



TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 2:00 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 SPECIAL MEETING: 2:00 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Minutes:

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Don Scott led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL:

Minutes:

The Town Clerk completed a roll call.

Vice-Mayor Robert MacKenzie - Present, Mayor Phil Hanson Jr. - Present, Councilor

Shelly Reidhead - Present, Councilor Richard Davis - Absent.

A quorum is present.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

3. ONE AZ AND NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS:

Minutes:

DISCUSSION: Town Attorney Tosca Henry explained within the packet material is

multiple settlements. Both items look very similar. The Council has discussed this multiple times. If the Town chooses to participate in these settlements' funds can be used for law enforcement and combating the opioid epidemic. Measures include training, education, community outreach, and awareness for law enforcement and other first responders. The amount is still a question mark, it is based on participation of the towns / cities, but the projection is over 6 figures. We are outside of the time frame to opt in, but they did give us an extension. We finally received confirmation that the claims against Fred Harper and Western Drug in Springerville have been dismissed with prejudice. Meaning they cannot immediately refile and add them back on. Councilor Reidhead verified the case number was the one correct one. Ms. Henry said yes, they have received evidence that it was the right case number.

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to approve joining the One Arizona Opioid settlement and the national opioid settlements and authorize the Town Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

4. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR APACHE COUNTY BROADBAND GRANT:

Minutes:

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to direct the Mayor to sign the letter of support for the County's efforts.

DISCUSSION: Councilor MacKenzie asked if we know why the City of St. Johns removed their support for the Sparklight grant. Manager Collopy explained Sparklight was in the process of applying for this grant from the Arizona Commerce Authority for Springerville and St. Johns. St. Johns has just decided to not go along with Sparklight and instead join the Apache County broadband plan. This left Springerville by itself on the grant application. St. Johns thought the County had a better chance of getting the grant so that is why they switched support. With us being alone it left the chance of us getting the grant slim to none. After discussions with Sparklight and St. Johns Manager Collopy is recommending we support the County grant. Mayor Hanson pointed out Eagar and St. Johns are supporting the Southern County grant application.

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Minutes:

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to adjourn at 2:10 p.m.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / 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 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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Contact: Kelsi Miller, Town Clerk (kmiller@springervilleaz.gov) (928) 333-2656 x 224 | Minutes published on 01/13/2022, adopted on 01/19/2022