



TOWN OF EAGAR

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 7, 2023, at 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 22 WEST 2ND STREET

MINUTES

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 Phelps and Councilman Slade. Mayor Steve Erhart led the Pledge of Allegiance and Finance Director David Lamm offered the invocation.

5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor, Steve Erhart stated that the Cowpuncher pond grand opening had a great turn out.

Manager, Brannon Eagar stated that the pond was restocked with catfish and that bass would be getting restocked. We ordered cover structures for the pond that will be 12 structures for fish habitat. Picked up a bucket truck in Chicago it's in excellent shape and we purchased it for less than \$50k. Selling stuff on Public Surplus we have made about \$25k. Town has been receiving a lot of compliments about employees and I would like to do something for employees for Christmas about \$9k with taxes.

Town Clerk, Jessica Vaughan stated Halloween-ie update we had a huge turn out, I think it helped with Springerville joining us and taking kids off the highway and did about 1200 hotdogs given out. Christmas in the Park is scheduled for December 9th we have received 6 pallets of toys so far and more coming. Reminder of Christmas Party at 11 am at Trailriders. A copy of the agenda is at your seats for the Apache and Navajo County Mayors and Councilmembers Association will be held in Pinetop on December 12th.

Public Works Director, John Pedroncelli stated that they are working on the expansion of the cemetery.

Community Development Director, Britney Reynolds started that Short Stop not much progress had issues with the soil hopefully the tanks will be here the week of the 20th. Circle K having issues getting other utilities removed. I am keeping in touch and the general contractor is the same contractor that did Show Low Circle K. We received two utility grants for fire and medical training \$25k, and match on the WIFA grant for updating metering for \$25k. The Total grant with our match is \$1.7 million for new meters and etc.

Fire captain Robert Pena stated that there are 6 weeks left in the academy it's 14 students are attending. Halloween-ie we gave out 1200 hotdogs and hot chocolate. We had a career day and fire prevention.

6. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Terry Shove stated that Round Valley Football plays in the finals on Saturday and there will be finals again after Thanksgiving if they win. Little League Basketball skills camp is starting, registration will be open in November on the website and St.John's opted out this year. Round Valley Cares is taking donations for Thanksgiving, Reason for the Season will also be happening.

Michael Cole thanked the Town of Eagar employees for all they do.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2023
- B. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2023 NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA TRANSMITTALS, CHECKS WRITTEN, PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHERS, AND CREDIT CARD PURCHASES

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart
 Marsha Tucker
 Debra Seeley
 Bryce Burnham
 Ray Hamblin

- C. ACCEPTANCE OF OCTOBER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SALES TAX REPORT

David Lamm, Finance Director stated that the cash position in National Bank is \$924,000. The LGIP has \$6,000,400, Express bill pay has \$24,000 that gives us a total cash of \$7.3 million for September. Each month we contribute \$75,000 into the LGIP account, currently that account is earning about 5% interest rate and that brings in about \$28,000 each month. For our projected revenues for the year, we are 25% through the year our goal is to meet about 25% of our revenues the General Fund we've received 29% of revenue at \$1.3 million, Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) 24% \$300k, utilities is at 29% revenue at \$500k. Revenues are looking good and budgeted revenues should be met. Expenses with being at 25% through the year the General Fund we have spent 21% a little over a million dollars, HURF is at 35% they are a little over because of the Butler project, utilities at 15% at \$390k. No concerns about over expenditures and should meet and be below budgetary levels.

Councilman Bryce Burnham made a motion to approve the October 2023 Financial and Sales tax report. Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart
 Marsha Tucker
 Debra Seeley
 Bryce Burnham
 Ray Hamblin

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EAGAR AND ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Finance Director, David Lamm stated this is a house keeping item that is required by the state each year by state statute.

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Eagar and Arizona Department of Revenue. Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart
Marsha Tucker
Debra Seeley
Bryce Burnham
Ray Hamblin

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROUND VALLEY FIRE & MEDICAL DEPARTMENT AND GREER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Ray Hamblin asked what the agreement entails. Fire Captain, Robert Pena stated that it helps with more equipment and the ISO rating.

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between Round Valley Fire & Medical Department and Freer Fire Department. Councilman Bryce Burnham seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart
Marsha Tucker
Debra Seeley
Bryce Burnham
Ray Hamblin

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CHURCH WELL ENGINEERING BY EPS ENGINEERING NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000

Town Manager, Brannon Eagar stated that \$50k was a preliminary number we estimate engineering will be about \$20k.

Mayor, Steve Erhart stated the well is pumping 125 gallons a minute but it will be set at 120 gallons a minute.

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve the Church Well Engineering by EPS Engineering not to exceed \$20,000. Councilman Bryce Burnham seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart

Marsha Tucker
Debra Seeley
Bryce Burnham
Ray Hamblin

D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ELECTRICAL CONNECTION
AT THE CHURCH WELL NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000

Public Works Director, John Pedroncelli stated that he hasn't heard from Navapache but estimates the rough cost is about \$30k.

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve the electrical connection at the Church Well not to exceed \$30,000. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart
Marsha Tucker
Debra Seeley
Bryce Burnham
Ray Hamblin

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF CHURCH
WELL PARTS NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000

Public Works Director, John Pedroncelli stated that we have to run the line across the street hoping it will be less than \$10k.

Councilman Bryce Burnham made a motion to approve the purchase of the Church Well parts not to exceed \$10,000. Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart
Marsha Tucker
Debra Seeley
Bryce Burnham
Ray Hamblin

F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A WATER CONNECTION FOR
A COUNTY RESIDENT AT 313 E APACHE DR.

Britney Reynolds stated that this property came about 3 years ago was approved for a connection with higher fees because of being in the county out near Eagle Cove apartments. They are planning on building a house and will be setting up 1 to 2 RV's while they build but hope to have a secondary home in the area in the next year or two and the permits will be handled by the county.

Steve Erhart asked if we're asking people to sign a waiver that there is no opposing annexation if that ever goes to happen.

Mrs. Reynolds stated that she is not aware of a waiver no.

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve a water connection for a county resident at 313 E Apache Dr. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart
Marsha Tucker
Debra Seeley
Bryce Burnham
Ray Hamblin

10.ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ray Hamblin made a motion to adjourn at [at 6:39 p.m.]. Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart
Marsha Tucker
Debra Seeley
Bryce Burnham
Ray Hamblin

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 Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on November 7, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk