



# **TOWN OF EAGAR**

## **REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 03, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, 22 WEST 2ND STREET**

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### **MINUTES**

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Mayor Steve Erhart called the regular meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mayor Erhart requested that the record show all Councilmembers are present except for councilman Burnham. Mayor Steve Erhart led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman John Phelps offered the invocation.

#### **5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Town Manager, Brannon Eagar updated that we are waiting on pipe and then we will be able to start pumping.

Community Development Director, Britney Reynolds stated that we should be hearing from WIFA at the end of September to upgrade the entire system and software. WIFA awarded \$1.3 million with a 25% match. We're waiting on two utility grants for \$25k from Tucson Electric Power, Salt River Project, the match for WIFA, and for Fire Department training two of them are sounding promising. Short Stop and Circle K will be closing for construction. The Short Stop will still be open in their store and closed for fuel for approximately 45 days and Circle K could be closed up to a year.

Manager Eagar stated that he met up with the Town Manager of Springerville and they went and talked with the fuel stations, and they are getting prepared for the extra customers. He also noted that Bradco does take cards for everyone, you do not have to have a membership.

Town Clerk, Jessica Vaughan stated that the school brought a poster by as a thank you to council for Butler St and the crosswalks. The grand opening for the pond we were going to do October 14<sup>th</sup> but found out today that it is TEP family fun day that day. If the council is ok with it we will do the grand opening on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Halloween-ie at the end of the month and scarecrow contest winners announced today.

Fire Chief, Levi Penrod stated that they have received half of the payment from Gila River for the ambulance, and that a grant for turnouts has been approved from the 100 Club. Rebranding is finally done all trucks, helmets, uniforms, and the signs are all updated to Round Valley Fire & Medical.

#### **6. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Slade Morgan and Cass Pond thanked both towns for letting them present the bond. Since the school threat parents have asked for more security. We have upped that budget to 25%, looking to add front security and putting 1<sup>st</sup> grade at the Primary School. We are looking to redesign the High School to keep students and staff safe. New lighting at the dome and auditorium, new asphalt in the student parking lot. We are wanting to put the weight room in the gym to minimize the foot traffic across the street. We will be updating the HVAC system and some minor upgrades in the dome.

Mayor Steve Erhart asked about the security updates won't be until 2025? Mr. Pond stated it would be worked on during the 2024-2025 school year if the bond passes then in January we would be going through the selling of the bonds and then getting the money later that year.

Mayor Steve Erhart asked what the term of the bond is for the taxpayers and what does that payment look like for a homeowner after the plant closure and 66% tax base that goes away? Mr. Pond stated that it is a 20-year bond we have talked about it and it is hard to predict exactly what the assessment value of the plant because there is different portions that would be taking place. The thought would be as we get closer to look and see if we can do a bond refund and pay it off sooner.

Mayor Steve Erhart stated to pay it off sooner does that mean more money from the power plant sooner? Mr. Pond stated we would want to pay it off sooner so it wouldn't be 20 years depending on what happens with the power plant and what that assessed value is.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2023
- B. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2023 NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA TRANSMITTALS, CHECKS WRITTEN, PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHERS, AND CREDIT CARD PURCHASES
- C. ACCEPTANCE OF AUGUST 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SALES TAX REPORT

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes:     Steve Erhart  
                     Marsha Tucker  
                     Debra Seeley  
                     John Phelps  
                     Ray Hamblin

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF SPRINGVILLE FOR SEWER LINE AT HIGHWAY 180 / 191 & 260 JUNCTION

Manager Eagar stated that the IGA was presented to Springerville's council, and they approved the IGA.

Councilman, John Phelps asked when Valley View hooks in will everyone be on sewer? Manager Eagar stated that yes, the agreement states that everyone will be hooked into the sewer.

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Springerville for the sewer line at Highway 180 / 191 & 260 Junction. Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Marsha Tucker  
Debra Seeley  
John Phelps  
Ray Hamblin

#### B. DISCUSSION AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-02 COUNCIL APPROVAL PRIOR TO SOLICITAION FOR BIDS/QUOTES

Mayor Erhart stated that this has been presented to council before this will help with the bid process.

Ms. Vaughan read the Ordinance.

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to Ordinance 2023-02 council approval prior to solicitation for bids/quotes. Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Marsha Tucker  
Debra Seeley  
John Phelps  
Ray Hamblin

#### C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROPANE SERVICES

Manager Eagar stated that we sent out an RFQ from November 2023 to June 2024. We received 3 bids and the lowest was Sierra Propane.

Councilman Phelps asked if the price would stay the same in that time frame? Manager Hamblin stated that yes it will and in June we will go out to bid again.

Vice- mayor Marsha Tucker made a motion to approve Sierra Propane for propane services. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Marsha Tucker  
Debra Seeley  
John Phelps  
Ray Hamblin

D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TO HIGHEST BIDDER

Manager Eagar stated that we received one bid \$1000 over the asking price from the owners that live behind the property.

Vice- mayor Marsha Tucker made a motion to approve the sale of municipal property to the highest bidder. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Marsha Tucker  
Debra Seeley  
John Phelps  
Ray Hamblin

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING OF THE SEWER PROJECT

Manager Eagar stated that we sent the RFQ to 5 companies and received 1 bid from EPS.

Councilman Phelps asked if they are a good company? Manager Eagar stated that yes they are a reputable company.

Councilman John Phelps made a motion to approve the request for qualifications for engineering to EPS for the sewer project. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Marsha Tucker  
Debra Seeley  
John Phelps  
Ray Hamblin

F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE A BUCKET TRUCK ON AN AUCTION PLATFORM NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000

Manager Eagar stated that we've been needing a bucket truck and that the current one is not certifiable. For a brand new one it is \$160k to \$180k before taxes and that a good used bucket truck for \$35k to \$75k.

Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker made a motion to approve the Town Manager to purchase a bucket truck on a auction platform not to exceed \$75,000. Councilwoman Debra Seeley seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Marsha Tucker  
Debra Seeley  
John Phelps

Ray Hamblin

**G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE JOHN CLARK TO THE FIRE PENSION BOARD FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS**

Councilman Ray Hamblin made a motion to approve John Clark to the Fire Pension Board for a term of 4 year. Councilwoman Debra Seeley seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Marsha Tucker  
Debra Seeley  
John Phelps  
Ray Hamblin

**H. DISCUSSION AND RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE TO REHAB TRANSFER SITE WELL PUMP, MOTOR, AND CONTROLS**

Manager Eagar stated that a lightning strike hit the well and fried a lot of stuff. We had to get Richie on it and it should not exceed \$12k.

Councilman Ray Hamblin made a motion to approve the ratification of emergency purchase to rehab transfer site well pump, motor, and controls. Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Marsha Tucker  
Debra Seeley  
John Phelps  
Ray Hamblin

**9. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to adjourn at [at 6:45 p.m.]. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart  
Marsha Tucker  
Debra Seeley  
John Phelps  
Ray Hamblin

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Council: \_\_\_\_\_

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CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on October 3, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk