



TOWN OF EAGAR

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

Mayor Guy Phelps called the regular session to order and welcomed those present. Mayor Phelps requested that the record show all Councilmembers are present except for Councilman Ray Hamblin. Mayor Guy Phelps led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Bryce Burnham offered the invocation.

5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Phelps reported that he met with the Mexican Consulate they are struggling with getting information out on when people are visiting Mexico and that they can assist them.

Councilman William Greenwood stated he met with Congressman Eli Crane out at Arizona Laminators.

Brannon Eagar, Town Manager reported on the following:

- The town received a delivery of fish from Game and Fish through their community fishing agreement. They delivered catfish and bass to the town pond. The agreement costs the town under \$5000 per year and provides fish stocking 4 times a year.
- Noted the pond is heavily used by community members, especially youth during the summer. He shared an anecdote about seeing two kids with fishing gear, which he felt was a positive activity for youth.
- Will be meeting with the ADOT supervisor to discuss maintaining the right-of-ways along Highway 260 and Central Avenue, which currently are overgrown. This poses a safety hazard for traffic and wildlife collisions. They will explore options for the town to assist with maintenance.
- The community cleanup day had to be postponed due to a fire. They are trying to reschedule for June 21st, which would coincide with a free dump day, but are awaiting confirmation from Blue Hills.

6. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public comment

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- B. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2025 NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA TRANSMITTALS, CHECKS WRITTEN, PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHERS, AND CREDIT CARD PURCHASES (DAVID LAMM)
- C. ACCEPTANCE OF APRIL 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SALES TAX REPORT (DAVID LAMM)
- D. APPROVAL OF THE TOWN OF EAGAR PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM PENSION FUNDING POLICY (DAVID LAMM)

Councilman Bryce Burnham made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman William Greenwood seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 4-0

Vote:	Ayes:	Guy Phelps
		Titan Merrill
		William Greenwood
		Bryce Burnham

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ROUND VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ARIZONA DIAMOND BACKS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW FIELDS AT THE REC CENTER WITH A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM COUNCIL

Britney Waite and Veronica VanSlyke from the Round Valley Little League Board asked for the Councils support with a letter to submit an application to the Diamondbacks for two new fields out at the Rec Center.

Councilman William Greenwood made a motion to approve the Round Valley Little League to submit a grant application to the Arizona Diamond backs for construction of two new fields at the Rec Center with a letter of support from council. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 4-0

Vote:	Ayes:	Guy Phelps
		Titan Merrill
		William Greenwood
		Bryce Burnham

- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR HOSTING THE 4TH OF JULY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk explained that the idea was to have applications from interested groups to host the pancake breakfast, potentially rotating between groups each year if there was sufficient interest. This year, there were two applications received. The Council could choose one group for this year and one for next year.

Brannon Eagar, Town Manager noted that the July 4th barbecue, which is a larger event, is not planned for this year due to lack of volunteers. He suggested working with some of the smaller organizations on potentially bringing back the barbecue in the future, as it raises more funds than the pancake breakfast.

Councilman William Greenwood made a motion to approve Volleyball to host the pancake breakfast for 2025 and All Stars to host it in 2026. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 4-0

Vote:	Ayes:	Guy Phelps
		Titan Merrill
		William Greenwood
		Bryce Burnham

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2025-2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET

David Lamm, Finance Director presented the tentative budget for Council approval:

- The total tentative budget is \$18,368,755, which is a decrease of about \$2 million from the previous year's final budget.
 - The decrease is primarily due to fewer large grants in the upcoming year.
 - The General Fund, HURF, and Utilities budgets are similar to the previous fiscal year.
 - Key expenditures in the General Fund include paying off the PSPRS debt (approximately \$2.3 million) which will save over \$1 million in interest.
 - \$400,000 is budgeted to complete the firehouse project.
 - The HURF fund includes a culvert cleaner purchase and the chip seal project.
 - Major grants include WIFA funding for replacing a spring line, a HAWK pedestrian crossing system, and a new ambulance with Stryker system.
 - A 3% cost of living adjustment is budgeted for employees.
- The Finance Director recommended approval of the \$18,368,755 tentative budget.

Councilman William Greenwood made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 tentative budget. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 4-0

Vote:	Ayes:	Guy Phelps
		Titan Merrill
		William Greenwood
		Bryce Burnham

D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MOVING DISPATCH SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SHOW LOW DISPATCH CENTER

Brannon Eagar, Town Manager provided an update on moving dispatch services:

- He attended Springerville's council meeting to explain the dispatch move, along with Chief Merrill and Assistant Chief Pena. Springerville voted to move forward with relocating dispatch services.
- A recent incident was reported where a citizen called 911, waited 40 minutes, called again, but police were never dispatched, further supporting the need for change.
- They are working on an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Show Low's dispatch center, with a draft expected within a week.
- They hope to present the IGA for approval at the July council meeting.
- The total cost for both police and fire dispatch will be less than \$90,000, which has been budgeted.

No formal action was taken on this item.

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUDIT SERVICES TO COLBY AND POWELL, PLC

David Lamm, Finance Director recommended approving Colby and Powell to continue as the town's auditors:

- They have been the town's auditors for the past 4 years.
- Another proposal was received but came in at a higher price.
- Colby and Powell are familiar with the town and follow professional standards.
- The proposal is for a 3-year contract with an option for 2 additional years.

Councilman Ray Hamblin made a motion to approve the request for proposals for Audit Services to Colby & Powell for 3 years with an additional 2-year option. Councilman William Greenwood seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 4-0

Vote:	Ayes:	Guy Phelps
		Titan Merrill
		William Greenwood
		Bryce Burnham

F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FROM ALTITUDE RECREATION THROUGH A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

Brannon Eagar, Town Manager stated that there is a lot playground equipment that needs to be replaced.

David Lamm, Finance Director confirmed there is budget capacity for this purchase and it will not put the town over budget.

Councilman Bryce Burnham made a motion to approve the purchase of Playground equipment from Altitude Recreation through a cooperative purchasing agreement. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 4-0

Vote: Ayes: Guy Phelps
 Titan Merrill
 William Greenwood
 Bryce Burnham

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF
A JETTER THROUGH A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
FROM ARIZONA WASTEWATER INDUSTRIES

John Pedroncelli, Public Works Director stated that our current jetter is from the 90's and needs to be replaced.

Councilman William Greenwood made a motion to approve the purchase of a Jetter through a cooperative purchasing agreement from Arizona Wastewater Industries. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 4-0

Vote: Ayes: Guy Phelps
 Titan Merrill
 William Greenwood
 Bryce Burnham

H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF
ROCK FROM WW CLYDE AND OIL FROM QUALITY EMULSIONS AT
APACHE COUNTY PRICING

John Pedroncelli, Public Works Director stated this purchase of rock will be for the upcoming chip sealing project.

Councilman William Greenwood made a motion to approve the purchase of rock from WW Clyde and oil from Quality Emulsions at Apache County Pricing. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 4-0

Vote: Ayes: Guy Phelps
 Titan Merrill
 William Greenwood
 Bryce Burnham

I. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE B & R TRUCKING TO
HAUL ROCK FOR CHIP SEAL PROJECT

Councilman Ray Hamblin made a motion to approve B & R Trucking to Haul Rock for chip seal project. Councilman Bryce Burnham seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 4-0

Vote: Ayes: Guy Phelps
 Titan Merrill
 William Greenwood
 Bryce Burnham

J. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EAGAR AND APACHE COUNTY FOR CHIP SEALING

Councilman Bryce Burnham made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Eagar and Apache County for chip sealing. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 4-0

Vote: Ayes: Guy Phelps
 Titan Merrill
 William Greenwood
 Bryce Burnham

K. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE TO GO OUT TO BID FOR PROPANE SERVICES

Brannon Eagar, Town of Eagar stated we go out to bid each year for propane services.

Councilman Ray Hamblin made a motion to approve to go out to bid for propane services. Councilman William Greenwood seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 4-0

Vote: Ayes: Guy Phelps
 Titan Merrill
 William Greenwood
 Bryce Burnham

L. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INTERVENING INTO FRONTIER / VERIZON LITIGATION (BRETT RIGG)

Brett Rigg, Town Attorney provided background on the Frontier/Verizon litigation:

- There is an administrative action before the corporation commission regarding Verizon taking over Frontier's business and assets. Navajo County has filed a motion to intervene in the transaction to express concerns about service quality and seek assurances from Verizon.
- No other municipalities have intervened so far.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman William Greenwood made a motion to move into Executive Session [at 6:58 p.m.]. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 4-0

Vote: Ayes: Guy Phelps
 Titan Merrill
 William Greenwood

Bryce Burnham

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION AS ALLOWED BY A.R.S § 38-431.03.A3
DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE WITH THE
ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEYS OF THE PUBLIC BODY- FRONTIER /
VERIZION LITIGATION

Councilman William Greenwood made a motion to move into Regular Session [at 7:08 p.m.]. Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 4-0

Vote: Ayes: Guy Phelps
 Titan Merrill
 William Greenwood
 Bryce Burnham

10. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEM 9A (MAYOR GUY
PHELPS)

No Motion

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman William Greenwood made a motion to adjourn at [at 7:09 p.m.].
Councilman Ray Hamblin seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously.
6-0

Vote: Ayes: Guy Phelps
 Titan Merrill
 William Greenwood
 Bryce Burnham

Attest: _____

Mayor: _____

Vice-Mayor: _____

Council: _____

CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Work Session of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on June 3, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Jessica Vaughan, Town Clerk