



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:15 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.

AMENDED 11/16/21 8:01 AM TO ADD ON TO ITEM 10:

Discussion regarding the hiring process of the Zoning Administrator as allowed under A.R.S. § 38 431.03 (A) (1) (3).

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 6:15 p.m.
Vice-Mayor MacKenzie led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL:

Minutes:

The Town Clerk completed a roll call.
Councilor Ruben Llamas - Absent, Vice-Mayor Robert MacKenzie - Present, Mayor Phil Hanson - Present, Councilor Shelly Reidhead - Present, Councilor Richard Davis Present
A quorum is present.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Minutes:

Terry Shove addressed the Mayor and Council. She updated them on a recent project for the High School junior class. The purpose of the project was to help them understand the cost of college. They taught them how to complete FASA worksheets and showed them the breakdown of what they will have to contribute. The students experienced some sticker shock. The students were able to take home paperwork for their parents. They did this same project two years ago. Mayor Hanson asked if they followed up on the students? Terry replied yes they will follow up and help where they can. She next updated that the turf in the dome is being rolled up for the season and they also plan on replacing all the lights in there. The school district's budget override passed. Lastly, she reminded the Council and public of the Reason for the Season program on December 6th.

Gail Rich addressed the Mayor and Council. She is still trying to fix the issues she is having next door. She reminded them that there is a reason the town has zoning codes and laws. She feels the animal control officer is in a conflict of interest and actually contributing to the problem by taking stay animals to this business. She is using her business as a rescue as well as breeding animals in it. There are animals constantly kenneled inside for the purpose of breeding. She wants to know why the code is not being enforced for this. She has spoken with the Chief of Police who has told her to call after hours and complain about the noise while it is happening. She has done so and now feels like the officers are all aggravated with her. This is her last-ditch effort to try to get this taken care of and the codes enforced.

4. COUNCIL, MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS:**a. Mayor & Council Reports: Summary Updates on committee meetings.****Minutes:**

None

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

Manager Collopy updated that he is back and recovered from COVID. He said they completed the secondary interviews for the Fire Chief position. If negotiations go well we should have a new Chief by the end of December to early January. He updated that Shane Phillips is now serving as the Code Enforcement Officer. He hopes interviews for the Planning and Zoning/building position will be soon. Next, he updated that staff put the Veterans Day flags out at the Springerville and Eagar cemeteries. Staff is working on recruitment for the Police Department and broadband.

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

Robert Pena III the Battalion Chief updated the Mayor and Council that the department will soon start offering in-house CPR and First Aid classes. He also updated that the fire engine is back from the repair shop and back in service.

Dayon Merrill the Chief of Police updated they have applied for a GOHS Grant for a pick-up.

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes:

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Richard Davis motioned to approve consent items 5a and 5b as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

- a. **Consider approval of the October 20, 2021 , Regular Council Meeting Minutes.**
- b. **Consider ratification and approval of accounts payable register from 10/09/2021 through 11/08/2021.**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

6. REDISTRICTING:

a. **Review and Discussion:**

Minutes:

Jesse Byrant introduced himself to the Mayor and Council. He explained he loves the small Eastern Arizona Towns. He gave them some background on from 2001 to 2011 legislative districts and how they affect the 5 eastern counties, reservations, and southern counties. He said partisan aside he has always been an advocate for having rural representation. In 2000 the voters of Arizona voted to create the Independent Redistricting Commission. They are independent in the manner of being accountable only to the courts. The commission is made of five commissioners tasked with redrawing the district lines after each Census. When this was done in 2011, a lot of rural areas were moved into metro districts losing their rural voices. Apache County and the Springerville area was used as a bridge to connect the Navajo Nation with the San Carlos Reservation. This year Jesse's is advocating throughout Arizona to help restore the rural voice in legislation. Some on the commission may not understand the dire need for rural areas to have a voice so that is why they have been advocating for cities and towns to reach out to the IRC with letters of support or resolutions. He reviewed the current draft map the IRC is considering, he also reviewed the map he is asking the Council to support. Both maps proposed will keep Springerville in a rural district, however, one will support keeping Greer and Alpine with a rural district. He net showed the Council how to view the current maps being proposed by the IRC on their website. He also informed them that the San Carlos Reservation has declined support for the map Jesses group is proposing

because they feel too many tribal members live in the surrounding communities such as Globe, so they want those small towns grouped in with the district primarily tribal. He explained the IRC is in San Carlos tonight. Mayor Hanson asked the Town Attorney her thoughts. She explained many areas are reviewing the same things. The resolution proposed in item B is approved to form, this is a powerful tool for Councils to support their communities if they feel the proposal is best.

b. Resolution 2021-R009: Redistricting

Minutes:

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-009, supporting the proposed redistricting map for rural Arizona.

The Town Clerk read the Resolution out loud.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

7. AIRPORT HANGAR GROUND LEASES:

Minutes:

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to approve both lease agreements.

DISCUSSION: Town Manager Collopy explained we have worked with Tosca and Sean on these. The request for the lease is that the terms for this lease be greater. We are also looking at the cost for the lease and he suggests we get this lease going and evaluate the fees associated. We have the ability within the lease to evaluate if we are receiving market values. Mayor Hanson verified with the Town Attorney that both leases are approved to form. She said yes, they are meeting statute requirements.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

a. Moreman Family Trust Agreement

b. Mountain Gales, LLC

8. LEASE CONTRACT MODIFICATION: United States Forest Service

Minutes:

ACTION: Shelly Reidhead/ Richard Davis motioned we do not approve the presented contract modification from the United States Forest Service for the Airport apron leave.

DISCUSSION: Councilor MacKenzie asked why Shelly and Richard do not support this. Councilor Reidhead said if read through the material it is a vaccination mandate. Manager Collopy said his understanding is that the vaccination mandates are being challenged right now in the courts. He would suggest to Council we simply table this and see what happens in the courts. Mayor Hanson said he spoke with Sean, the airport manager about this and was informed if we do not approve this we can just charge them and treat them like we would any normal tiedown. He wanted on the record he is not going to support mandating vaccines, Councilor Reidhead agreed she

is not going to either. Mayor Hanson asked the Town Attorney what she thinks they should do. Attorney Henry let him know either option is viable and reminded him this is a policy decision. The correspondence from the USFS is clear they will not move forward with renewals if we do not renew. She feels Council is well aware of this. Councilor MacKenzie said this is a contract modification, so do they still have a contract? The Clerk let him know the current lease expires in March of 2022, this is their last year for the USFS to exercise their right to renew the contract before we have to bring a new one back to Council. Councilor MacKenzie said we can choose to do nothing and let them make that decision. Mayor Hanson asked Tosca if she would recommend that. She responded they have the option to table if they would like. Councilor Reidhead said she does not support that, she wants to make a statement. Mayor Hanson said he agrees with Shelly. Councilor MacKenzie said if Council wants to make a statement then he is okay with that. Robert asked how important is this apron lease to the Town? Mayor Hanson said they have to have planes in our area, we are the only airport, they will have to decide.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

9. DECEMBER MEETING DISCUSSION:

Minutes:

DISCUSSION: Councilor Reidhead explained they need to hold a December meeting, we have business owners on the line. She feels that by not holding the meeting we would be holding up progress. Councilor MacKenzie asked what progress. Ms. Reidhead said a piece of landlocked property and the RV park going in. Mayor Hanson said he is okay with whatever Tosca wants them to do. Councilor MacKenzie said if we have business to conduct we should have a meeting. Manager Collopy agrees if we have items we should hold a meeting. The reason the land issue was not on tonight's agenda is that we have a 15 day period we have to wait and see if it is appealed. Mayor Hanson asked the manager if they should hold a special meeting or regular meeting? He responded that is the pleasure of the Council. They agreed a regular meeting is okay with them.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Minutes:

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to enter into executive session at 7:06 p.m.

DISCUSSION: None

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

SECOND ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to exit the executive session and enter back into the regular session at 7:48 p.m.

DISCUSSION: None

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

11. POSSIBLE ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Minutes:

None

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Minutes:

Shelly Reidhead/ Richard Davis motioned to adjourn at 7:49 pm.

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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