

MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

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Several new and exciting things took place this month to include:

1. The Mayor (Danny Cruz) and two new Trustee's (Tony King & ^{JEAN MARTINEZ} Gene Martins) took the Oath of Office on March 11, 2002. The Honorable Magistrate Judge Fred Caldwell administered the Oath of Office on the duly elected officials.
2. The Town held the Organizational meeting on March 25 at which time the Following actions took place:
 - A. The Mayor provided packets and an overview of the New Mexico Statutes that are applicable and required for the conduct of town operation and the process that is followed.
 - B. The Trustee's re-organized and reappointed Trustee Bivens to be the Mayor Pro Tem by a unanimous decision.
 - C. After some confusion and questions by Board members Martinez and Jump regarding their belief that an executive session was required prior to the Mayor making appointment recommendations, and after consulting with the Town Attorney and as previously cited by the Mayor an executive session was not authorized or required. Additionally there was no request for an executive session by any Board members, and since the meeting by Statute was strictly organizational, appointments are the only things that can be done.

The Mayor recommended Mrs. Maria Crosswhite a longtime Springer resident to fill the Clerk Treasurers position. After many favorable comments from the audience and no negative comments, and a questioning and interview by Trustee ^{MARTINEZ} Martins, a call for a motion was asked for, Trustee King made the motion, Trustee Bivens seconded the motion, Trustee Jump made a quiet abstention, and Trustee ^{MARTINEZ} Martins voted against the recommendation. The motion carried due to the ^{MARTINEZ} abstention counting as a favorable vote for the majority and Mrs. Crosswhite was officially declared Clerk Treasurer.

- D. The Mayor recommended Eric Gonzales for the Chief of Police position, and after considerable favorable comments from the audience and none against, a motion was made, seconded, and he was re-appointed by a unanimous vote.
- E. The Mayor recommended Danny Turley for the Field Supervisor position, and after considerable favorable comments from the audience and none against, Trustee King made a motion, Trustee Jump seconded the motion, Trustee Bivens voted in favor and Trustee ~~Martins~~ ^{MARTWEL} voted against.
3. The Town Attorney's on behalf of the Town of Springer moved for condemnation on the adjacent property surrounding the sewer lagoons, since the Town has been unsuccessful for years in negotiating with the existing landowner. This process should be the final step towards completion of the Waste water sewer Lagoon project or (the White Elephant as some have come to call this)
4. Members of the Springer Board met with the Co-op as part of continuing discussions and efforts to lower electrical costs. A full report should be forthcoming at the April Town hall meeting. Preliminary reports are bleak at best, with augmenting our power with some type of generation as one of our best options?
5. The Mayor met with a marketing individual who is willing to assist the town in our efforts to start the funding search for our new community center. The plans are on display at the old Armory building/ Teen Center.
6. The Mayor attended and participated in the Grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at the Teen Center. As a joint project for the youth of our community the Mayor thanked the following individuals for their hard work, Ms. Kay Perry who wrote and received the Grant, the Schools Superintendent Mr. Fred Cardenas for their participation, Mrs. Maggie Gayton for all her efforts as the newly hired manager for the spectacular Teen Center setup, and free food selection and preparation, her husband Mr. Ray Gayton for all his volunteer work, and all the other folks who helped paint, clean, and set up all the games, and other entertainment that is available for our youth.
7. Begin work on developing the first ever joint services training center, conference room at City hall. The Fire Department and specifically Malcolm Ramirez sparked the idea. The training room will be equipped with a computer, Internet access, and various other training resources.
8. The museum renovation project is nearly completed, the Museum now boasts a heater, Handicap restroom, handicap accessibility, new side walks, a parking area is almost complete, and a native garden is forthcoming.

*This project
was done by
using local
contractors - Nice
work Mr. Taylor!*

We received written notification from one of our water suppliers that our available water resources will be less than normal due to the continuing drought. We encourage all citizens to look at alternative landscaping projects and gardening that require little water to survive or Xeriscaping with native plants and rocks. Short of lots of rain we can predict strict water restrictions this year. Pray, Pray, and Pray some more. Spring Cleanup Months will be in May and June, the cost of throwing trash in the roll-off will be free during this period. We encourage all citizens to clean up and help beautify and keep Springer beautiful. The Town offers additional help to citizens who meet the disability, low-income criteria.

Thanks, Gracias!

Hasta la Vista, see you next month!

Sincerely your Mayor and servant,

Danny J. Cruz