



**TOWN OF EAGAR**  
**REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAY 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, 22 WEST 2ND STREET**

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**MINUTES**

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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**

Bryce Hamblin, Town Manager reported to council that hoping to have Butler done in the next month, getting ready to hydro-seed and trees are being planted.

Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk reminded council that Eagar Days is on May 27<sup>th</sup> and that Jr Bass Masters has donated some stuff for the fishing tournament.

**6. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Terry Shove stated that the Community Days of Prayer will be on May 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Community Day of Service will be on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Foundation for Little Colorado Revitalization will be in the Eagar council chambers tomorrow at 9:00 am for a meeting discussing various topics.

Patricia Brown stated she is concerned about the speeding and amount of traffic that goes down 5<sup>th</sup> Ave is getting concerned about safety and the large pothole that is at the beginning of the street almost in front of her house.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 2023
- B. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2023 NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA TRANSMITTALS, CHECKS WRITTEN, PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHERS, AND CREDIT CARD PURCHASES
- C. ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SALES TAX REPORT

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. 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

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SPONSORSHIP OF \$1000 FOR THE 2023 BETTER WORLD BARBEQUE THROWDOWN

Mike Nuttall stated that Better World BBQ finally became a 501-C and has given away \$12,000 to charities. The venue for this year has been changed to be over by Navapache and Springerville is helping with preparations. There will be vendors, raffle items, and this event is Arizona's longest running BBQ event. Last year's sponsorship is very appreciated and hope that you will sponsor it again this year.

Vice- mayor Marsha Tucker made a motion to approve sponsorship of \$1000 for the 2023 Better World Barbeque Throwdown. 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

- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SPONSORSHIP OF \$2000 FOR THE BALLOONS OVER ROUND VALLEY EVENT

John Wilfong owner of Sierra Propane stated that they are bringing back Balloons over Round Valley in August. This will be a family fun event with lots of stuff to do for the kids. There is a media day on that Thursday that you can participate in with your sponsorship.

Councilor Brandon Slade made a motion to approve sponsorship of \$2000 for the Balloons over Round Valley event. Councilwoman Debra Seeley seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

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

C. DISCUSSION AND RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE TO REHAB HALL WELL PUMP

Mr. Hamblin stated that the Hall well went down and with it being one of our main wells we had to make an emergency purchase to get it back up and running.

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve and ratify the emergency purchase to rehab Hall well. 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

D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-03 TO UPDATE AUTHORIZED SIGNORS TO THE NATIONAL BANK ACCOUNTS

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 to update authorized signors to the National Bank accounts. 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

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-04 DESIGNATING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER FOR OFFICALLY SUBMITTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 EXPENDITURE LIMITATION REPORT TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Mrs. Vaughan stated that this is a housekeeping item and now that David has been hired on the resolution will designate him as the CFO for 2023 fiscal.

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04 designating the Chief Fiscal Officer for officially submitting the fiscal year 2023 Expenditure Limitation Report. 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

F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF MONITORS AND ACCESSORIES FROM ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000

Levi Penrod, Fire Chief stated that the current monitors the department has is over 20 years old we have been using White Mountain Ambulances monitor when we can. Every department on the Mountain uses Zoll monitors and it's a great brand and the quote was cheaper using Gilbert's pricing and it will have a warranty.

Mayor Erhart asked if the monitor will go straight to the Ambulance? Levi stated for now the fire truck but once we get an ambulance then yes.

Mayor Erhart stated that this will be a shared cost with Springerville.

Councilor Debra Seeley asked if this is going to be in the budget for next year also? Mr. Hamblin stated no we are going for a grant.

Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker made a motion to approve the purchase of monitors and accessories from Zoll Medical Corporation for the fire department not to exceed \$55,000. 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

G. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL TO ADD IN TOWN CODE A POSSIBLE DEBT ORDINANCE

Mayor Erhart stated that there is a memo in front of everyone that reads "Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code of the Town of Eagar, the Town Council shall not expend public funds, grant tax concessions or relief, or incur any form of cumulative debt in an amount greater than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), without approval of the majority of the electorate voting thereon at the next ensuing election. The Town Council shall ensure that the Town always has available funds in the amount of 25% of the previous

year's expenditures, or One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), whichever amount is greater.” This requires future councils to hold public hearings and a vote from the people.

Mr. Hamblin stated that this is to protect the town and not get us back in debt and to prevent debt.

Brett Rigg, Town Attorney stated this is very similar to what the City of Mesa has and it has been done in other towns.

Mayor Erhart asked Mr. Rigg if this qualifies as the first reading and Mr. Rigg stated that it does.

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. EXECUTIVE SESSION AS ALLOWED BY A.R.S § 38-431.03.A7 DISCUSSION 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- **TOWN OF EAGAR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF CENTRAL AVE & BUTLER STREET**
  
- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION AS ALLOWED BY A.R.S § 38-431.03.A7 DISCUSSION 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- **UDALL BRIDGE**
  
- C. EXECUTIVE SESSION AS ALLOWED BY A.R.S § 38-431.03.A1 DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYMENT, ASSIGNMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISMISSAL, SALARIES, DISCIPLINING OR RESIGNATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICER, APPOINTEE OR EMPLOYEE OF ANY PUBLIC BODY, EXCEPT THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SALARY DISCUSSIONS, AN OFFICER OR APPOINTEE OR EMPLOYEE MAY DEMAND THAT THE DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OCCUR AT A PUBLIC MEETING. THE PUBLIC BODY SHALL PROVIDE THE OFFICER, APPOINTEE OR EMPLOYEE WITH WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AS IS APPROPRIATE BUT NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS FOR THE OFFICER, APPOINTEE OR EMPLOYEE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION SHOULD OCCUR AT A PUBLIC MEETING- **TOWN MANAGER**

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to move into executive session [at 6:44 pm]. 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

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to move into regular session [at 6:49 pm]. Councilor Brandon Slade seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

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

No motion

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

No Motion

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

Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker made a motion to hire Brannon Eagar for the Town Manager position and for the mayor to negotiate the contract. 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**

Councilor Bryce Burnham made a motion to adjourn at [at 6:20 p.m.]. 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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Council: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on May 2, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk/Event Coordinator