



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

## Minutes

**Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm**

Attendees: Staff: Heidi Wink - Interim Town Manager/ Finance Director, Tosca Henry- Town Attorney . Kelsi Miller - Town Clerk, Tim Rasmussen - Public Works Director / Interim Community Development Director, Dayson Merrill - Chief of Police, Quintin McCue - Sergeant, Kevin Davis - Officer, Brayden Wiltbank- Officer, Dennis Gilliam- Admin Assistant, Shane Phillips- Animal Control, Robert Pena III- Battalion Chief

**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. Officer Davis led the pledge of allegiance.

### 2. ROLL CALL:

#### Minutes:

The Town Clerk completed a roll call. Councilor Llamas - Present, Vice-Mayor MacKenzie - Present, Mayor Hanson - Present, Councilor Davis - Present, Councilor Reidhead - Present.  
A quorum is present.

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

#### **Minutes:**

Terry Shove addressed the Mayor and Council. She gave an update on the schools. The new teachers for this coming school year have been hired and they will start training next week. This summer the schools were able to replace the carpet in the middle school and the elementary school library. She announced the Foundation for Little Colorado Restoration is moving forward with the USDA grant for a beef processing facility. They will be hosting a meeting regarding the progress of the grant on July 28th at Avery's at noon. Council asked Terry to explain a little further about the facility, she gave them a few more details on the processing facility and its size.

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

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

#### **Minutes:**

Vice Mayor MacKenzie reported he and Heidi had a Blue Hills meeting regarding the purchase of equipment and the election of officers.

Councilor Davis report he attended a PSPRS meeting.

Mayor Hanson called Shane Phillips the Animal Control Officers to the podium.

He was presented with an award for going above and beyond with volunteering his time to the community.

#### **b. Interim Town Manager Heidi Wink: Summary Updates & presentation(s)**

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

#### **Minutes:**

Dayson Merrill Chief of Police let the Council know he has supplied them with a written report in their packets. He wanted to thank all of his officers for all of their hard work as the department is still short-handed. They are actively looking for either a lateral or another cadet to send to the police academy.

### 5. CONSENT ITEMS:

#### **Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to adopt consent items 5a, 5b, 5c, and 5d as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

#### **Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

- a. Consider approval of the June 8, 2021 Town Council Work Session minutes.**
- b. Consider approval of the June 16, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting minutes.**
- c. Consider approval of the June 23, 2021 Town Council Special Meeting minutes.**
- d. Consider ratification and approval of accounts payable register from 6/05/21 to 7/12/2021.**

## 6. PUBLIC HEARING:

### Minutes:

1st ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Ruben Llamas motioned to open a public hearing at 6:07 p.m to take public and Council comments on the proposed Final Budget . The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION: There were no comments from the public or the Council.

2ND ACTION: Robert MacKenzie motioned to close the public hearing and enter back into regular session at 6:08 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

### Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

## OLD BUSINESS

## 7. FUTURE OF BROADBAND:

### a. Stephen Brideau discussion:

#### Minutes:

DISCUSSION: Stephen Brideau addressed the Council and the public. Steve is the General Manager of Sparklight. He explained to the Council they are wanting to reopen discussions regarding Sparklight coming to this area. He let Council know that in January he spoke with them and proposed some conditions to coming to our area. He wanted to let them know all of those conditions are negotiable. He went over the counties and towns that Sparklight is currently serving. They have been providing services in Arizona for 60 years, this is not a new business trying to come into the area, they are well established. When Sparklight last spoke with the Town they were waiting to see if the neighboring Town was also interested in Sparklight. It has been established they are not, and that is okay. Sparklight is in Show Low , their are ACA grants available, with the support of the Council that they can go after it to bring it to Springerville without Eagars support. They need to know that they are coming into a welcoming environment and that the Town wants them here. He explained tonight they aren't looking for a formal agreement. He further explained they have a good working relationship with Navopache Electric, and aren't concerned about not being able to attach fiber to poles. They use NEC poles in Show Low and Pinetop. All they would need is the authorization from the Town to use Town right of ways. Council asked besides the letter of support do they need anything else from us to apply for the ACA grant? Stephen responded no, they hope if they bring the service to Town that Springerville would want to be on the internet but it is all negotiable. A question from the audience was asking if this would be both internet and television and do you have to do both. He said it will be either or. They offer online cable television but they are primarily an internet provider. A question from the audience asked what the price ranges are? Stephen explained the monthly pricing is from \$35 and up to \$100. Council asked about a timeline. He said if we follow the ACA Grant timelines they would anticipate the

grant application would be submitted in early September. Once the grant is available they anticipate with permitting, engineering, and construction to take about 18 months. They could focus on the business districts first and have them up sooner. Council inquired about service and where they would be dispatched from. He explained they would likely have a mobile technician stationed here and dispatched from the Show Low office. For larger business they have 24 hour response time for internet outages, they will respond to residential outages the same day up until 7:00 p.m. They have minimal outages, but it is not a perfect world and outages happen. They have multiple recognition's on reliability. They do business in 23 states. Regarding infrastructure and fiber, ATNI built fiber last year, they have previously partnered with ATNI and buy services off of each other. If the exciting fiber is reliable to their satisfaction they try to stay with that. It was asked if they can run fiber below ground if that is the direction Council goes. He said they are fully capable of underground fiber, it costs about 10 times as much, but in new subdivisions if developers trench for utilities to go underground they will happily go that route.

**b. Letter of Support:**

**Minutes:**

Council directed staff to provide Sparklight with a letter of support.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Brideau said this letter is with no strings attached.

## NEW BUSINESS

**8. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES APPOINTMENT:**

**a. Trinity Raymer**

**Minutes:**

Councilor Shelly Reidhead declared a conflict of interest and recused herself from this item.

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Richard Davis motioned to appoint Trinity Raymer to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

**b. Will Sands**

**Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to appoint Will Sands on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

AMENDED MOTION: Robert MacKenzie amended his motion to appoint Will Sands to the Planning and Zoning Commission for 1 year 5 months.

DISCUSSION: Tim Rasmussen the Interim Community Development Director asked Council to consider appointing Mr. Sands for a term of 1 year 5 months.

**Vote results:**

**9. REZONE APPLICATION FOR 67 SOUTH PINAL:**

**Minutes:**

ACTION: Shelly Reidhead/ Richard Davimotioned to approve the rezoning of 67 South Pinal Street from R1-7 Zone, Single Family Residential to C1 - General Commercial.

DISCUSSION: Councilor MacKenzie asked why? Councilor Reidhead responded because it is a mini trailer park in front of Woodland. It is next to commercial property. It was discussed the property is on the market with Gracie Becker.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

**10. INTERIM FIRE CHIEF:**

**Minutes:**

ACTION: Ruben Llamas/ Robert MacKenzie motioned to appoint Battalion Fire Chief, Robert Pena III as Interim Fire Chief.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Davis asked if the position has been listed yet. Interim Town Manager Heidi Wink asked if they want it listed as contact or a full time position. Councilor Davis suggested it be a full time Fire Chief. Mayor Hanson said we just budgeted for a full time Firefighter. Councilor Llamas said we can switch that and do a full time Chief and a contract firefighter. Manager Wink agreed. Council all agreed to do a full time Chief. They agreed this position will not be advertised as a RFQ.

Councilor Davis asked what the time frame is on having the interim Chief and hiring a Chief. Hieid said an interim is a good idea while we advertise for the position. We will start the process soon. Councilor Reidhead asked if it made sense financially. Robert Pena III said it was his understanding his pay would stay the same while he was serving as interim.

AYES: Ruben Llamas, Robert MacKenzie, Phil Hanson

NAYS: Richard Davis, Shelly Reidhead

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 2

**11. DIRECTION FOR INTERVIEWING TOWN MANAGER CANDIDATES:**

**Minutes:**

Interim Town Manager Heidi Wink said we have started to advertise for the position and is inquiring how Council would like to do the interviews. They can all interview the candidates or just some of the Council can sit on the board. She said they can also add people to the board if they would like such as other Town Managers. Mayor Hanson said the last Town Manager was interviewed by all Town Council. All Council agreed they would all like to sit on the board. Councilor Reidhead asked how they would feel about asking the Eagar Town Manager to sit on the board. Mayor Hanson was okay with that Councilor Davis said it would be nice to have that outside opinion, Heidi feels like its a good idea. Councilor Llamas isn't sure why we want someone from another municipality. Councilor Reidhead stated they do not have the Town

Manager experience and he does. Councilor MacKenzie says he sees the point. They asked the Town Attorney Ms. Henry if it would be okay? She said she has seen it done both ways, its not unusual to bring in an outsider while its also unusual to have just the Council. Council asked Manager Wink to check the Eagar Town Manager and see if he would be willing.

## 12. FINANCE POLICY UPDATE:

### **Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to approve the proposed changes to the finance policy as presented effective immediately.

DISCUSSION: Interim Manager Heidi Wink said that the current policy is the reserve fund is to be 8% of our general fund. After calculations she determined that is only around \$195,000. We currently have over \$3 million right now in there. We looked at the old policy from 1997 and the rainy day fund was \$2 million. She feels increasing it to \$2 million would be a much safer amount.

### **Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

## 13. ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET:

### **Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to adopt the fiscal year 2021/2022 Final Budget in the amount of \$12,722,889.

### **Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

## 14. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT:

### **Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Ruben Llamas approve an FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant in the amount of \$160,820.00 for the design of the pavement rehabilitation on runway 3/21 and authorize payment by the Town of the 4.47% match in the amount of \$7,188.66, as well as authorize the Interim Town Manager to execute the grant on behalf of the Town.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Reidhead asked if this was budgeted for, Ms. Wink responded it was. Mayor Hanson asked if we know if and when we will get the grant, airport manager Sean Kienle let him know they are just waiting for our signature.

## 15. INMATE WORK CONTRACT WITH ASPC:

### **Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to approve the renewal contract with the Arizona State Prison Complex for inmate labor as presented and authorize the Interim Town Manager to execute the contract.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Hanson said he is happy to see inmates back helping the Town and building the new gazebo.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

**16. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Ruben Llamas motioned to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 5

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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