

**MINUTES
EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
22 W. 2nd St., Eagar, AZ
February 1, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Bryce Hamblin called the Regular Meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mayor Hamblin requested that the record show all Councilmembers are present except for Councilor Marsha Tucker. Mayor Bryce Hamblin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilor Reece Hadlock offered the invocation.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bryce Hamblin
Steve Erhart
Reece Hadlock
Debra Seeley
Randy Nicoll
John Phelps

COUNCIL ABSENT: Marsha Tucker

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Mears, Town Manager
Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk/Events Coordinator
Britney Reynolds, Community Development Coordinator

ITEM #6: OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Danielle Hommel with Better World Barbecue gave an update on the “Knock the halls” fundraiser. The raffle raised \$800.00, and the silent auction raised \$400.00 and with the Towns donation they were able to feed a total of 117 people Christmas dinner and give out 75 presents to kids. She thanked the town for the support.

Terry Shove stated that there are 297 kids in little league basketball, and they need score keepers and other volunteers. She is the president of the School Board in the process of updating policies and addressing other areas, and there are 9 vacancies for teachers next year.

ITEM #7: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2021 NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA TRANSMITTALS, CHECKS WRITTEN, PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHERS, AND CREDIT CARD PURCHASES
- B. ACCEPTANCE OF DECEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SALES TAX REPORT

Vice-mayor Steve Erhart made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Reece Hadlock seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Vote: Ayes: Bryce Hamblin
Steve Erhart
Reece Hadlock
Debra Seeley
Randy Nicoll
John Phelps

ITEM #8: NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BASHAS

Councilor Reece Hadlock made a motion to approve a liquor license for Bashas. Councilor Debra Seeley seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Vote: Ayes: Bryce Hamblin
Steve Erhart
Reece Hadlock
Debra Seeley
Randy Nicoll
John Phelps

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-02 CALL OF THE ELECTION- **TABLED**

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SUBDIVISION APPLICATION FOR TOMBOY DEVELOPMENT LLC, AND BROWN REVOCABLE TRUST

VICE- MAYOR STEVE ERHART RECUSED HIMSELF

Britney Reynolds stated this property is located between 4th Ave and 5th Ave and could be accessed from 4th Ave or 5th Ave. Utilities are already there and noticed that there is no draining so recommending Tomboy development LLC have a drainage plan so that it does not affect others in the area.

Mayor Hamblin asked if the town is going to make sure the buildings are up to code?

Mrs. Reynolds stated yes, they would make sure it is all up to code.

Dan Muth stated that he does not think that a drainage plan is necessary. Going to create a natural retention pond between lots with a 3% natural grade.

Councilor Reece Hadlock asked if there are any concerns with the retention not working?

Mrs. Reynolds stated if the retention is done correctly then it should be able to retain and work properly. We would ensure that it will work properly before it is approved.

Councilor Reece Hadlock made a motion to approve a subdivision application for Tomboy LLC with elevation certifications with reasonable methods for flood mitigation. Councilor Debra Seeley seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Vote: Ayes: Bryce Hamblin
Steve Erhart
Reece Hadlock
Debra Seeley
Randy Nicoll
John Phelps

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AWARD ENGINEERING BID

Mr. Mears stated that for the grant to do Main St. Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) requires Main Street to have engineered plans. Received three bids and staff's recommendation is to go with EPS.

Vice-mayor Steve Hadlock made a motion to award the engineering bid to EPS. Councilor Reece Hadlock seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Vote: Ayes: Bryce Hamblin
Steve Erhart
Reece Hadlock
Debra Seeley
Randy Nicoll
John Phelps

D. DISCUSSION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2022-01 MINOR LAND DIVISIONS

Mr. Mears stated that on smaller developments there were issues that a shared driveway was not the towns responsibility. This ordinance will just clean it up and simplify it.

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO TEAR DOWN THE TOWNS RENTAL HOUSE LOCATED AT 241 E 2ND AVE.

Mr. Mears stated this is the rental home by Ramsey Park. This one has some mold in it compared to the other houses we surplus. Wanting to get all three homes tore down to make more room for Ramsey Park. We will salvage some items from the house.

Mayor Hamblin stated to move forward with tearing the houses down.

F. DISCUSSION AND UPDATES ON LITTLE COLORADO MEATS USDA MEAT PROCESSING FACILITY

Terry Shove stated that we started with \$100k from lending from the Towns of Eagar, Springerville, St. Johns and Apache County to create a revolving loan.

Karalea Cox stated that Little Colorado Meats was formed in response to challenges in Apache County. Funding assistance from USDA Rural Development to construct a USDA inspected meat processing facility. Our mission is to be harvesting and processing to local ranchers. Ranches can have meat processed and take back with their label and sell themselves they can take it across state lines because it is USDA inspected. If ranchers don't want it back Little Colorado Meats will buy that meat 30% above current carcass price.

Ms. Cox continued that they are looking into supplying meat to local food banks, hospital, schools, some retail at restaurants and grocery stores and will also do online orders with delivery. Economic impact 1st year with \$2.2 million investment and wages and amount of meat processed and sell about 170,000 pounds estimated gross increase for rancher's estimate is almost \$5 million. This month construction continues and March employee interviews, training, pre-contract, and scheduling. April equipment and unit installation then in May official opening.

Councilor Phelps asked how many ranchers are wanting to be involved?

Ms. Cox stated that the initial survey back in 2018 had over 500 produces big and small express and interest. Over time the interest has grown, and we have a waiting list.

Vice- mayor Erhart asked you say local and our area what is our area?

Ms. Cox stated we stuck to Apache County and based the data off Apache County that does include the reservation only in Apache County. We are expecting to get some ranchers from other areas like Navajo and Catron County.

ITEM #12: ADJOURNMENT

Vice- mayor Steve Erhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting [at 6:41 p.m.] Councilmember Reece Hadlock seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Vote: Ayes: Bryce Hamblin
Steve Erhart
Reece Hadlock
Debra Seeley
Randy Nicoll
John Phelps

Attest: _____

Mayor: _____

Vice-Mayor: _____

Council: _____

CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on February 1, 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk/Event Coordinator