

**MINUTES
EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
August 7, 2007
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Gloria Eagar called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mayor Eagar said to let the record show that Council members Sue Chacon and James Nelson are absent.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Gloria Eagar, Mayor
 Vicente Ordonez
 Byron Smith
 Kim Holaway
 Gary Finch

ABSENT: James Nelson
 Sue Chacon

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Greenwood, Town Manager
 Bruce Ray, Director of Community Development
 Elwin Browning, Public Works Director
 Ladonna Tafoya, Events, Recreation and Tourism
 Mike Hogan, Chief of Police
 Rick Pinckard, Finance Administrator
 Eva Wilson, Town Clerk
 Marion Wiltbank, Assistant Clerk

ITEM #1: DISCUSSION OF FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008 BUDGET

A. RESERVE ACCOUNT

Finance Administrator Rick Pinckard said the Town's reserve could be used on: Economic Development of Apache County (EDAC), Senior Center and Round Valley Chamber of Commerce. EDAC did not request an increase; they are funded at \$25,000. The Senior Center is funded at \$12,000 and they asked for an increase up to \$25,000, as their State funding is a lot less. Their funds are used for Meals on Wheels, and meals at the Senior Center, transportation, domestic abuse and other social services. The Chamber of Commerce is asking for an increase up to \$40,000 from last years \$20,000 which will be used for a 10% increase in wages. It was asked how beneficial has the Chamber been for the Town of Eagar.

EDAC

Mayor Gloria Eagar said EDAC was set up so each Town did not have to have an Economic Developer. EDAC promotes the participating areas and attend economic development meetings for the participants. EDAC administers the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for the Town.

Town Manager Bill Greenwood said that EDAC had set up an Enterprise Zone to allow for the Town to receive payroll tax breaks. EDAC also assured the Town's participation as a Re-di accredited

community, developed advertising grants, an industrial commission for industrial bonds for businesses to use to help in start up funds. Every four years the participating towns trade off receiving the CDBG grant money in a larger amount, instead of smaller grant amounts split between the participants every year. EDAC administration fees are separate.

Mayor Eagar said the Town receives feedback of what is happening in our section of the state. Bill Greenwood said that Springerville did not fund for a couple of years and then when they did it was only at \$5,000 and they seem to benefit the most. It is nice to have someplace to send people for demographics. It was commented that if Springerville stays in for the \$25,000 then Eagar should stay in; if not the Town will need to visit with EDAC.

Councilor Gary Finch asks if there was a way to measure how much EDAC does for the Town. Mayor Eagar said it would be hard to measure. EDAC is for drawing in new businesses and they receive notices on businesses that want to come in; a lot of the Town's business leads come through EDAC. Most businesses want to be placed near railways and interstates.

Councilor Byron Smith asked what would happen to EDAC if Springerville goes to \$5,000 and we go to \$5,000. Council consensus was to leave it at a \$25,000 contribution and see what Springerville does.

SENIOR CENTER

Councilor Kim Holaway said the Senior Center is a very worthwhile place as both towns have an aging population and it is the only place for the elderly. It was asked how much of the Senior Center is subsidized by Springerville. Rick Pinckard replied that Springerville gives the Senior Center \$90,000 a year. Town Manager Bill Greenwood wanted to know how much of that is out of Town coffers and how much is from NACOG or state funding.

Councilor Byron Smith said the Senior Center is very busy and he has been there for a couple days for the last few months; there are lots of activities for the seniors.

Council wanted to know how much the Senior Center provides for Eagar Residents. Finance Administrator Rick Pinckard said he would get with the Senior Center Director and find out the numbers.

ROUND VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Councilor Kim Holaway said that Councilor Sue Chacon was not in favor to INCREASE funding to the Chamber. The Chamber was supposed to be self-sufficient. The extra money is for staff increase of wages and when Executive Director Jennifer Prochnow is away they want to bring in Barbara Gerres from New Mexico and compensate her for travel plus the wage she would earn. The Chambers also wants to add an extra clerical position. The businesses that belong to the chamber pay dues.

Councilor Byron Smith said that Springerville funds them at twice the amount that Eagar does. Mayor Eagar said that commerce is business and Springerville has the most businesses. Bill Greenwood and Councilor Kim Holaway agreed that the sales tax revenue is twice as much as Eagar's.

Rick Pinckard, Finance Administrator said that Eagar has been doing all of its own advertising and event promotion. Councilor Kim Holaway said that in years past the Chamber has held benefit dinners & silent auctions and did very well and they haven't done fundraisers since except for a golf tournament.

Mayor Eagar said to get Councilor Gary Finch information on Chamber and bring this back next month.

ITEM #2: DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE EAGAR TOWN HALL MEETING ROOMS

Town Clerk Eva Wilson told Council that by meeting rooms she was talking about the chamber room and the large side room. Some towns allow non-profit, government agency use of their meeting rooms. Right now the Community Orchestra, Scouts and ATV groups use the town rooms regularly at no charge. Councilor Kim Holaway asked if there were any for profit groups that used the rooms. Town Manager Bill Greenwood told her it had been used for a conference that paid for the chairs and tables. Councilor Kim Holaway said the Library is going to be built across the street and they will have meeting rooms and that may lessen the use of the town's rooms. Mayor Gloria Eagar said since we don't do donations it is someway of helping the Scouts out by giving them a place to meet.

Town Clerk Eva Wilson asked if the Town should charge a cleaning or security deposits. Councilor James Nelson said it would be a refundable deposit. Councilor Gary Finch said it would be best if users signed an agreement to fix whatever they destroy and had liability insurance. Town Clerk Eva Wilson said she would work up an agreement and any use shorter than a half day would not need to sign an agreement. Councilors Vicente Ordonez and James Nelson said to prohibit the private sector from renting the rooms as it competes with private businesses. Ladonna Tafoya, Events, Recreation and Tourism said she has a hard time reserving the rooms for town functions. Councilor Byron Smith said our activities should come first. Town Manager Bill Greenwood said that an agreement would state that town use is priority. Council asked Ms. Wilson what other places charged around town. Ms. Wilson said the school charges \$250 per hour, and the VFW charges a minimum of \$250 per event. Town Clerk Eva Wilson said she would work up an application and charges to be considered and bring it back to Council.

ITEM #3: ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Byron Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Vicente Ordonez; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Attest: _____

Mayor: _____

Vice-mayor: _____

Council: _____

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CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are true and correct copy of the minutes of the work session of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on the August 7, 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Eva Wilson, Town Clerk