



TOWN OF EAGAR

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 15, 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 John Phelps. Mayor Steve Erhart led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Bryce Burnham offered the invocation.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Steve Erhart
 Marsha Tucker
 Debra Seeley
 Brandon Slade
 Bryce Burnham
 Ray Hamblin

COUNCIL ABSENT: John Phelps

5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Brannon Eagar, Town Manager stated that we will be doing a soft opening for the pond this Friday the bathrooms are not complete yet and the gates should be getting installed next week, electrical work on tomorrow, insulation is done, plane to stripe the parking lot, and do some hydro-seeding. Thinking September 15th or 16th to do the grand opening with hot dogs and such. The pond parking lot is under budget and Butler Street project is over budget.

Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk stated that the Balloons over Round Valley is next week and that with our sponsorship two Eagar Representatives get to go for a balloon ride on Thursday morning. We are getting ready for the Scarecrow contest and prepping for Halloween and Christmas.

John Pedroncelli, Public Works Director reported that Butler Street is about 95% done and Thursday having a walkthrough with Erik Ritz. We are working on getting black stuff off of the curb on 2nd Street and almost done with Butler Street Project.

Britney Reynolds, Community Development Director stated that she submitted a Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) grant application at the end of last month. I was notified that we were selected for sub-committee review for all new water meters. If approved, I also put in for a company that will install the meters and we can add that to our

system and asked for \$1.7 million hoping to know at the end of next month if we are awarded or not. Mayor Erhart asked if it was \$250k per project? Brannon stated that it is why we were able to apply for \$1.7 million because it is a program and under the program you can apply up to \$3 million and its paid then. The programs we are looking at putting in a project for new fire hydrants to replace a lot of the inoperable. They are two separate projects.

Britney stated that a program is one where you can show consistently over time water savings, and a project is a one-time that you can show you saved water, which would be the hydrants. Hopefully we can get a majority of the metering system paid for there is a 25 % match and is well within the budget that David had prepared for you. Ramsey bathrooms are still moving forward should have plans hopefully by the end of the week and keep moving forward. Was notified that FNF Construction has been selected as the contractor for the Circle K project and has started to make plans to move forward with that project.

Brannon Eagar stated that Circle K has put on their doors that they will be closing at night to prepare for demolition. Mayor Steve Erhart asked if we know when Shortstop is redoing their tanks is it going to be at the same time as Circle K's construction, we do not want them down at the same time. Britney Reynolds stated she is hoping not but that on October 9th is when the Shortstop tanks are supposed to be started, they did not give me a timeline yet. I will reach out to Circle K and see if the gas can be there as long as possible before they work on them.

Robert Pena, Fire Captain stated that the 4th of July pancake breakfast we raised about \$2500. The fireworks went smoothly, we have the biggest show in the White Mountains even though others claim they do I know what they order. We shot 1,323 fireworks anywhere from 6 inch to 8-inch shells and 22 shot cakes which takes us to a total of 3000 to 4000 fireworks and that it took 13 hours alone to wire the finale. Wildland assignments we have gone out 3 times so far and each time sent out different personnel so they could have training and it did not negatively affect staffing. We have already been refunded for two of the assignments totaling \$43,731.18. The third assignment should be getting paid hopefully in the next week or two totaling \$17,710.07. We want to thank Brannon Eagar for being so helpful throughout the process. As for We currently have 4 medics and 11 EMTS, as for classes we have 2 in medic, and 2 that are finishing EMT classes. We have had most of the rebranding done that cost was about \$8600. With all the providers we have now we have gone to a simultaneous dispatch with White Mountain Ambulance Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm with us being staffed during those times once we have a new station, we will move to being 24-hour crews. Having the ALS Contract, we can provide top tier care for Round Valley. We started Fire 1 and Fire 2 academy it is a 21-week program with 15 students enrolled 7 are from our agency with others being from St. Johns, Alpine, and Concho that is a cost saving for us. Posted an available position and will have interviews starting tomorrow and the front-line engine is down in Phoenix getting warranty work done.

6. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Terry Shove wanted to thank the community for all their work on the credible threat that shut down the schools. There was lots of police presence and that safety is number one and that the High School is the hardest to keep secure. It was voted at the last meeting to re-open the Primary School so that information has been sent off to the state, we are trying to get smaller classes and we are currently fully staffed with teachers. The Boys & Girls and Chamber of Commerce raffle ends tomorrow night, and the winner will be drawn Saturday night at The Gateway. Terry then stated that the Boy & Girls Club moved to a new building.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2023 NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA TRANSMITTALS, CHECKS WRITTEN, PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHERS, AND CREDIT CARD PURCHASES
- B. ACCEPTANCE OF JUNE 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. 6-0

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE EPS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SEWER LINE AT HIGHWAY 180 / 191 & 260 JUNCTION

Item Removed

- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PURCHASING SEWER LINE MATERIALS FROM DANA KEPNER FOR HIGHWAY 180 & 191 JUNCTION SEWER PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000

Item Removed

- C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A COST INCREASE OF THE POOL WELL DRILLING PROJECT

Brannon Eagar reported to council that the Pool Well was drilled to 400 feet and we were getting 20 to 40 gallons a minute and we were in the right material to keep drilling. With Richie's experience we decided to drill down to 500 feet and still get about the same amount of water. We are now at 750 feet and it's hard to gauge water at that level. We will have to test pump it. If we put the pump in it will be an additional \$63,500, I think that it's better to take the financial risk instead of digging a new hole.

Mayor Erhart stated that it doesn't include the 3-phase from the pole. Brannon Eagar stated he did talk to Eddie Hamblin at Navopache that a ticket would have to be submitted for engineering.

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve a cost increase of the pool well drilling project not to exceed \$63,500. Councilor Brandon Slade seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart

Marsha Tucker
Debra Seeley
Brandon Slade
Bryce Burnham
Ray Hamblin

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. EXECUTIVE SESSION AS ALLOWED BY A.R.S § 38-431.03.A3 DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE WITH THE ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEYS OF THE PUBLIC BODY- ROUND VALLEY FIRE & MEDICAL AMBULANCE
- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION AS ALLOWED BY A.R.S § 38-431.03.A7 DISCUSSIONS OR CONSULTATIONS WITH DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC BODY IN ORDER TO CONSIDER ITS POSITION AND INSTRUCT ITS REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE, SALE, OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY- LEGAL ADVICE FOR DISPOSITION OF TOWN PROPERTY

Councilor Bryce Burnham made a motion to move into executive session [at 6:32 pm]. Councilor Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

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

Councilor Ray Hamblin made a motion to move into regular session [at 7:00 pm]. Councilor Bryce Burnham seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

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

10. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

- A. DISCUSSION OR POSSIBLE ACTION OF ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION- ITEM A
- B. DISCUSSION OR POSSIBLE ACTION OF ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION- ITEM B

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to make a proposal for the sale of two town properties. Councilor Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart

Marsha Tucker
Debra Seeley
Brandon Slade
Bryce Burnham
Ray Hamblin

11. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to adjourn at [at 7:01 p.m.]. Councilman Brandon Slade seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Vote: Ayes: Steve Erhart
Marsha Tucker
Debra Seeley
Brandon Slade
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 the Regular Council Meeting and Work Session of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on August 15, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk/Event Coordinator