

**MINUTES
EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
22 W. 2nd St., Eagar, AZ
November 15, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Kim Holaway called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mayor Kim Holaway led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilor Debbie Rogers offered the invocation. Mayor Kim Holaway said to let the record show that all council members are present.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Kim Holaway, Mayor
 James Nelson, Jr., Vice Mayor
 Debbie Rogers
 Steve Erhart
 Gary Finch
 Byron Smith
 Tim Rasmussen

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Greenwood, Town Manager
 Doug Brown, Town Attorney
 Bruce Ray, Community Development Administrator
 Howard Carlson, Fire Department Chief
 Eva Wilson, Town Clerk
 Marion Wiltbank, Assistant Town Clerk

ITEM #5: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

A. MAYOR

Mayor Kim Holaway reported:

- Received a letter from Clint Chandler, Senator Kyle's Field Director regarding Senate Bill 1344, which is, Senator Kyle's Arizona's Wildfire Recovery Monitoring Act. The bill cleared the Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee last Thursday morning. The Mayor passed a brief summary around to the Council.

B. COUNCIL

Councilor Debbie Rogers reported:

- On Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12, 2011 Councilor Rogers visited with the Tribal Elders from the Hopi Nation-Second Mesa at the 26 Bar Ranch. The Hopis are very interested in Economic Development and talked about opening up the Ranch's Bed & Breakfast and offering tourist based activities.
- Attended a meeting on Monday, November 14, 2011 at Sunrise Lodge. Met with White Mountain Apache Tribal Leaders and other leaders from the White Mountain communities regarding the importance of keeping Sunrise Ski Area open and running. The cable has to be replaced next year, also the phone system is very crippling- when

too many people are using cell phones it shuts down Sunrise's ability to process credit card transactions.

Councilor Steve Erhart:

- Update on last elections-outstanding votes that haven't been counted. Town Clerk Eva Wilson stated it would take a "yes" vote on all the outstanding provisional ballots to change the current election outcome.

C. STAFF

Town Manager Bill Greenwood:

- On Wednesday, November 9th at 4:00 p.m. a Joint Council meeting was held at Eagar Town Hall to discuss the Round Valley Area Transportation Study. The Jacobs Consulting Group made a presentation and had maps to review. Public comments will be accepted until November 23, 2011. Discussed connectivity – example the airport road to nowhere is proposed to connect to Highway 260 across the mesa; and East School Bus Road to connect to Juniper Street north to Highway 260. The discussion covered projects from 5 to 30 years out.
- Will be discussing additional questions with the first pick public works director on Thursday who also has an interview with another company on Thursday. If the first pick takes the other job, the number two pick is still interested in this position
- The White Mountain Stewardship Monitoring Board meeting was held November 15, 2011. They discussed 'The Wallow West Fuel Reduction and Forest Recovery Project'. Up to now the tree cutting has been in primary road areas. The Forest Service promised to put additional acreage up, so they will treat burned and unburned over a 90,000 acres analysis site and 50,000 acres will be treated.
- Received the draft on the 99th Arizona Town Hall-Arizona's Energy Future. Gave the Council copies of the draft.

ITEM # 6: OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce Director Becki Christensen reported:

- Received \$20,000 from National Bank for a program that will allow local shoppers to receive 20% back on local purchases, the program started last Saturday. By this evening there is only \$11,000 left. Businesses are very excited about the program.
- Special Chamber Thanksgiving Breakfast, November 17, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. at Booga Red's Restaurant.
- Distributing flyers on all of the holiday activities that are going on in communities.
- Asked town to create a display for the Christmas Lighted Walk.

Resident Karalea Cox Requested Council to place on next agenda discussion for direction, role, scope of work and expectations of the Eagar Steering Committee.

Economic Development for Apache County (EDAC) Director Hank Rogers apologized to Council, Staff, and Steering Committee for not attending the council meeting on October 18,

2011 when the Northeast Arizona Sustainability Consortium Agreement was on the agenda. The livability had already been addressed by the Steering Committee. Mr. Rogers would like the Council to look at a new contract that was approved by the Steering Committee 10-0 to bring back to Council. They worked on the verbiage and three committee members worked on revisions. Mr. Rogers stated, "To not go forward with it is a waste of the Steering Committee's time." The Town needs a professional plan and he would like Brian Cole with Building Communities to continue with the ten-year economic plan. The plan gives EDAC guidance on what to do for the communities. Mr. Rogers gave each Councilmember a letter regarding the HUD grant. The letter also includes information on Sunrise Ski Resort and the Hopi's 26 Bar Ranch.

Resident Andy Salonic commented that the Council voted 5-1 against the Northeast Arizona Sustainability Consortium Agreement and that Council needs to listen to the public. Mr. Salonic added that he liked the Steering Committee's plan and wants the town to move forward with it.

ITEM #7: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-08 AMENDING THE TOWN CODE BY REVISING TITLE 17, SECTION 17.04.040 – MINOR LAND DIVISIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Bruce Ray advised Council that this is the seconded reading of Ordinance 2011-08 and he makes a recommendation to approve the Ordinance.

Councilor Steve Erhart moved to approve Ordinance 2011-08 amending the Town Code by Revising Title 17, Section 17.04.050 Minor Land Divisions and declaring an emergency. Councilor Debbie Rogers seconded; Councilor Tim Rasmussen called a conflict of interest, all other councilors were in favor, motion carried. 6-0

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO NAME THE NEW / NORTHERN SECTION OF THE PARK PROPERTY "RAMSEY PARK NORTH" AND TO HEAR ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Council would like to hold a town contest to name the new park section. Eileen Bow can call it Ramsey Park North for her project. On December 6, 2011 her plan will be presented to Council.

ITEM #8: NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT APPLICATION

This is the same type of grant that the town used to buy and plant 70 trees on Main Street, 3 at the Post Office and 2 at the Boys & Girls Club for \$14,500. The new grant will provide trees for the Ramsey Park North property,

Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr. moved to approve submission of the Community Challenge Grant Application with the town matching \$8,000.

There was discussion regarding the cost to add a watering system in the park for the trees.

Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr. amended his motion to approve submission of the Community Challenge Grant Application not to exceed \$10,000. Councilor Steve Erhart seconded the motion six were in favor and Councilor Gary Finch opposed, the motion carried. 6-1

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2011-39 DECLARING ORDINANCE 2011-08 A PUBLIC RECORD FILED IN CLERKS OFFICE

Resolution 2011-39 saves on publishing costs and three copies are on file in the clerk's office for the publics viewing.

Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2011-39 declaring Ordinance 2011-08 a Public Record filed in Clerks Office. Councilor Byron Smith seconded; Councilor Tim Rasmussen declared a conflict of interest, all other councilors were in favor, motion carried. 6-0

C. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CENTENNIAL PARK CELEBRATION DATE

Council decided to set the date of Friday, July 6, 2012 for the Centennial Park Celebration date. Mayor Kim Holaway will turn the date into the State and it will be put on the Chambers calendar.

D. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT A COORDINATOR FOR THE EAGAR STEERING COMMITTEE(S)

The coordinator will work with the Eagar Steering Committee, call meetings and report to Council. Karalea Cox wanted to know Councils expectation for the Steering Committee. Eric Hamblin stated the concern of the Steering Committee was that they could not move forward without direction from Council.

Councilor Gary Finch moved to appoint Karalea Cox as the Coordinator for the Eagar Steering Committee. Councilor Steve Erhart seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

E. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO MAKE EXPENDITURES ON AN UNBUDGETED PROJECT (PIPE FOR 13TH STREET) FOR LESS THAN \$10,000 TO BE PAID FOR WITH FLOOD REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS

This unbudgeted project will be paid for with flood reimbursement funds not fire reimbursement funds. The trench on 13th Street is deep and unsafe and this project would use the same size and type of pipe as the LeSueur Drive project. Additional quotes on pipe will be acquired in case the price of pipe has gone down. The project can be paid from the contingency revenue fund to be reimbursed. Mayor Kim Holaway wanted the \$25,000 put back into the reserve fund that was used toward flood projects. Town Manager Bill Greenwood stated that the town did not use the whole \$25,000 and will report to the Council on the next agenda. Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr. wanted on the next agenda the total expected reimbursements for flood mitigation, expenditures gone out, reimbursing the reserve account and other potential flood mitigation the town could do this year that we have issues with, so that the town might be able to do a couple of more small projects.

Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr. moved to approve expenditures on an unbudgeted project (pipe for 13th Street) for less than \$10,000 to be paid for with flood reimbursement funds. Councilor Gary Finch seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

ITEM #9: SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

The Town Attorney Doug Brown, Mayor Kim Holaway and Town Clerk Eva Wilson signed Resolutions 2011-39 and Ordinance 2011-08. Mayor Kim Holaway and Town Manager Bill Greenwood signed the Community Challenge Grant Application.

ITEM #10: ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Gary Finch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Councilor Debbie Rogers seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

Attest: _____
Mayor: _____
Vice-Mayor: _____
Council: _____

Eagar Council Regular Session
November 15, 2011

CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular session of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on November 15, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Eva M. Wilson, Town Clerk