



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Interim Town Manager - Heidi Wink, Town Clerk - Kelsi Miller, Heritage Center Director- Susan Seils, Chief of Police- Dayson Merrill, Tosca Henry - Town Attorney via phone

**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. Steve Brown led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL:

Minutes:

The Town Clerk completed a roll call. Councilor Llamas - Absent, Vice-Mayor MacKenzie - Present, Mayor Hanson - Present, Councilor Davis - Present, Councilor Reidhead - Present.

A quorum is present.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Minutes:

Terry Shove addressed the Mayor and Council. She informed them that Travis Udall has retired from the School Board, the Hospital Board has approached him about

being their CEO. She updated that all teachers were hired by June except one kindergarten teacher. There has been some growth in students, they have 65 more students this year. The FLCR is circulating surveys on a community pool. This far a large number of people want a swimming pool, 1000 people have completed the survey. They are looking for revenue sources for this. The FLCR has also received the award of funding for the USDA Beef Processing project. This will be a mobile slaughter unit. They have started looking for people who might be interested in slaughtering cattle and truck drivers. The mobile unit should be delivered in the next two months. Douglas Wilson, a resident of the Coronado Acres area addressed the Mayor and Council. He wanted to express appreciation for the past efforts at controlling the mosquitoes near the Little Colorado River. He explained the rain has been wonderful, but it has caused increases in mosquitoes. He asked when mosquito fogging will return? He has informed it would be this week.

4. COUNCIL, MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS:

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

Minutes:

Mayor Hanson reported he and Heidi attended the Apache & Navajo Counties Mayors and Councilmembers Association meeting in Pinetop. It was well attended, nothing new, just updates from the Mayors.

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

c. Staff Reports: Summary Updates

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 July 21, 2021 Town Council Regular Meeting minutes.

b. Consider ratification and approval of accounts payable register from 07/03/2021-07/31/2021

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

6. SPRINGERVILLE TOURISM:

Minutes:

Becki Christensen with the Springerville Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce presented to the Council. She explained the chamber is attempting to secure a grant with the Arizona Office of Tourism. If awarded, the grant funding would be for

marketing. Ms. Christensen is asking the Council to designate the Chamber as their destination marketing organization. She also updated Council that the Chamber got a Governors Grant, with this grant they have put together 15 workshops to assist the community's businesses. They are doing workshops on things such as creating websites and social media marketing. They are also doing a youth business contest. The business committee will mentor the youth to help build their business then and pick one winner. That winner will be able to open their business in either Eagar or Springerville during the summer. She updated that the Chamber itself has seen a large increase in foot traffic, especially since the dinosaur museum has moved into the building. The Chamber is also helping plan an event at Lyman Lake called "Buses by the Lake". This will bring tourists from all over to our area. They will be going to Jerome in November to promote the event. She updated on applying for funds through an EDA grant for Tourism. Lastly, she updated on the Chamber raffle success. They sold all of the tickets and the winner was from Phoenix.

7. SUBDIVISION APPLICATION - THE RESERVE / S. BROWN

Minutes:

Councilor Shelly Reidhead recused herself from this item as a conflict of interest.

ACTION: Richard Davis/ Robert MacKenzie motioned we approve the subdivision application for North Becker Lake Road (Parcels 105-15-017C and 105-17-017D) dividing the properties into four (4) parcels for residential homes.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

8. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2021-003:

Minutes:

FIRST READING: Mayor Hanson completed the first reading of Ordinance 2021-003.

DISCUSSION: None

9. TOURISM TAX COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Minutes:

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Richard Davis motion to approve the request from the Heritage Center for a donation of \$508.75 from the Tourism Tax fund to advertise in the Weekend Warrior Hike Book.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

10. NOTICE OF INTENT:

Minutes:

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Richard Davis motioned to accept the Notice of Intent regarding the fee schedule as presented and hold a public hearing on October 20, 2021.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

11. PROPERTY:

a. Future of 23 S. Papago:

Minutes:

Councilor MacKenzie started the discussion by saying he was under the impression we were going to sell this property to pay down debts. Mayor Hanson agreed but said it was brought up that they may possibly want to turn it into a community center. Councilor MacKenzie reminded them that they did not budget for a community center. Councilor Reidhead asked if they would like to at least get cost estimates for a kitchen and a bathroom for the main metal building? Council did not show interest in this. Councilor Reidhead asked about grant money, Ms. Wink said this is something we could use CDBG money for. We will not get the CDBG grant for two more years. Mayor Hanson suggested putting it on the market to see what we can get for it. The smaller building needs demolished, it is trash. Councilor Reidhead agreed but said we need a community center. We do not have one and never have had one. Councilor MacKenzie said he doesn't think this is an ideal location for one. Council discussed the possibility of Public Works using the building. Council asked how long ago the building was appraised, it has been a few years. Councilor Davis said we could possibly trade this property, there was some interest with two local business owners. Ms. Wink reminded them that this property must be advertised to everyone. Council directed staff to get the property appraised so we can explore selling the property.

b. Property East of Town Hall:

Minutes:

Councilor Shelly Reidhead recused herself as a conflict of interest on this item. Councilor Davis said we have been looking at acquiring this property for years. Mayor Hanson agreed that this property would benefit the Town. Council directed staff to get this property appraised as well.

12. NOTICE OF CLAIM - REEDS LODGE:

a. EXECUTIVE SESSION: CLAIM

Minutes:

FIRST ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to enter Executive Session pursuant to ARS § 38-431.03(A3)(A4) regarding the claim filed against the Town at 6:28 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes 4

Nays: 0

SECOND ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Richard Davis motion to close the Executive Session and enter into Regular Session at 6:46 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes 4
Nays: 0

b. ACTION ON CLAIM:

Minutes:

ACTION: Shelly Reidhead/ Robert MacKenzie motioned to table this item and move forward as directed in Executive Session.

DISCUSSION: None

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Minutes:

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

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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