



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 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. Shawna Llamas 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 - Absent, Councilor Reidhead - Present.

A quorum is present

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Minutes:

Scott Poche addressed the Mayor and Council. He explained he is a resident of 20 years, a community member, parent, coach, and is a therapist / CEO of Little Colorado Behavior Health. He is here to comment on potential dispensaries coming to Town he opposes them. He explained there is a lot of data about mental health and the effects of marijuana but instead of giving them tons of data that they can easily google he

wants to ask them a couple of questions. However, if Council does have an interest in talking about that data he would be happy to do so one on one. He reminded them that Council is here because people such as himself voted them to make decisions that are in the best interest of the Town of Springerville. The questions he would like for them to ponder are what process is being used by the town council to determine whether to allow dispensaries and is it in the best interest of the town? What information has been gathered and what discussions have been held regarding the messages it will send to the town and its residence if the decision is to allow dispensaries? His understanding is that the State of AZ has allowed dispensaries but cities and towns have the ability to not allow it. His last question is why this business? He is not opposed to businesses coming to Town. He feels there are other ways to bring revenues to town, he would be willing to help with that. He reiterated that he is opposed to marijuana dispensaries as a resident and healthcare professional.

4. COUNCIL, MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS:

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

Minutes:

Councilor Llamas reminded everyone if they have any questions regarding him they are welcome to contact him. He recently learned that there was a public records request regarding his disabled veteran status. He said if someone is interested he has the paperwork in his hand, he was 100% a disabled veteran and this was recently changed to 90%. He stated he has nothing to hide come by and talk to him, his door is always open. He is open to talking to anyone, even if they have a difference in opinion.

Mayor Hanson showed the Council and public the official plaque that the Town is now a tree city. We will also have signs up at both ends of Town. Eagar has been one for a while as well as many other Towns. He explained what tree city is, how it will help us support trees and obtain grants.

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

Minutes:

None

c. Staff Reports: Summary Updates

Minutes:

Robert Pena the Fire Chief let the Council know that they are currently painting the bay area if anyone would like to come help.

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes:

Robert Mackenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to approve consent items 5a and 5b as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

- a. **Consider approval of the April 21, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting minutes.**
- b. **Consider ratification and approval of accounts payable register from 4/13/21 to 5/11/2021**

OLD BUSINESS

6. TOWN ATTORNEY CANDIDATE:

Minutes:

Shelly Reidhead / Ruben Llamas motioned to appoint Tosca Henry as the Town Attorney and accept the conditions as proposed in the engagement letter.

DISCUSSION: Interim Town Manager Heidi Wink explained Tosca has given us a flat rate to attend meetings and will plan to attend most meetings in person.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

7. 2021 RIB THROWDOWN:

- a. **Presentation & donation request**

Minutes:

Mike Nuttal and Tony Contreras gave an update on the success from last years event. He said this is his annual request to use the venue, the generator, light tower, and \$2,000. 2021 will be the 10th annual event, making it Arizona's longest running BBQ cook off event because Tucson did not hold theirs due to COVID-19. Ruben asked them last year why they are not yet self sufficient, he thought about it and it is because they have no control of the finances as it was through the historical society. They have now started their own LLC and have submitted the forms to become a 501C3. The event is still growing. They advertised at the event in Show Low. They plan to cap it at 50 teams to be able to fit in the park. They want to keep the event in Springerville. They have made donation requests to SRP and will also request from TEP. They were informed that after this year they will be receiving an annual \$5,000 donation from a family. They should be self sufficient soon. He is also putting on one in Safford in October and there is the possibility of doing one in Florence. If the Town wanted to hold more than 1 event a year they could look into it. He said they are changing some things up such as the kids Q. Eventually they would like to have their own property to hold the event, but they are not there yet. Budweiser will be donating product to sell and they have applied for their liquor license. He explained funds they make will be given to 5 different charities including the Darrin Reed Foundation and Corporal Joe McCarthy Foundation. Councilor Llamas said they should advertise the charities that this money goes to. He does not make money personally. The band from last year has committed to

come back.

b. Action and direction resulting from item 7a.

Minutes:

Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to donate \$2,000 to the Rib Burn.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Reidhead asked Heidi Wink if we budgeted for this donation? Heidi informed her we budgeted \$1,500 in Mayor and Council and \$500.00 from Tourism Tax.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

8. FIRE CHIEF CONTRACT:

Minutes:

Ruben Llamas/ Robert MacKenzie motioned to table this item.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Hanson agreed , he feels they should all be there for this item.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

9. TOWN HALL ROOF AWARD:

Minutes:

Ruben Llamas / Shelly Reidhead motioned to award bid and approve payment to Quality 1st Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$106,490, authorize change order authority to the interim Town Manager for 10% of the bid amount, and authorize the interim Town Manager to execute the necessary documents.

DISCUSSION: Ruben Llamas asked when will this happen? Interim Town manager said it should happen by June 30th depending on material. A lot of issues right now are getting materials in.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

10. TOURISM TAX DONATION:

Minutes:

Ruben Llamas/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to approve the request from the White Mountain UTV Jamboree for a donation of \$500.00 from the Tourism Tax.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Hanson said we support this event every year.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

11. TITLE VI PLAN:

Minutes:

Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to approve the Title VI Plan which is required by the Civil Rights Team at ADOT in order to be ADA compliant, for the 5310 grant.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

12. RESOLUTION 2021-R006:**Minutes:**

Ruben Llamas/ Shelly Reidhead adopt resolution 2021-R006, the annual designation of the Chief Financial Officer as Heidi Wink for fiscal year 2022.

DISCUSSION: Interim Town Manager explained we have to do this annually to submit our annual audit.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

13. ADJOURNMENT:**Minutes:**

Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to adjourn at 6:27.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / 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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