

**MINUTES
EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
22 W. 2nd St., Eagar, AZ
March 3, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Kim Holaway called the regular council meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mayor Holaway stated that Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr., and Councilor Gary Finch are absent, and that all other council members are present. Boy Scout Troup 87 performed a flag ceremony and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dustin Sanders offered the invocation.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Kim Holaway, Mayor
 Dustin Sanders
 Guy Phelps
 Byron Smith
 Steve Erhart

COUNCIL ABSENT: James Nelson, Jr., Vice Mayor
 Gary Finch

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Greenwood, Town Manager
 Katie Wood, Finance Administrator
 Elwin Browning, Public Works Administrator
 Rick Pinckard, Grant Administrator
 Eva Wilson, Town Clerk

ITEM #5: REPORTS

A. MAYOR

Mayor Kim Holaway reported she had met with Barbara O’Lear, Director of the area Silver Creek Regional Humane Society. Mrs. O’Lear is with us tonight to make a presentation.

Mayor Holaway attended the Apache County Board of Supervisor meeting to support the effort to keep Lyman Lake State Park open. Lyman Lake State Park is on the third tier, out of eight tiers, of parks proposed to be closed by the State due to budget restrictions. Citizens are encouraged to write their senators and representatives on this issue.

The Jean B. Hall Rehabilitation and Fitness Center held a grand opening on February 19, 2009.

B. COUNCIL

Councilor Dustin Sanders attended the Apache County Drug Free Alliance meeting. He reported that the area communities still have a significant drug problem with cocaine use climbing. The Drug Alliance continues to promote drug awareness to the communities.

Councilor Byron Smith attended the White Mountain Regional Transportation meeting and he was alarmed to learn that the state's road budget is so depleted that if the area were to have a severe snowstorm there would not be sufficient material or man-hour monies to clear the roads. The same is true if there were to be a rock slide or other high maintenance project.

C. STAFF

Town Manager Bill Greenwood reported that with Eagle West Cable's closure last week, investigation of the franchise contract does not obligate the Town of Eagar to provide cable television service.

Mr. Greenwood will be sending a memo to employees explaining the racquet sport facility grant.

On Monday Mr. Greenwood and Finance Administrator Katie Wood met with Western Area Power Authority. It may take a couple more months for the reimbursements to start coming in; however the town was assured that the situation would be resolved and that the project is moving forward.

Grant Administrator Rick Pinckard reported that the Housing Grant has rehabilitated ten-fifteen homes this cycle.

Mr. Pinckard stated that some communities had forfeited their State Park Trails Grant monies and that \$400,000 is available for distribution. The Town will apply for \$180,000 in partnership with the Apache County ATV Club, and Forest Service. The plan is to replace ATV trail cattle guards and rehabilitate drainage in low-lying areas. Mr. Pinckard stated that cattle guard replacements cost \$6500 a piece and he believes there are 15 cattle guards. This is a reimbursable grant, meaning the entities pay for the improvements and then submit for reimbursement from State Parks.

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

- Visitor counts are up.
- Monthly Mixers are held the third Thursday of every month. When there is no other host, the Chamber hosts.
- Congresswoman Kirkpatrick visit on February 18th was productive.
- Mailed letters and advertisement for Memorial Weekend Event - joint council effort.

- Expects TEAM Grant to open. The Chamber wants to apply to help pay for signs and brochures.
- Chrome in the Dome is April 17-19th.
- The Chamber Newsletter will now be sent electronically to save on costs.
- Continues to promote Business of the Week in the local newspaper.

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Mayor Holaway reported that she participated in a Web cast sponsored by the National League of Cities and Towns regarding the Recovery Act (stimulus bill). She will e-mail the PowerPoint to council, and staff as requested.

Mayor Holaway and Vice-Mayor Nelson had met with Congresswoman Kirkpatrick on February 18th and spoke to her about Eagar's Recovery Act proposed projects. The Little Colorado Recreation Committee is working on plans for a community swimming pool/center and had received a donation from a Tucson Electric Power sub-contractor to prepare a conceptual design study for a new swimming pool. The Recovery Act disallows for swimming pools to be presented as a project.

Mayor Holaway did speak with Senator Sylvia Allen regarding the Town's State Park Racquet Sport Facility Grant, and Senator Allen did speak to the State on the Town's behalf and the project is moving forward.

ITEM #8: NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF SILVER CREEK HUMANE SOCIETY FUND RAISER

Barbara O'Lear, Director of the Silver Creek Regional Humane Society, reported that the non-profit organization will be holding a fundraising festival the weekend of May 29-31, 2009. The festival will be held at the Eagar Event Center – Blue Building. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward the shelter the Humane Society plans to build at the Eagar Industrial Park.

The event will include art and craft displays and vendors, performances by State Historian Marshall Trimble, and State Balladeer Dolan Ellis the entire weekend. On Friday there will be a silent auction, taco dinner, and a dance with music provided by the Short Bus Band.

On Saturday activities include a boy-scout color guard, Mountain Motorcycle Association Ride, BBQ dinner, and a dance. The festival will end Sunday evening. The Humane Society is looking for sponsorships and volunteers to help with the event. The Town of Eagar will be listed as a co-host.

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CLIMBING WALL ADDITION TO RACQUETBALL BUILDING

Steve Nicoll would like to donate to the Town a climbing wall that is worth \$80,000. He is willing to donate it for in-kind reimbursement of water/sewer bills, permit fees, hook-up fees, and conditional use permits over a 20-30 year period. The Town would have to track the reimbursements. The total cost that Mr. Nicoll would be donating for the material and climbing wall is approximately \$31,438.

The climbing wall is considered an exclusion in the Town's liability insurance and would cost \$3000 a year to insure. The Town could not manage or administer any supervision as it pertains to the climbing wall. Mayor Holaway and Mr. Greenwood had discussed allowing only groups or individuals that could prove coverage of liability insurance to use the wall by appointment.

Councilor Dustin Sanders had a concern that the Town would pay this amount of money for an activity that is not open to the public. The in-kind reimbursements would be quite an expense to the Town eventually. Councilor Steve Erhart was also concerned about the in-kind reimbursements and that accepting this proposal does not follow the contract bid policy of the Town.

Councilor Byron Smith moved to accept Steve Nicoll's donation offer to be repaid over time by in-kind reimbursements for a climbing wall addition to the racquetball facility. The motion died for lack of a second.

C. FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET DISCUSSION

1. HUMAN RESOURCES – SALARY SCHEDULE, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Finance Administrator Katie Wood and Town Clerk Eva Wilson presented projected figures calculated for the maximum case scenario for salaries and employee benefits for fiscal year 2009-10. The projections do not include Volunteer Fire Fighters, Citizen Patrol Volunteers, or Swimming Pool Personnel – these numbers will be presented by the individual departments.

There was discussion regarding the Insurance in Lieu program. Ms. Wilson will supply the council with some research that was conducted previously concerning this program.

ITEM #9: SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

None

ITEM #10: ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dustin Sanders moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Seconded by Councilor Byron Smith; all were in favor, meeting adjourned.

Council Regular Session
March 3, 2009

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 March 3, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Eva M. Wilson, Town Clerk