



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

## Minutes

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 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. Robin Aguero led the pledge of allegiance.

### 2. ROLL CALL:

#### Minutes:

Heidi Wink - Finance Director completed a roll call on behalf of the Town Clerk.  
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:

Brian Carpenter with the Senior Center addressed the Mayor and Council. He updated on the recent trips that he took the seniors on including a trip to New Mexico, a trip to Apache Junction, and a trip to Laughlin.  
Mike Nuttall with Better World BBQ and the Rib Throw Down event. He provided

Council with a datasheet from the event. He reviewed the data with Council including the event had 49 teams this year and 14 teams in the Kids Q. They cooked over 400 racks of ribs and sold out again. Through fundraising with raffles and everything at the event, they were able to raise \$25,000. He listed the charities/ organizations they will be contributing the funds to this year. They spent over \$11,000 locally with receipt proof. They are still in progress with their 501-C3 and working with the UTV Jamboree. He thanked the Council and the Town for their support.

Mitchell Udall a resident of Springerville addressed the Mayor and Council. He is disappointed in the Towns decisions regarding marijuana. He said the public has shown up to numerous meetings and voiced that they are against it in this community and feels Council is still pursuing it. Councilor Reidhead interrupted Mr. Udall and defended the Council that they are simply following Statutes on holding all the meetings prior to making a decision. He stated he is also frustrated with how people in the community are being treated specifically the former Fire Chief Pena. He is disappointed his contract was not renewed and feels he was not treated with kindness and fairness. He feels it was because of nepotism and in his opinion there was no nepotism with him being related to his son. Mr. Udall stated that he doesn't feel it's right that we have family members on Town Council and Planning and Zoning. He feels Chief Pena needs to be given the opportunity to accept his position back as Fire Chief because the Town is being closed-minded. He will be following up with this issue and what can be done about it.

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

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

###### **Minutes:**

Mayor Hanson updated that he and Mr. Collopy met with Senator Kelly, they discussed forest restoration and water issues. They will be attending a Managers, Mayors, and Councilmembers meeting in Show Low tomorrow. Mayor Hanson presented Heidi Wink with a clock as a symbol of appreciation from the Council and staff for serving as the Interim Town Manager.

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

###### **Minutes:**

Christopher Collopy the new Town Manager thanked the Council for the opportunity to help Springerville. He has met some wonderful people here. The staff has been very welcoming and easy to work with. He said we will get through the issues. He updated that it was nice to meet Senator Kelly to discuss the water litigation and the Forest Service. He also met with all of the Town / City Managers, they meet every other month for the purpose of being resources to each other. He stated they held interviews for the Fire Chief position today and will continue to go through the selection process. He updated that we are still looking at applications for the Planning and Zoning position.

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

**Minutes:**

Chief of Police Dayson Merrill updated that one of our Sergeants has retired. We are now hiring for that position and we have a couple of candidates. The department also tentatively has a cadet to send to the police academy next semester.

**5. CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to adopt consent items 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, and 5e as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

- a. **Consider approval of NACOG Area Agency on Aging contract update.**
- b. **Consider approval of the Annual NACOG headstart contract.**
- c. **Consider approval of September 24, 2021, Special Council Meeting Minutes.**
- d. **Consider approval of September 22, 2021, Special Council Meeting Minutes.**
- e. **Consider ratification and approval of accounts payable register from 9/14/2021-10/12/2021.**

**6. OATH OF OFFICE- NEW TOWN MANAGER:**

**Minutes:**

Mayor Hanson administered the Oath of Office for the new Town Manager Christopher Collopy.

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**a. Liquor License Application - Safire Restaurant**

**Minutes:**

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to go into a public hearing to take public and Council comments on item 7a.

VOTE: Ayes 4/Nays 0

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION: Mayor Hanson asked Shelly Reidhead if this was the existing liquor license for The Safire. She said yes, they purchased the restaurant a year ago and are now getting to change of ownership of the liquor license. No public comment.

**b. Fee Schedule Changes - Event Rentals & Casa Tours**

**Minutes:**

FIRST ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Richard Davis motioned to go into a public hearing to take Council and Public comment on 7b.

FIRST VOTE: Ayes 4 / Nays 0

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS ON FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES: Finance Director Heidi Wink explained this is to update fees for Casa Malpais Tours and add the

Event Trailer fees. No public comment.

SECOND ACTION: Robert MacKenzie / Shelly Reidhead motioned to close the public hearings and go back into the regular meeting.

SECOND VOTE: Ayes 4 / Nays 0

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### 8. AIRPORT LEASE AGREEMENT:

**Minutes:**

DISCUSSION: Town Manager Collopy and Town Attorney Henry let Council know that staff is requesting this item be tabled. We are still making revisions and having discussions and hope to bring this item back at the next regular Council meeting.

ACTION: Shelly Reidhead/ Richard Davis motioned to table item 8 regarding the Moreman Family Trust airport lease.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

### 9. Liquor License Application:

**Minutes:**

Councilor Shelly Reidhead declared a Conflict of Interest and recused herself from this item.

ACTION: Robert MacKenzie/ Richard Davis motioned to approve the liquor license application for Miguel Gonzalez Toquinto.

DISCUSSION: The AZ Department of Liquor License Application 161144 from Miguel Toquinto for a #6 Bar transfer of ownership at the location of 411 East Main Street was reviewed.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 3 / Nays: 0

### 10. RESOLUTION 2021-R008:

**Minutes:**

Mayor Hanson completed the reading of Resolution 2021-008.

ACTION: Richard Davis/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to approve Resolution 2021-R008, regarding updating the fee schedule for fees related to event rental services and increasing rates for Casa Malpais Tours.

DISCUSSION: None

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

### 11. RESOLUTION 2021-R007:

**Minutes:**

Mayor Hanson completed the reading of Resolution 2021-007.

**ACTION:** Robert MacKenzie / Richard Davis motion to adopt Resolution 2021-R007, regarding the submission and acceptance of the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Grant on behalf of the Round Valley Boys and Girls Club.

**DISCUSSION:** Finance Director Heidi Wink explained this is just a pass through.

**Vote results:**

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:****Minutes:**

**FIRST ACTION:** Robert MacKenzie motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

**FIRST VOTE:** Ayes 4 / Nays 0

**SECOND ACTION:** Robert MacKenzie/ Shelly Reidhead motioned to leave Executive Session and enter back into regular session at 7:01 p.m.

**SECOND VOTE:** Ayes 4 / Nays 0

**13. POSSIBLE ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:****Minutes:**

No action was taken.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:****Minutes:**

**ACTION:** Robert MacKenzie / Richard Davis motioned to adjourn at 7:03 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](mailto: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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