCIL, MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS:**

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

###### **Minutes:**

Mayor Hanson reported that he attended the water adjudication meeting about a week ago. He reported that the Hopi's settled, and the Navajos are close to settling, but this could go on for some more years. They were more optimistic at this meeting than prior. He explained we will be getting funds to help subsidize paying for the litigation.

##### **b. Manager Christopher Collopy: Summary Updates & presentation(s)**

###### **Minutes:**

Manager Collopy updated the Council on the Airport house. It has closed, been paid for, and the deed has been executed. He let Council know that we interviewed for the Public Works Director position. We plan to extend a conditional offer letter of employment. Next, he reported that the Southern Apache County grant application for fiber was awarded by the ACA. Manager Collopy let them know he will be meeting with them this week. The environmental study is taking place at the old Fire Department as well as some other properties around Town. We should be getting these reports back soon. Starting next month our Council meetings will be live streamed.

##### **c. Staff Reports: Summary Updates**

###### **Minutes:**

Lucas Reynolds the Fire Chief reported on the success of the Firework show. They were nervous for a minute with the rain but everything went great. He thanked all of those who helped. He reported that AED's have been installed in four Town buildings. They have applied for multiple grants including the Gila River grant for updated radios and a couple of other grants for turnouts. He let the public and Council know that fire restrictions were lifted on June 24th. For Springerville residences wanting to burn please get a burn permit. He updated that Eagar fire has been short staffed and Springerville is providing assistance to them.

Dayson Merrill the Chief of Police thanked the Council for their continuous support. He let them know that last month they had 139 calls for service. This is with only 5 officers. They are staying very busy. They took part in the bike ride for the wounded warriors. Next, he updated on the new cadet attending the police academy. He is doing great and very driven. He has been in contact with a possible lateral officer and will update on that as it develops. He updated on the Governors of Highway Safety grant and the uses of it for traffic details and DUI's. With these funds, they are able to increase patrol and make the town safer. He next updated they will be working with the schools to do training on active shooters and making sure the officers are familiar with the layouts of the schools. Lastly, he updated that the Sheriff's Office used to do the transports for patients needing to go from the hospital to the mental health facility in Pinetop. They are no longer doing those. Springerville police department will be taking care of these transports for Springerville citizens to make sure they are getting the care they need.

Michael "Mischa" Larisch the community development director gave Council a brief update. This month he has issued one building, one electrical permit and one sign permit. Criswell RV Park (FINCO) received a certificate of occupancy and completed the requirements of his conditional use permit. He has completed multiple building inspections including work on 2 duplexes at 215 W Main Street. They plan to complete 4 right now and they are permitted for 2 more. The GIS platform is going well, public works is currently gathering manhole data. The planning and Zoning meeting scheduled for July 12th was canceled due to a lack of a quorum.

## 5. CONSENT ITEMS:

### **Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Doug Henderson motioned to approve items 5a, 5b, 5c, and 5d as presented.

DISCUSSION: Council asked to discuss and take action on item 5e independently.

### **Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

- a. Consider approval of the updated Inspection Services Agreement with the AZ Department of Housing for maintaining standards of quality and**

safety.

- b. **Consider ratification and approval of accounts payable register from 06/02/2022-7/12/2022.**
- c. **Consider ratification and approval of the Sunstate Technology renewal.**
- d. **Consider approval of the June 15, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.**
- e. **Consider approval of the JTJ Holdings (Guardian Flight) contract addendum to allow them a lien against the building.**

**Minutes:**

DISCUSSION: Town Attorney Ms. Henry explained that this item is an addendum to an existing lease with Guardian Flight. Today we received two additional documents that will need to be executed for this addendum. Ms. Henry stated she has reviewed the estoppel certificate and the memorandum of lease. She sees no issues with these items.

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Donald Scott motioned to approve the contract addendum as presented and authorize the Town Manager to execute any documents necessary for the addendum.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

**6. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 22/23 BUDGET:**

**Minutes:**

FIRST ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Donald Scott motioned to enter into Public Hearing to take Council and public comments on the proposed FY 22/23 budget.

FIRST VOTE: Ayes 5, Nays 0

No Council and no public commented.

SECOND ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Donald Scott motioned to leave Public Hearing and go back into regular session.

SECOND VOTE: Ayes 5, Nays 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

**7. ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET:**

**Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Richard Davis motioned to adopt the fiscal year 22/23 final budget as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Minutes:**

FIRST ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Richard Davis motioned to enter into executive session at 6:29 p.m.

FIRST VOTE: Ayes 5 , Nays 0

SECOND ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Donald Scott motioned to leave executive session and enter back into regular session at 6:47 p.m.

SECOND VOTE: Ayes 5 , Nays 0

Discussion: None

**a. Candidate Review for the Planning and Zoning Commission:**

**b. Claims against the town by White Mountains Flower:**

**c. Claims against the town by Shawn Ray:**

**d. Franchise Fees & Agreements:**

**9. POSSIBLE ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Minutes:**

No action as a result of the executive session.

**10. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION VACANCIES APPOINTMENT:**

**Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Richard Davis motioned appoint Daniel Torres to fill the Planning and Zoning Commission vacancy expiring December 31, 2022 and Christina Gardom to fill the Planning and Zoning Commission vacancy expiring December 31, 2023.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

**11. TOURISM TAX FUND REQUEST:**

**Minutes:**

ACTION: Donald Scott/ Robert MacKenzie motioned to approve the Tourism Tax funds in the amount of \$750 to the Chamber of Commerce.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

**12. DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION:**

**a. Update from the Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce:**

**Minutes:**

DISCUSSION/ UPDATE: Becki Christensen the executive director of the Chamber of Commerce updated the Council on what they have achieved this past year as the Springerville DMO. She further explained the designation goes to the office of AZ tourism and opens up resources for her to better market the Town. Last year it allowed her to advertise in the official AZ travel guide that is distributed to 400,000 people. This year we will get full page ads in the Arizona Highways magazines in June and July. They will continue their efforts in marketing this area with their marketing collateral, last year they marketed "The Other Arizona", and this year they plan to "Capture the Passion" or "Capture the Fun". She went over the cost of this and how half of it is grant funded.

**b. RESOLUTION 2022-007:**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Hanson read Resolution 2022-007 out loud.

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Richard Davis motioned to approve Resolution 2022-007.

DISCUSSION: It was explained this will have to be annually if we wish to continue to designate the chamber.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

**13. RESOLUTION 2022-006:**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Hanson read Resolution 2022-006 out loud.

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Doug Henderson motioned to approve Resolution 2022-006.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Donald Scott motioned to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

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 during the call to the public. All comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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