



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 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 Reidhead called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Terry Shove led the pledge of allegiance. Rev. Anselm Amadi offered the invocation.

2. ROLL CALL:

Minutes:

Present: Shelly Reidhead, Mayor; Richard Davis, Vice-Mayor; Douglas Henderson, Councilor; Donald Scott, Councilor; Florencio Lozoya (telephonically), Councilor
Staff: Town Manager Tim Rasmussen, Town Clerk Kelsi Miller, Town Attorney Brandon Kavanagh

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Minutes:

Terry Shove addressed the Mayor and Council. She updated on the growth of the School District starting with kindergarten and up. She further explained she wanted to squish some rumors of "kicking" NPC out of the school district building. NPC has expressed they are renting more space than they need and are looking for a building that fits their needs. Terry explained she is also on the NPC board. The current road block is financials and all the rentals being over what they can do right now.

4. COUNCIL, MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS:

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

Minutes:

Councilor Henderson reported he attended the annual airport fly in event. He said they had a great turnout. He wanted to extend a special thank you to Larry and Lillian Hill for the event.

Mayor Reidhead reported she attended the internet grant meeting. To date, they have budgeted for the funds, but the state has not yet signed off to release them.

b. Manager Tim Rasmussen: Summary Updates & presentation(s)

Minutes:

Manager Rasmussen reported they held a shared services meeting two weeks ago. He explained that Maverick is talking about coming to town and is in the process of buying parcels. They are currently in escrow. The Town has supplied them with information regarding water, sewer, and building permits. They are working with ADOT on traffic plans. He next reported he met with a company called Connect Gen that is wanting to bring a solar/wind farm 20 miles west of Tucson Electric Power. The project would cost around \$2 billion and take 2-3 years to complete construction. They would initially employ around 200 people to construct and 30 people for operations once construction was complete.

Operational positions average salary would be \$120,000. He next reported on a grant the town applied for with WIFA for electronic meter reading. He explained that application will be going before the board soon. He thanked public works for putting up the flags for flag day. The Planning and Zoning Commission met on June 13th. They are working on some definition clarification. The Liberty Park sign has been ordered, Manager Rasmussen suggests this summer we host a grand re-opening. We are currently going out for an RFQ for website design, hosting, and maintenance. He reported we had two new employees start with the town this month and unfortunately lost one. We are also advertising for a contract position to help digitize records. Lastly, he introduced the new Town Attorney, Brandon Kavanagh.

c. Staff Reports: Summary Updates

Minutes:

No verbal reports

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Vice-Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to approve consent items 5a, 5b, and 5c as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

a. Consider approval of the May 16, 2023 Special Council Meeting Minutes.

b. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable register May 10, 2023 through June 21, 2023.

c. Consider approval of the annual PSPRS Pension Funding Policy as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

6. APACHE COUNTY DISPATCH SERVICES:

Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Douglas Henderson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Richard Davis to direct the Town Manager to start negotiations with Apache County for dispatch services.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Reidhead stated that St. Johns isn't paying for dispatch services, and neither is the Town of Eagar so why are we. She explained she was told there is a jail tax that is collected and that is supposed to pay for dispatch services. Manager Rasmussen read the letter from Dayson Merrill the Chief of Police explaining his understanding and opinion on dispatch services. Manager Rasmussen hopes to bring this item back in July.

7. TENTATIVE BUDGET:

Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Douglas Henderson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Richard Davis to adopt the Fiscal Year 23/24 tentative budget for the Town of Springerville.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

8. RESOLUTION 2023-R006: CFO DESIGNATION

Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Donald Scott, seconded by Vice-Mayor Richard Davis to approve Resolution 2023-R006 regarding designating Heidi Wink as the Chief Fiscal Officer for Fiscal Year 2024.

ACTION AMENDED: Motioned by Councilor Donald Scott, seconded by Vice-Mayor Richard Davis to approve Resolution 2023-R006, "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGERVILLE, ARIZONA MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL, DESIGNATING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER FOR OFFICIALLY SUBMITTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 EXPENDITURE LIMITATION REPORT TO THE ARIZONA AUDITOR GENERAL."

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

9. TOURISM TAX FUND REQUEST FOR THE AZ ALPINE TRAIL:

Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Donald Scott, seconded by Councilor Douglas Henderson to approve the Tourism Tax Fund request in the amount of \$2,000.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Reidhead explained she and Manager Rasmussen met with the group that has requested this. They explained the project to her, and she does not feel like this comes close to Springerville. Manager Rasmussen explained the access to Town for the trail would be Water Canyon Road. In discussions they talked about campgrounds being staged in the Towns. Mayor

Reidhead added we are not in the business of campgrounds, and it could take away from our local RV parks. The trail would be 700-800 miles from Payson to Hannagan Meadow, passing near multiple towns that would all have accesses. Councilor Henderson explained he is not sure we want to encourage OHV traffic in Town. The public may have concerns of noise and traffic. Manager Rasmussen explained we already have a lot of trails on our mountains. This is not a promised project; they are still in the grant procurement stage.

Motion Failed

Vote results:

Ayes: 1 / Nays: 4

10. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE AZ ALPINE TRAIL:

Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Vice-Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to not give the AZ Alpine Trail a letter of support at this time.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

11. FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2023-002: ORDER OF BUSINESS

Minutes:

Mayor Reidhead completed the first reading of Ordinance 2023-002 out loud.

ORDINANCE NO.2023-002 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGERVILLE, APACHE COUNTY ARIZONA, AMENDING TITLE 2 "ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL", CHAPTER 2.04 "TOWN COUNCIL", SECTION 2.04.130 "ORDER OF BUSINESS" OF THE SPRINGERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE AND DESIGNATING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DISCUSSION: None

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Notice of Claim from A. Wrye:

Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Vice-Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to enter into an executive session for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body regarding the notice of claim from Anella Wrye.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

b. Town Code Review Chapter 5.16 Sexually Oriented Businesses:

Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Vice-Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to enter back into regular schedule and enter back into executive session for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body to review and discuss Town Code Chapter 5.16

Vote results: Ayes:5 / Nays: 0

ACTION: Motioned by Vice-Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to

enter back into regular session and direct staff as recommended in executive session.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

c. Arizona Revised Statute § 11-1051 Immigration Laws:

Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Councilor Donald Scott, seconded by Councilor Douglas Henderson to enter into executive session for discussion and consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body regarding roles and enforcement of ARS 11-1051.

Vote results: Ayes:5 / Nays:0

ACTION: Motioned by Vice-Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to reconvene back into regular session and to direct staff and legal counsel as directed in executive session.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Minutes:

ACTION: Motioned by Vice-Mayor Richard Davis, seconded by Councilor Donald Scott to adjourn.

DISCUSSION: None **Vote results:** Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

Shelly Reidhead, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelsi Miller, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in a Special Meeting on _____. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023

_____. Kelsi Miller, Town Clerk

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 or summarized during the call to the public. All comments must be submitted by 12:00 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 06/28/2023, adopted on 07/19/2023