



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

## Minutes

Wednesday, January 19, 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.

Terry Shove 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 - Present. A quorum is present.

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

#### Minutes:

Dave and Ginger Williams addressed the Mayor and Council. They explained they are requesting a waiver of a \$35 fee from the Town for a returned check. They ordered a new box of checks. Unfortunately the account number was misprinted. They did not know and paid their water bill with the checks. After another organization notified them the checks did not go through they contacted the Town to pay with a card. They also pointed out this has never happened before and they always pay their bill on

time. The Town Manager reassured Council that staff will look into it.

Terry Shove addressed the Mayor and Council. She announced she is now the School Board president. She updated that little league basketball has started. There are 300 kids and 37 teams between Round Valley and St. Johns this year. She explained the advantages of Round Valley and St. Johns kids playing each other. She gave a brief update on the Little Colorado Meat project. She informed Council that she will be requesting to be added to the next agenda to update them on the progress.

The Town Clerk read a written public comment submitted by Joseph Jarvis.

Mayor and Town Council, Thank you for taking the necessary action to fill the vacant seat on your Council. I am aware of the individuals who have submitted a letter of interest in filling the vacancy. One of the candidates served for many years as an employee of the Town. With your support, this candidate serves on an advisor board for the Town. Due in part to their leadership, good things for Springerville were accomplished. However, while I worked for the Town, I was informed of actions by this candidate that could be described as unprofessional, possibly unethical, and potentially illegal. I did not research the accusations, I just received the comments. Examples include, not taking leave from the Town when in fact they were working on behalf of other organizations. Receiving double compensation for travel expenses. Using limited Town resources for their personal benefit. In addition, their behavior towards staff, in particular female staff, may be described as sexist, bullying, and harassment. May you choose a candidate who will help support the direction that you want the Town to go and be an upstanding representative of Springerville. Joseph Jarvis

#### **4. ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTATION:**

**Minutes:**

Manager Collopy asked Council to table this item.

ACTION: Robert Mackenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to table this item.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

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

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

**Minutes:**

Mayor Hanson update he and Chris had intentions of sitting in on a meeting at the League via Zoom but they experienced technical difficulties.

Councilor Davis requested we schedule a Work Session to discuss salaries.

Councilor Reidhead updated that she has heard the County passed an ordinance regarding dispensaries it appears there is no setbacks. She would like to look into annexations.

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

**Minutes:**

Manager Collopy updated that he is currently working with finance on what we can do about salaries due to inflation. He is hoping to have something to bring to Council in February. He next updated that public works is doing a great job keeping up with all the work that comes with winter time. We will have the public works director position advertised soon. Next he updated that Mischa has the Community Development office looking good, he has been busy catching things up.

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

#### **Minutes:**

Lucas Reynolds the new Fire Chief introduced himself to the Mayor and Council. He gave a brief bio and career history including he brings 26 years of experience to the department. He has been a chief and a battalion chief for a variety of small towns across Arizona. He complemented on what a great department he is coming into and he is looking forward to being here. Chief of Police Dayson Merrill apologized to Council for not submitting a written report. He updated them on a Cares grant application for an industrial incinerator. This would allow the department to destroy prescription medications. It would be a mobile unit. He also updated that he believes they have a cadet for the academy, his name is Zach Warner.

## **6. CONSENT ITEMS:**

#### **Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Richard Davis motioned to approve consent items 6a, 6b, and 6c as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

#### **Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

- a. Consider approval of the December 15, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting minutes.**
- b. Consider approval of the December 21, 2021 Town Council Special Meeting minutes.**
- c. Consider ratification and approval of accounts payable register from 12/08/21- 1/10/2022.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **7. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2022- 001:**

#### **Minutes:**

Mayor Hanson completed the first reading of Ordinance 2022-001.

DISCUSSION: Manager Collopy explained that Mischa reviewed the existing code regarding floodplain management. We found that it could have more substance and

have proposed an Ordinance to encompass that. Having this Ordinance in place will help those building in a floodplain to get insurance. Mischa is a certified floodplain administrator.

## **8. APPOINTMENT OF VACANT COUNCIL SEAT:**

### **a. Executive Session:**

#### **Minutes:**

FIRST ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:18 p.m.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

SECOND MOTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to exit Executive Session and reenter back into Regular Session at 6:40 p.m.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

### **b. Appointment:**

#### **Minutes:**

ACTION: Richard Davis / Shelly Reidhead motioned to appoint Doug Henderson to fill the Council vacancy left by the resignation of Ruben Llamas.

DISCUSSION: They welcomed Doug and thanked everyone who applied.

#### **Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

#### **Minutes:**

FIRST ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:41 p.m.

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

SECOND ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to exit Executive Session and reenter regular session at 7:41 p.m.

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

## **10. POSSIBLE ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

#### **Minutes:**

ACTION: Shelly Reidhead / Robert MacKenzie motioned to approve the Settlement Agreement for the litigation against the Town with Robbie and Chris Corporation subject to revisions discussed in Executive Session.

DISCUSSION: None

#### **Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

## 11. ADJOURNMENT:

### **Minutes:**

ACTION: Shelly Reidhead / Robert MacKenzie motioned to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION: None

### **Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

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