



**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022
AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER, 126 LION BOULEVARD, SPRINGDALE, UTAH**

The Special Meeting convened at 3:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Bruno, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, Suzanne Elger, and Jack Burns

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Rob Totten, Town Attorney Greg Hardman, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the special meeting agenda for April 13, 2022. Seconded by Suzanne Elger.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Bruno: Aye

Elger: Aye

Burns: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

A. Closed Session

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to enter into Closed Session for discussion of pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Closed Session commenced at 3:04 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Bruno, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, Suzanne Elger, and Jack Burns

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Town Attorney Greg Hardman, Rob Totten, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording

Closed Session ended at 4:09 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Bruno, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, Suzanne Elger, and Jack Burns

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Town Attorney Greg Hardman, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson

B. Action Required by Closed Session

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft that staff continue to negotiate with the Division of Environmental Quality on the agreement with the state and direct the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Suzanne Elger.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Bruno: Aye

Elger: Aye

Burns: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft staff respond to the Canyon Springs communication as discussed in Closed Session. Seconded by Randy Aton.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Bruno: Aye

Elger: Aye

Burns: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

The Council took a brief break. The Regular Meeting convened at 5:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Bruno, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, Suzanne Elger, and Jack Burns

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Town Attorney Greg Hardman, Town Treasurer Dawn Brecke, Police Chief Garen Brecke, Parks & Recreation Director Ryan Gubler, Public Works Superintendent Rob Totten, Streets Superintendent Robert George, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bruno.

Approval of the agenda

**Motion made by Suzanne Elger to approve the agenda for the Town Council meeting on April 13th.
Seconded by Lisa Zumpft.**

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Bruno: Aye

Elger: Aye

Burns: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

A. Announcements/Information/Community Questions

1. General announcements: Mayor Bruno and Mr. Wixom met with Dixie State University President Williams and members of his executive staff to discuss the future of the OC Tanner Amphitheater. During this meeting, President Williams indicated the university was not pursuing the development of a resort/hotel and hospitality program on their Springdale property. The consulting contract had been canceled. This was due in large part to feedback from the community.

- Mr. Wixom expressed his thanks to the Council, and former Mayor Stanley Smith, for their dedication and leadership. Members of the community were also instrumental in repeatedly communicating Springdale's values and how the proposed DSU project did not meet them.
- Mayor Bruno reminded President Williams that there were many hotels in Springdale and Virgin that would be happy to train and hire students as interns and employees.
- DSU was focusing its attention on developing an innovation center/small-business incubator on 186 acres acquired near the St. George campus.

Ms. Zumpft announced the current Zion National Park artist-in-residence was a tap dancer. A performance was scheduled on Thursday, April 22nd at the Canyon Community Center in conjunction with Z-Arts.

2. Zion National Park update: Superintendent Bradybaugh reported:

- January 2022 was the second all-time busiest January. Visitations in February and March exceeded the previous records. Daily visitation in April was running between 14,000 and 18,000

which neared summer numbers. Year-to-date visitation totaled 760,000. ZNP staff continued to try and give visitors a great experience while taking care of the Park.

- Although the weather was getting warmer, the water was still cold. People needed to be prepared for their trip. Also, all water bodies were on a 'health watch' relative to cyanobacteria. Visitors could be in the water, but should not submerge or drink the water.
- There were a number of cliff closures due to peregrine nesting which are posted on the ZNP website.
- April 16-24 was National Park Week; April 16th was a fee-free day.
- The mask mandate for federal transportation facilities, including shuttles, had been extended to May 3rd due to an uptick in a subvariant of COVID.
- The Angels Landing lottery permitting process started April 1st. The program was going well and visitors seemed to be well-informed.

Regarding the lottery, Ms. Zumpft asked if the Park had any expectations after the two-month experimental period.

- Superintendent Bradybaugh explained the program would run for the entire year.

Mayor Bruno asked if the Park knew the percentage of people who received the permit they wanted.

- It was hard to know; however, the Park was tracking 'no-shows' to add capacity.

Ms. Zumpft asked if the Park was considering a timed entry system for the shuttles again.

- The Park was thinking about it in conjunction with the visitor use management plan. ZNP staff was also working with Arches National Park to track the success of their reservation system.

Ms. Elger asked if the Park was staffed as it wanted to be and if all seasonals were on-board.

- Like many businesses, ZNP was having trouble staffing up. They added staffing positions to manage the Angels Landing permit program. There were a number of vacancy announcements out.

3. Presentation on wildlife trapping in accordance with state law, regulation, and policy – Chris Proctor, Critter Control of Southern Utah: Chris Proctor presented to the Council. Critter Control was a locally owned franchise specializing in wildlife control. There was a lot of wildlife in this area and nuisance wildlife could adversely affect homes and property. Because of this sometimes trapping was necessary. Mr. Proctor indicated all trapping was done in accordance with state law and the Division of Wildlife Services. Their mission was to protect wildlife and people, and they emphasized education and conservation.

Mr. Burns asked where live-trapped animals were released.

- Animals were released in areas where it was allowed and suitable. None were released within town limits. Some animals, such as gophers, could not be caught live.
- Critter Control provided service to local municipalities and residents.

4. Council department reports:

Mr. Burns reported:

- There were no updates for the Southwest Mosquito Abatement Board.
- The History Center architectural consultants presented two design concepts along with landscape and lighting plans at recent meetings.
- Attended a number of Zion Regional Collaborative meetings including the Transportation Subcommittee, Trail Advocacy Group, and Commerce Action Team.
- Participated in the National Scenic Byway kickoff meeting. The National Scenic Byway designation was given to SR-9 from La Verkin to the east side of Zion. The committee would work on a corridor management plan.

- Drafted language for the animal trapping ordinance.
- Mr. Burns commended Ryan Gubler for his work on the recent stargazing event. It was well attended.

Ms. Elger reported:

- Thanked Jack Burns and Holli George for their work on the animal trapping ordinance.
- Earth Day would be held on Saturday, April 30th. Members of the community could sign up for service projects through the Town's website. A celebration held at the Gazebo Park would follow at noon featuring booths, food trucks, and live music.
- In the next few weeks, the pickleball courts would be outfitted with a new surface for players to try out.
- Attended the Solid Waste District Board meeting on Monday. There would be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day held this Saturday from 8:00 am – 12:45 pm at the Washington County landfill.
- Planned to attend the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) Conference next Thursday and Friday.

Ms. Zumpft reported:

- Attended Transient Lodging Task Force meetings. The task force planned to forward their recommendations to the Planning Commission in May.
- Attended ULCT legislative update sessions which included changes to state laws related to land use, moderate-income housing, and water conservation. Staff was reviewing how the Town should respond to the new laws.
- On March 19th attended the St. George Historical Society gathering with Mayor Bruno to unveil a statue in honor of historian Juanita Brooks.
- On March 25th attended the Utah Transportation Commission meeting to learn about UDOT projects happening around the state.
- Planned to attend the Arts Council of Washington County's Creative Age Council on April 30th.
- Also planned to attend the ULCT Conference next week.

Mr. Aton reported:

- The fire and EMS totals were provided (Attachment #1). Deputy Chief Gildea was retiring at the end of the month so this would be his last Council meeting. Staff had asked Deputy Chief Gildea to assist with a fire plan for the Canyon Community Center and he was working with Ryan Gubler to provide information.
- The Streets Department fixed the water station at Majestic View and assisted with annual storm drain cleaning. The Tiley Hill sidewalk project would be completed within the next week. The stained portions of the retaining wall would be maintained by the Town.
- Public Works established a plan to address the wastewater ponds and lagoons. The irrigation pond dredging would begin next week. Twin D finished the cleaning and camera work on the sewer line. Staff would replace the last of the water meters.
- During Earth Day, Mr. Aton and Ms. Elger would show slides and answer questions about the Utah Renewable Energy Program. Mr. Aton explained the program timeline and when certain benchmarks would be achieved.

Mayor Bruno reported:

- Attended the ground-breaking ceremony for a new county mental health and substance abuse crisis center.
- Governor Cox held a round table for Southern Utah mayors. Mayor Bruno spoke with him about some of the challenges facing Springdale including affordable housing and concerns with overreach by the Utah Legislature.

- Identified a fiber optics company that would request federal money to offer this service to local residents. Ms. Elger was also helping to work on this issue.
- Aware that cell service from AT&T and Verizon had deteriorated. Mayor Bruno was working with both companies on solutions.
- Contacted Federal Express and UPS to request drop box locations in the canyon.

5. Community Questions and Comments:

Carol Riley asked about the recent sewer cleaning. She indicated they had experienced a sewer smell in their bathrooms.

- Public Works Superintendent Rob Totten noted Twin D recently cleaned that area. He was unsure why there would be a smell, but suggested the resident check their traps and flush water down the sinks, toilets, and bathtubs.

B. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda items included:

1. Review of monthly invoices
2. Minutes: March 9th
3. Resolution 2022-07, supporting Zion National Park Visitor Use Management Planning Efforts
4. Proclamation 2022-01, Proclaiming April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day in Springdale

Motion by Suzanne Elger to approve the Consent Agenda for Items 1 through 4 as explained by Mayor Bruno. Seconded by Lisa Zumpft.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Bruno: Aye

Elger: Aye

Burns: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Special Recognition

1. Citizens of the Season – Adrian Player and Delores Padilla: Mayor Bruno read a tribute to Adrian Player and Delores Padilla:

“Citizen of the Season was started many years ago to acknowledge the contributions of our residents to our community. Some time ago, the Town Council decided not to bring this honor on anyone while they were serving on the Town Council or Planning Commission - thus, the long duration before giving credit where credit is due. Adrian Player has given much to our community through his short time on the Planning Commission and his 10 years on the Town Council. His participation in the decision-making of the Town Council was various and numerous including his work with the Mosquito Abatement Board. But as a team, Adrian and his wife, Delores Padilla, have been a colossal duo in beautifying Springdale through their many artistic endeavors on private and Town properties including the metal screens around the HVAC units at the Canyon Community Center, the metal gate at Community Garden, the Springdale branded bike racks at the CCC and Town Hall along with other locations, pump covers for the parks and cemetery, the metal tortoises made from the discarded water meter covers, the Joy to the World Parade trophy and most recently Adrian’s assistance with the gate on the Mesa property. Adrian also helped the elementary school with hatching chicks in his incubator. We no doubt will be seeing more of Adrian and Delores’ artwork in the coming years around Town. Thanks to both of them for caring so much about our community. The Town Council is pleased to award the Spring 2022 Citizen of the Season Award to Adrian Player and Delores Padilla. Congratulations!”

D. Legislative Action Items

1. Public Hearing – General Plan update: Review and possible approval of a completely revised and updated General Plan for the Town of Springdale: The Planning Commission had been working on an update to the General Plan for quite some time. In February, the Council reviewed an initial draft

and provided comments and suggestions for improvement. The current version incorporated changes from this discussion along with the future land use map. An appendix referencing the Town's master plans and other planning documents would also be included in the final version.

Council questions to staff: Mayor Bruno noted a few formatting changes that needed attention.

Given the current transient lodging moratorium, Mr. Aton said the housing goals stated in the General Plan did not reflect the sentiment that the proliferation of transient lodging rooms was having a detrimental effect on the Town.

Ms. Zumpft confirmed the master plan documents in the appendix could be accessed via links. Also, it was unclear how the Town would need to respond to recent legislative changes regarding water in the General Plan document.

- Since the legislation was new, staff had not coordinated with legal counsel on what should be addressed. If changes regarding water planning were needed within a certain timeframe, the Town could make a targeted General Plan update.

Community questions to staff: None were asked.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to open public hearing for the General Plan update, review, and possible approval of a completely revised and updated General Plan for the Town of Springdale. Seconded by Randy Aton.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Bruno: Aye

Elger: Aye

Burns: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment: No public comments were made.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to close public hearing. Seconded by Randy Aton.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Bruno: Aye

Elger: Aye

Burns: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Council deliberation: Ms. Zumpft felt Mr. Aton's comments regarding transient lodging were important to consider. Mr. Dansie outlined options the Council could take in response.

Mr. Aton understood large hotels were discouraged in order to preserve the Town's village atmosphere. He was interested in amending the General Plan language to address the proliferation and impacts of transient rooms.

Mayor Bruno said transient lodging had its place. People who stayed in Springdale parked their cars, rode shuttles, walked, frequented businesses, and brought tax revenue to the community. This was the best experience for both the visitor and Springdale.

Council members discussed changes to the updated General Plan that would incorporate the task force recommendations regarding transient lodging.

- Mr. Dansie said the updated General Plan and the existing General Plan did a good job establishing the vision for the community and would provide the Planning Commission and Town Council a solid basis to make findings.
- Town Attorney Greg Hardman said it was a good idea for both public bodies to reference the same General Plan document when making a motion.

The Council decided to wait until recommendations from the transient lodging task force had been adopted before approving the newly updated General Plan. No action was taken.

2. Ordinance 2022-04 – Changes to Section 5-5-4 Trapping: Ms. Zumpft commented changes to the ordinance were clean.

- Mr. Aton said the ordinance against trapping was not intended to exclude nuisance animals.
- When drafting the changes, Ms. Elger said there was a lot of discussion with staff to consider the needs of the Town and the residents.

Motion made by Suzanne Elger to adopt Ordinance 2022-04 changes to Section 5-5-4 regarding trapping and direct the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Jack Burns.

Aton: Aye
Zumpft: Aye
Bruno: Aye
Elger: Aye
Burns: Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

3. Subdivision Plat Amendment: Maysie Palmer requests an amendment to the Welch Subdivision, removing Lot 9 and combining it with parcel S-7: Mr. Dansie explained this amendment removed a commercial lot along SR-9 and combined it with another. This request would clean up the plat map.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the Subdivision Plat Amendment for the Welch Subdivision removing Lot 9 and combining it with parcel S-7 and direct the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Suzanne Elger.

Aton: Aye
Zumpft: Aye
Bruno: Aye
Elger: Aye
Burns: Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

E. Administrative Action Items

1. Review and possible approval of recent RAP tax applications: Mr. Wixom said the Town received four requests during this application season. He explained RAP Tax was collected by the county which then distributed a portion to the Town. Approximately \$40,000 of new money came in every year. The Council had previously committed \$71,000 to the History Center, leaving an available balance of roughly \$90,000. Funds not allocated rolled over for future use.

RAP Tax money must be spent in support of cultural activities such as art or recreational projects. This was a county voter-approved tax that would come up for election again in 2024.

Mr. Burns asked if there would be a review process for the electric box artwork.

- Jan Passek confirmed there would be a review process. The community would engage in a contest to submit their artwork. The Town's Art Review Board would be part of this process.
- Once wrapped, Darci Carlson noted the designs would likely last five to seven years depending upon sun exposure.

Ms. Zumpft raised concerns about the Town's color palette.

- The standards for murals would be reviewed which may allow deviation from the color palette.

Kyla Topham represented Springdale Elementary School. Ms. Zumpft asked if the group intended to ask for more money in the fall to continue the program for older students.

- Ms. Topham indicated they were looking into grants from the state. More than money, the group needed manpower to help run the program.

Ms. Zumpft noted this was the third time the Mesa requested funding, although there were no rules on how often a group could request funding. This application doubled the ask again which Ms. Zumpft was unsure the Town should continue to approve.

- Mayor Bruno said Washington County denied the Mesa's RAP Tax request, indicating they did not fund environmental groups.
- Mr. Aton acknowledged the Mesa had struggled for years but said it was important to support them.
- Mayor Bruno also questioned doubling the amount but noted the Town had the money to distribute. She supported the request this year.

Mr. Burns said all the projects had value and supported funding. He understood the Mesa had challenges and suggested the Council consider a cap for future years.

- Ms. Zumpft said the Council should be careful about a cap since it was uncertain what could happen.
- Mr. Wixom agreed priorities could change and a cap could get in the way of a project. Accepting applications for cultural organizations' operational costs was a recent change. The Council approved a limited amount going out for this purpose but the main focus was project-related, such as an art installation or recreation project.

Motion made by Suzanne Elger to accept the RAP Tax applications for the desert tortoise project, the electric boxes, the Springdale Elementary School art project, and the Mesa project. Seconded by Randy Aton.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Bruno: Aye

Elger: Aye

Burns: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Administrative Non-Action Items

1. General Council Discussion: Ms. Elger received an email from Andrew Green about the proposed Bit & Spur zone change and expressed discomfort in not being aware of the zone change proposal prior to that communication.

- Mr. Dansie explained applications were generally not public knowledge until a public hearing notice or public meeting agenda was sent. It was presumptive for the applicant to think the zone change proposal was common knowledge.

Ms. Elger suggested the Manager's Report was a good mechanism for both public and not-yet-public information.

- Mr. Dansie added that this particular application was on an accelerated timeline and happened quickly.

Business should be conducted transparently but Ms. Elger was concerned this item was squishy.

- Mr. Wixom said until there was an application, having conversations about possible projects was not good practice.

Mr. Burns referenced a public comment letter from a resident in Canyon Springs about crowding at shuttle stop #6. He asked how the Town responded to someone so they knew they had been heard.

- If a public comment letter was received by the Clerk's Office it was acknowledged.

Regarding the crowding issue at shuttle stop #6, the area around it was private property and the owner had been contacted about the issue.

- Mr. Burns suggested additional signage could better assist riders.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:05pm made by Lisa Zumpft. Seconded by Randy Aton.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Bruno: Aye

Elger: Aye

Burns: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Darci Carlson, Town Clerk

APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

A recording of the public meeting is available by contacting the Town Clerk's Office. Please call 435-772-3434 or email springdale@springdale.utah.gov for more information.



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Meeting TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Date 4/13/22

IN PERSON ATTENDEES:

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Chris Proctor
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Janet Mika
Name (please print)

Adrian Poyon
Name (please print)

Andrew Green
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Debra Pooler
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Kyla Topham
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MARCH 2022 TOTALS

ROCKVILLE

Total Calls	1
Medical Transports	1
Medical Refusals	0
CPTA	0
Fire Calls	0

MARCH 2022 TOTALS

SPRINGDALE

Total Calls	16
Medical Transports	7
Medical Refusals	6
CPTA	1
Fire Calls	3

MARCH 2022 TOTALS

ZION

Total Calls	1
Medical Transports	0
Medical Refusals	1
CPTA	0
Fire Calls	0