

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Special Meeting

The Special Meeting of March 29, 1996 of the Springer Town Council was called to order at 3:00 PM by Mayor Danny Cruz. Roll call showed Trustees Andy Williams, Bill Jump, and Carlos Gutierrez as present. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Nejla Munden and 24 interested citizens.

Mayor Cruz asked for a motion to go into executive session, no motion was made so the Council stayed in open session.

Item 2 on the agenda was to approve or disapprove "De Facto Termination" of the Chief of Police.

Councilman Andy Williams then made the motion: "I move to declare the action of Mayor Danny Cruz as reflected in his memo dated Tuesday, March 26, 1996 to be void for the reason that it is in conflict with and unauthorized by state law and to confirm the understanding of the Board that the Police Chief is an appointed official and that he shall

remain in office unless or until a successor is appointed and qualifies." The Mayor called for a second to the motion which was seconded by Councilman Gutierrez and passed by an unanimous vote of the three Councilmen that were present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM.

Town Council

The April 2, 1996 meeting of the Springer Town Council was called to order at 7:04 PM by Mayor Danny Cruz. Roll call showed Trustees Carlos Gutierrez, Tony King, Andy Williams and Bill Jump present. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Nejla Munden, Billing Clerk, Kristen Araza, and 18 visitors.

Under recognition of visitors, Mr. Tony Plantier, the new administrator of the Hospital District, gave a brief description of the services of the Hospital District especially in the area of home health care.

Steve Jensen said the town employees had removed the dead branches and he was glad it was done in such a timely manner.

Jack Jay stated that he was concerned with the status of the police force and wanted to know if something could be done to work out the difficulties among the Council, Mayor and Chief to get the officers back on the street.

The Mayor stated that he had received some orders regarding the Chief this evening but hadn't had a chance to look at them or refer them to counsel for review. So once he looks at them he will see what we have to do.

Trustee Williams stated briefly that the explanation was very simple, District Court Judge Peggy Nelson had signed a temporary restraining order requiring the Mayor to put Chief Martin back to work immediately. Mayor Cruz stated that he was not familiar with what a restraining order requires and once he refers to counsel he will proceed as necessary.

In other action the council:

◆ Approved re-bidding the Senior Citizen project because of wage changes and bond changes. The money to finish this project was freed by the special session in the legislature.

◆ Approved Harold Daniels' request for a sewer extension on property he owns on the south side of town. He will pay any costs that are incurred.

◆ Approved clearing and cleaning the property owned by Patrick Martinez and putting a lein on the property for the costs.

◆ Approved the bid for a monitoring well to be drilled near the lift

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station as per the notice of violation by the EPA. at the Armory, Congressman Bill Richardson and several other government officials will be in attendance.

◆ Approved the use of the Museum Park by the Knights of Columbus for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 6, 1996.

◆ Approved an advertisement for the Town in the County Fair Program.

Under old business, Mike Taylor asked about the trees that were cut down around Luna. No one seems to know who authorized them being cut down. Marianne Vigil said she knew they were going to trim the trees, but not that they would be cut down. Trustee Williams stated that Liz Smith attended the Lodger's Tax meeting in Red River and some changes have been made as to who should be on the committee, etc.

The ground breaking ceremonies for the new sewer extension will be April 9, 1996 at 2:30 PM. Ceremonies and refreshments will be

at the Armory, Congressman Bill Richardson and several other government officials will be in attendance.

A special meeting was called for April 8, 1996 at 4:00 PM to discuss what counsel will represent the Mayor and the Board at Court on April 12th.

The next regular meeting will be April 16, 1996 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

Rural Bookmobile

Tuesday, April 16, 1996
Wagon Mound - P.O.
9:30 - 10:30
Ocate - P.O. 11:00 - 11:30
Ojo Feliz - Old P.O.
11:45 - 12:15
Rainsville - P.O. 1:15 - 1:45
Sapello - Store 2:15 - 2:45
Valmora - 4:00 - 5:30
Wednesday, April 17, 1996
Guadalupita - P.O.
9:45 - 10:30
Mora - Courthouse
11:30 - 3:00
Buena Vista - P.O. 3:10 - 3:55
Golondrinas - Church
4:10 - 4:25
Watrous - P.O. 5:00 - 5:45
Thursday, April 18, 1996
Maxwell - 9:30 - 11:30

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