

**MINUTES
EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
22 W. 2nd St., Eagar, AZ
September 1, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Kim Holaway called the regular council meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mayor Holaway reported that Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr., and Councilor Guy Phelps are attending other functions and that all other council members are present. Mayor Holaway led the Pledge of Allegiance and Bruce Ray offered the invocation.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Kim Holaway, Mayor
 Byron Smith
 Gary Finch
 Steve Erhart
 Melissa Webb

COUNCIL ABSENT: James Nelson, Jr., Vice Mayor
 Guy Phelps

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Greenwood, Town Manager
 Bruce Ray, Community Development Director
 Mike Hogan, Chief of Police
 Howard Carlson, Fire Chief
 Katie Wood, Finance Administrator
 Elwin Browning, Public Works Administrator
 Doug Brown, Town Attorney
 Eva Wilson, Town Clerk

ITEM #5: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

A. MAYOR

Mayor Kim Holaway along with Town Manager Bill Greenwood attended the Governor's Rural Development Conference last week. The Mayor attended the Wellness Coalition meeting this morning.

Mayor Holaway reported that Dr. Susan Flader would be providing a free lecture regarding Aldo Leopold at the Round Valley Library on September 3, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

The Mayor and Staff Retreat will be held on September 22, 2009; the location and time will be determined at a later time.

B. COUNCIL

Councilor Steve Erhart thanked the public works department for their work on the water line break on Safari.

Councilor Byron Smith attended the Legislative Recap presented by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. Councilor Smith has recorded the presentation for those who want to hear it. The presentation revealed that the legislative body has masked the economic shortfall for several years, i.e. shortfalls in the budget for all day kindergarten.

C. STAFF

Town Manager Bill Greenwood reported that the Resource Advisory Council had received funding. The Resource Advisory Council would like to use some of the funding for thinning projects, trail, and habitat type projects.

ITEM #6: OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

ITEM #7: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SPRINGERVILLE-EAGAR REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JENNIFER PROCHNOW

Ms. Prochnow reported the following for August:

- 900 visitors signed in / 34,000 web hits
- The Chamber added another new page to the website for dining
- Working on Day Trip Itineraries for website
- Working on a referral program to track if visitors are patronizing local businesses
- Advertising in Arizona Tourist News

ITEM #8: NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE BY FOREST SERVICE RANGER RICK DAVALOS

Ranger Rick Davalos stated that this year the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest has been honored with producing the Capitol Christmas Tree. The Capitol Christmas Tree is chosen from a different national forest each year. This process involves the entire State of Arizona. Other facets of the program are provided by sponsorships through private industry, and other organizations. Annually a Christmas tree is picked from national forest lands with stipulations for size and color. Eighty companion trees for the capitol city will also be produced from Arizona to include tribal lands. The project superintendent from Washington D. C. was happy that an eighty-five foot tall, blue spruce was the finalist from the Apache-Sitgreaves Alpine District.

Citizens of Arizona will be making and supplying all of the ornaments for the Capitol Christmas Tree and the companion trees. Children are asked to participate by making all of the outdoor ornaments for the companion trees. An entry form will be provided to each child and one lucky child will be picked to go to the Capitol for the tree presentation to Congress. October 5, 2009 is the deadline to submit ornaments. All ornaments are to be mailed to the Apache-Sitgreaves Headquarters in Springerville where they will be inspected for safety, visibility, and requirements to withstand harsh outdoor winter weather.

The Arizona Congressional delegation is fully involved in this project and will sponsor a reception for presentation of the trees when they reach the Capitol. Governor Brewer is the Honorary Chairperson of the Christmas Tree Project and more information can be found at the website www.capitolchristmastree2009.org.

The cutting of the Christmas trees will take place on November 7, 2009, with a reception to take place in the forest at that time. Arizona delegates have been invited to this event. The Capitol Christmas Tree will be placed on an eighty-five foot expandable trailer, within cradles, underneath a protective covering. A water boot will be placed on the cut end of the tree trunk, and misters will be installed within the covering to keep the tree fresh for its long tour through a minimum of twenty-five Arizona cities and towns, and then for the long trip to Washington D. C.

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE TOWN OF EAGAR'S AND THE COMMUNITY'S PARTICIPATION IN CELEBRATING AND PRESENTING THE CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE

Eagar will be the first stop for the Capitol Christmas Tree Tour. Ranger Davalos is currently looking for a facility that will allow for a lot of community participation. Mayor Holaway suggested the Eagar Arena and Event Center (rodeo grounds), as there is accessibility to a large seating area, enclosed buildings, and a kitchen area.

Ranger Davalos reported that the Arizona delegates have been invited to Eagar for the first leg of the tour and he hopes they will be able to say a few words on this historic event. He suggested that the presentation could include the high school choir, a cowboy poet and/or a storyteller. Because a painting of the Christmas tree will hang in the National Forest Service Chief's office for a year, many artists have been involved with the project. Therefore an art exhibit could be part of the program.

The Town of Springerville will be given this same presentation, therefore, the Council asked Town Manager Bill Greenwood to meet with Springerville Town Manager Steve West to see if they would be interested in a collaborative event.

C. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2009-29 AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF IMPACT FEES

Following due public notice, it is recommended that modifications be made to the Impact Fee schedule and definitions.

Councilor Steve Erhart moved to approve Resolution 2009-29 authorizing the modification of Impact Fees. Councilor Melissa Webb seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

D. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2009-28 ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET

Councilor Steve Erhart moved to approve Resolution 2009-28 adopting the fiscal year 2009-2010 Budget with the addition of a line item to be added in Caselle for repayment to the Facilities account. Councilor Gary Finch seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

E. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2009-27 ADOPTING ROAD STANDARDS FOR THE TOWN OF EAGAR – DEVELOPERS, SUBDIVIDERS AND ALL OTHERS WHO WISH TO CONSTRUCT ROADS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS

Community Development Director Bruce Ray recommended passage of Resolution 2009-27 with the following amendments to be made:

- Section 120 – replaced “each approval department” with “the Community Development Department”
- Section 160 – added “as allowed by Section 17.04.090 C. Eagar Town Code”
- Section 230 and Section 240 – added “cinder” (to be used as a base material)
- Section 170 – replaced “ASTM 698” with “ASTM D 698”

Councilor Byron Smith moved to approve Resolution 2009-27 adopting Road Standards for the Town of Eagar as amended. Councilor Steve Erhart seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

F. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2009-30 ACCEPTING CHANGES TO THE HOUSING REHABILITATION GUIDELINE – THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR EACH REHABILITATION PROJECT

The State has set a new guideline maximum per project for the emergency housing rehabilitation grant from \$10,000 to \$15,000. With this increase it is hopeful that the Town can recoup some of the administrative monies expended. The Town has until January 31, 2010 to complete twenty projects. The Town has requested a six month extension to complete the contract, if approved the Town will have until July 31 2010. The Town needed to finish out the contract because there is still \$300,000 that needs to be expended and there is a need for the grant in the community. By December the Town should be phasing out of the project. Economic Development Apache County (EDAC) has agreed to take over the program and they have hired Hank Rogers to oversee the program at this point. However, the Town will have to track and audit all of the full-housing rehabs and replacement awards that have been granted for a minimum of fifteen years.

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Councilor Byron Smith moved to approve Resolution 2009-30 accepting changes to the Housing Rehabilitation Guideline – the maximum amount for each rehabilitation project. Councilor Melissa Webb seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 5-0

ITEM #9: SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

The following documents were signed after approval: Resolutions 2009-29, 2009-28, 2009-27, and 2009-30.

ITEM #10: ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Gary Finch moved to adjourn regular session at 8:12 p.m. Councilor Steve Erhart seconded; all were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Attest: _____

Mayor: _____

Vice-Mayor _____

Council: _____

CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular session of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on September 1, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Eva M. Wilson, Town Clerk