



TOWN OF EAGAR
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 6, 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. Mayor Steve Erhart led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Ray Hamblin offered the invocation.

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Steve Erhart, Mayor thanked staff for all the work at Eagar Days and the Fishing Tournament and thanked the community for coming.

Bryce Hamblin stated that the second phase of hydro-seeding is done.

Brannon Eagar, Town Manager stated that work on the bathroom is progressing.

Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk reported that Eagar Days went off great had lots of compliments and that staff is prepping for the 4th of July.

Britney Reynolds, Community Development Director stated that she had a meeting with Apache County and was informed that none of the southern Apache County bills were approved.

John Pedroncelli, Public Works Director stated that they have started on the pond parking lot.

6. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ray Rug stated that he has been a resident of Hamblin Street since 1989. He and his neighbors have started a petition to have stop signs placed back on 2nd Street. There have been issues of speeding, increased traffic with the Butler Street construction and was told there would be no buses on Hamblin Street when the schools were built.

Ronald Cole stated he has been a Hamblin Street resident since 2005. There use to be stop signs at every block and that Hamblin Street has become a drag strip and is worried that someone is going to get hurt or killed.

Luke Gallagher stated that from Central Ave to Brown Street and going to Hamblin that nobody goes the speed limit, and they are not going 15 mph when the signs are out.

7. WORK SESSION

A. WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Councilor Brandon Slade made a motion to move into Work Session. Councilwoman Debra Seeley seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

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

Councilor Bryce Burnham made a motion to move into regular session. Vice-mayor Marsha seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

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

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 2023

B. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2023 NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA TRANSMITTALS, CHECKS WRITTEN, PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHERS, AND CREDIT CARD PURCHASES

- C. ACCEPTANCE OF APRIL 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SALES TAX REPORT
- D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2022 PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT PENSION REPORT

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2023-2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mayor Erhart stated that he thinks this is a good budget and once the tentative budget is approved that the line items can be decreased but not increased per statute.

Councilor Brandon Slade made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget. Councilor Bryce Burnham seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

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

- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-05 APPOINTING A TRUSTEE AND ALTERNATE TRUSTEE TO REPRESENT THE TOWN OF EAGAR ON THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE RURAL ARIZONA GROUP HEALTH TRUST

Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk reported to council that in the past years the clerk and manager have been the trustees for the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust (RAGHT) with Kara Solis and I handling benefits we are wanting to update the trustees to still be the Town Clerk and replace the alternate trustee to be Kara Solis, Human Resources.

Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05 appointing Jessica Vaughan and Kara Solis as Trustees. 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
John Phelps

C. DISCUSSION AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-01

Mayor Erhart read Ordinance 2023-01 and stated that it has taken the town years to get out of debt. This ordinance makes it so the public would be aware of any possible future debts.

Councilor Brandon Slade made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01. Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

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

D. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-06 DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT IS MAINTAINED AND FILED WITH THE EAGAR TOWN CLERK AND ENTITLED "ORDINANCE 2023- 01"

Councilor Bryce Burnham made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06. Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

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

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE DONTATING \$2000 TO APACHE COUNTY FOR THE 2023 FAIR

Jessica Vaughan stated that there is a letter in the packet from the fair and that they are requesting a donation of \$2000 like they have in the years past.

Bryce Burnham, Councilman asked what does the town get for donating? Bryce Hamblin stated that the town is in a lot of the advertising, banners, flyers, announced through the event, and that it benefits the kids.

Councilor John Phelps made a motion to approve donating \$2000 to Apache County for the 2023 fair. 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
John Phelps

F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF PELORUS SOFTWARE AND SERVICES

David Lamm, Finance Director stated that we have been looking into new software to replace Caselle. The Town has used Caselle for years and the yearly cost is around \$19k. Pelorus is a newer software that a lot of the communities on the mountain are switching to. The initial investment to Pelorus is \$17,500 with a yearly cost of \$11,600 saving the town money.

Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker made a motion to approve the purchase of Pelorus Software and Services. Councilor Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

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

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MOTOR VEHICLE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EAGAR AND THE TOWN OF SPRINGERVILLE

Bryce Hamblin stated that the fire department acquired a fire truck from the Town of Springerville that still has a note on it. The agreement states that the town will be leasing it for \$1 a year.

Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker made a motion to approve the motor vehicle lease agreement between the Town of Eagar and the Town of Springerville. Councilor John Phelps seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

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

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. 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- BRANNON EAGAR

B. 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- BRYCE HAMBLIN

Councilor Ray Hamblin made a motion to move into executive session [at 6:44 pm]. Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

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

Councilor Bryce Burnham made a motion to move into regular session [at 6:59 pm]. Councilor Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

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

11. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

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

Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker made a motion to approve Brannon Eagar as the Manager and retro his contract back to May 22nd. Councilor Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

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

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

Vice-mayor Marsha Tucker made a motion to have Bryce Hamblin receive contractual pay. 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
John Phelps

11. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Debra Seeley made a motion to adjourn at [at 7:00 p.m.]. Vice- mayor Marsha Tucker seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

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

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 June 6, 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk/Event Coordinator