

MINUTES

Town of Springdale Budget Meetings

Tuesday, November 24 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

Accompanying PowerPoint Presentation Published Online at townofspringdale.org

Meeting 1, Public Hearing

1. **Call to order** Fagan, 7 p.m. Quorum of TB present. Steve and Amy Gauger present.
2. **Certification of compliance with open meetings law**
Posted 10/27/2020 & 11/3/2020 at Town Hall, Mt. Vernon Family Auto, Riley Tavern and townofspringdale.org. Notice to Mt. Horeb Mail on 11/3 per Clerk.
3. **Discussion of current year/budget**
Fagan - budgeted pretty well for this year. Due to COVID, elections cost more than we had budgeted. Quite a few grants that Rebecca worked on for election expenses. Staff change with Susan leaving and Jackie joining, overlap with training. Vicki trained Amy to take on her role, Vicki will be phasing out of the town entirely at end of May 2021. Did delay a few road projects, tree trimming, a culvert and a bridge (grant didn't materialize for Lewis Rd. and JG).
Fagan - for 2019, what was carryover from 2020/2021? Treasurer - the top # on 2021 *proposed*, **\$54,000**. Still have a month and a half to go for the year. Fagan - Town also bought and sold a plow truck. Decided not to trade it in, had Patrolman sell on Craigslist, came out \$5,000 on top. Rosenbaum - asked if there was anything of interest on revenues? Treasurer - increasing the fee on the taxes for recycling, which increases what we'll have in revenue for line 13 by about \$4,000. Other than that, nothing has really changed. 2019-2020 and 2021, the transportation aid (row 9) increased by \$8K from '19-'20, will probably stay steady again for '21. Fagan - anything in expenditures? Treasurer - didn't budget enough for general government in 2020, mostly due to difference in Clerk wages. Proposed amt. for 2021 is difference in salaries. Assume election costs stay high for next year too, so budget higher. Devin's budget pretty close to last year. Increase for senior center, all of capital outlay for 2021 is going to be for future projects. Try to start saving for trucks, upkeep on the building, and bridges. Most of that \$30,500 will go into funds; next year that will be separated out in our budget so we don't need to take out as much in loans going forward. Rosenbaum - haven't previously set aside any monies for saving. Fagan - we were under the impression that we couldn't do that; but saving is the better approach. S. Gauger - Kwik Trip project, will that cost the Town? Fagan - we will get taxes for 5 years for that parcel, less than \$100/year. Rosenbaum - Village still has to change the zoning, but it has been approved by DOA. Fagan - no \$ cost and no \$ gain, except in the taxes. A. Gauger - wear and tear on the road? Fagan - only annexing the ROW not the road itself. Need discussion & boundary/maintenance agreement with the Village for the road. May end up working in our favor because they're encroaching on us. S. Gauger - thought we had a 5 year agreement with T&C, wondering what is happening there? Fagan - John R. can address, but we were just informed with a \$60/ton surcharge on recycling. John R. saved us \$30/ton by speaking with them; they are passing the increased recycling fees on to their customers. Town & Country estimated 180-200 tons of recyclables per year, \$30/ton, \$5400. Treasurer - not all of that is included in the \$114,000 because we didn't learn about that until after we had published this budget. Fagan - won't be recouping everything, but we have enough to cover it.
5. **Presentation of the 2021 Town of Springdale Budget**
6. **Public comments**, none.
7. **Adjournment**
MOTION (S. Gauger) to adjourn public hearing and move on to meeting of electors for levy. Fagan seconded. No further discussion. 6 ayes (A. Gauger, S. Gauger, Rosenbaum, Schwenn, Boelhower-Santi, Fagan), 0 nays. Motion carries.

Meeting 2, Town Elector's Meeting

1. **Call to order**, Fagan, 7:21 p.m.
2. **Certification of compliance with open meetings law**
Posted 10/27/2020 & 11/3/2020 at Town Hall, Mt. Vernon Family Auto, Riley Tavern and townofspringdale.org. Notice to Mt. Horeb Mail on 11/3.
3. **Town electors vote to approve Resolution 2020-11-1, Adoption of the Town Tax Levy**
Fagan - Treasurer to explain levy. Treasurer - have slight increase from last year, allowable because of new homes/building in the town. Automatic increase for increase in value. Have fire station debt which we are paying on for the next 28 years. That does increase levy a little bit. Amount allowable was 665,592, decided not to try to increase but work within that this year. Especially because of the revaluation year, unknown how that would turn out for residents, didn't want to create financial hardships for them. S. Gauger - has revaluation been completed? Fagan - yes, assuming when they figured our levy, didn't take into consideration our new book values did they? Treasurer - yes, the state uses equalized value, which has not been super close to what our assessed values have been, part of why we needed the revaluation. There is always a bit of a difference between equalized value that we get from the state and the assessed value. Fagan - will it jump up next year because of revaluation? Treasurer - don't think so. Treasurer - tax levy hasn't changed very much from 2019 till now. Can see the total property number, which made a pretty big jump from 2020 - 2021 (revaluation). Mil rate for town taxes actually did go down between last year and this year. Even though many home values went up, tax per dollar of property went down. Taxes shouldn't go up for any individual home very much. Rosenbaum- type of properties that went up most in reassessment were fallow, timber and pasture land. Residential homes did go up in neighborhood of 5%, but farm properties increased the most. Fagan read aloud Resolution 2020-11-1, adoption of Springdale Town Tax Levy.

MOTION (Fagan) to adopt Resolution 2020-11-1. S. Gauger seconded. No further discussion. 6 ayes (A. Gauger, S. Gauger, Rosenbaum, Schwenn, Boelhower-Santi, Fagan), 0 nays, motion carries.

4. **Adjournment**

MOTION (Schwenn) to adjourn. Rosenbaum seconded. 6 ayes (A. Gauger, S. Gauger, Rosenbaum, Schwenn, Boelhower-Santi, Fagan), 0 nays, motion carries.

Meeting 3, Town Board Meeting

1. **Call to order** Fagan, 7:33 PM.
2. **Certification of compliance with open meetings law**
Posted 10/27/2020 & 11/3/2020 at Town Hall, Mt. Vernon Family Auto, Riley Tavern and townofspringdale.org. Notice to Mt. Horeb Mail on 11/3.
3. **Board vote to adopt budget**

MOTION (Rosenbaum) to adopt budget. Schwenn seconded. No further discussion. 3 ayes (Fagan, Rosenbaum, Schwenn), 0 nays, motion carried.
4. **Adjournment**

MOTION (Schwenn) to adjourn. Rosenbaum seconded. 3 ayes (Fagan, Rosenbaum, Schwenn), 0 nays, motion carried.