



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Town Manager Tim Rasmussen, Town Clerk Kelsi Miller, Town Attorney Jeff Dollins, Public Works Director Robert Pena, Chief of Police Dayson Merrill, Police Lieutenant Shane Bevington, Airport Manager Manuel Lucero

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. Steve Erhart led the pledge of allegiance.

2. INVOCATION:

Minutes:

Dayson Merrill offered the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL:

Minutes:

Present: Shelly Reidhead, Mayor; Richard Davis, Vice-Mayor; Douglas Henderson, Councilor; Donald Scott, Councilor; Florencio Lozoya, Councilor

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Minutes:

Terry Shove addressed the Mayor and Council. She wanted to remind everyone that the Veterans Day parade will be on November 11th. She updated that Little League basketball will be starting soon. She next passed out flyers for the upcoming November 7, 2023, mail-in-only ballot election. She reminded them that Mr. Pond & Mr. Morgan came and presented the bond to Council a couple of months ago. The school is seeking a \$15 million bond for security upgrades, building renovations, furniture/equipment upgrades, HVAC, and more. She offered to answer any questions after the meeting.

5. COUNCIL, MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS:

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

Minutes:

Councilor Henderson reported on a meeting with Armstrong, the airport engineers. He introduced Manuel "Manny" Lucero, the interim airport manager.

Councilor Lozoya reported that he attended the Arizona League of City and Towns Annual Conference in Tucson with Councilor Scott. He learned a lot, especially about the grants available for water. Some of these grants include free grant writers.

Mayor Reidhead reported that she attended the Rib Burn, it was well attended.

Vice-Mayor Davis reported he also attended the Rib Burn, and feels they did a great job.

Councilor Scott reported he also attended the AZ League of City and Towns Conference as well as went with Mr. Udall the Planning and Zoning administrator to the Real AZ meeting.

They discussed broadband and being ready for it.

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

Minutes:

Manager Rasmussen began with introducing Manny Lucero, the airport Manager, and explained he brings some great experience and we are excited to have him. Manny thanked the Council for this opportunity and he looks forward to making Springerville's airport profitable and great. Mr. Rasmussen continued to report on personnel changes; Planning and Zoning Director Mr. Udall has resigned, Museum Director Marcie Bafford has been promoted to Museum Director/Event Coordinator, Mr. Pena has been promoted to Public Works Director and has hit the ground running, and we are advertising for a Public Works Foreman, and Public Works Maintenance Worker. He reported that at the August meeting council tabled the DMO item. Staff has tried to reach out to the Chamber but has not received any communication back. He, Mayor Reidhead, and Councilor Henderson met with a business owner who has some interest in purchasing the old NPC building that we jointly own with Eagar. Next he reported on a meeting with Mayor Reidhead and Mike Nuttall regarding improvements that could be made to the park for their event next year and just the overall improvement of the park for all future events. Next, he reported the plans for Maverick had been sent to the ICC for review. This will take around 4 weeks to complete. He reported that Apache County Dispensary opened last week. The Town will meet with representatives of the dispensary to do the annual review of the conditional use permit. This will include reviewing 8 bullet points of things they need. Lastly, he updated on the WIFA board meeting from today, that the Town has been approved for the funding for automatic

meter readers. The Towns match will be 25%.

c. Staff Reports: Summary Updates

Minutes:

Robert Pena the Public Works Director reported the crew is playing catch up on some small projects and next week plans to start tearing up the hospital parking lot.

Dayson Merrill the Chief of Police reported the department is working hard and still picking up extra shifts. He reported that the two cadets are doing good in the academy, once they graduate that will put the department at 9 sworn officers. Lastly, he reported that we have had no new school threats and the subject is still being held. Council thanked them.

6. CONSENT ITEMS:

Minutes:

Motioned by Richard Davis, seconded by Donald Scott to approve consent items 6a and 6b as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

a. Consider approval of the August 16, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

b. Consider ratification and approval of the accounts payable register from August 09, 2023 through September 11, 2023.

7. PUBLIC HEARING: BINGO LICENSE

Minutes:

Motioned by Donald Scott, seconded by Richard Davis to enter into a public hearing to take Council and public comments on a Bingo license application as presented.

Donald Scott explained that this will be for members only (or guests of members) and on electronic machines. No other public or Council comments were made.

Motioned by Richard Davis, seconded by Donald Scott to leave the public hearing and enter back into regular session.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

8. BINGO LICENSE LOCAL GOVERNING BOARD ENDORSEMENT:

Minutes:

Councilor Donald Scott recused himself from the item.

Motioned by Douglas Henderson, seconded by Richard Davis to approve the bingo license application for the John H. Slaughter American Legion post 30 as presented.

DISCUSSION: Donald Scott explained that if this passes, they will be set up soon. The American Legion will receive 40% of the proceeds.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

9. IGA TOWN OF EAGAR: SEWER LINE EXTENSION**Minutes:**

DISCUSSION: Manager Rasmussen read his memo to Council, the Town of Eagar contacted the Town of Springerville regarding the failing septic system at Valley View Trailer Park (VVTP) in Eagar. VVTP had septic issues and raw sewage in the park and ADEQ was involved with the issue. The owners of the park did not have the funds to repair or replace the system. Eagar asked Springerville if it would be possible to connect the existing Eagar sewer main that services Eagle Cove Apartments in Eagar that runs into the sewer main in Springerville. We determined that it could be done, and that Springerville could handle the extra flow in the Springerville waste water treatment plant.

Town of Eagar Mayor, Steve Erhart addressed the Council thanking them for considering helping with this. He further explained that Eagar will initially bill the tenants to recoup their costs. After that Springerville will be billing and have a source of revenue. Eagar will be paying for the engineering and labor. The project will be roughly 650 feet of pipe. Council asked about the right of ways needed. Brannon Eagar the Town Manager of Eagar explained that he would be getting the permits through ADOT. They will also have to trench through Highways 260 & HWY 180/191. Manager Rasmussen added the park currently has 17 trailers with a capacity of 36. That is a potential revenue of \$270,000 over a 20-year period. Councilor Davis asked what size the line is. Manager Rasmussen said an 8-inch line.

Motioned by Richard Davis, seconded by Donald Scott to approve the IGA between Eagar and Springerville for a new sewer line connection from the Valley View Trailer Park in Eagar to the Town of Springerville's sewer main.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

10. TOURISM TAX COMMITTEE MEMBER:**Minutes:**

Motioned by Douglas Henderson, seconded by Richard Davis to remove Diane Phillips from the Tourism Tax Committee Board and appoint Kari Newell.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

11. AXON CONTRACT UPDATE:**Minutes:**

Chief of Police Dayson Merrill and Lieutenant Shane Bevington presented this item to the Council. They explained this contract would update their body cameras and tasers. They explained the importance and gave an example of these items for both safety and liability. The current tasers are out of date, and the batteries don't last. The cameras are old and we are having issues uploading our videos because we are out of space and must constantly purge. This presented contract would include unlimited storage and replacement of all cameras and tasers. The annual amount is

\$32,000. Although this was not budgeted for, they did check with the finance director, Heidi Wink, and she said they had the budget capacity for this. They explained if this item is passed they could have the items within a couple of weeks and an axon representative will do the training. Motioned by Richard Davis, seconded by Donald Scott to approve the updated and revised contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc as presented.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

12. FINANCE POLICY UPDATE:

Minutes:

DISCUSSION: Manager Rasmussen said this requested change is due to inflation. Mayor Reidhead said she would expect to see more of these policy changes as prices continue to rise. Motioned by Douglas Henderson, seconded by Richard Davis to approve the finance policy update to increase the threshold for fixed assets as presented.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. NOTICE OF CLAIM A. WRYE:

Minutes:

Motioned by Richard Davis, seconded by Donald Scott to enter into executive session for item 13a.

The council convened back into regular session at 7:10 p.m.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

14. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Minutes:

Motioned by Richard Davis, seconded by Donald Scott to not take any action at this time.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Minutes:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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 Regular 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 09/26/2023, adopted on 10/18/2023