

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7, 2022

WORKSHOP:

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a rescheduled workshop session on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Springville City Hall. Mayor Dave Thomas presided and City Clerk Lynn Porter served as recording secretary.

Those members answering present to roll call were as follows:

District 1	Councilmember Herbert Toles
District 2	Councilmember David Vinson
District 4	Councilmember Katrina Hennings
District 5	Councilmember Tim Walker
District 6	Councilmember Marshall Parker
District 7	Councilmember Sherry Reaves
Mayor	Dave Thomas

Absent: District 3 Councilmember Wayne Tucker

Others present in official capacity: Attorney Joel Watson  
Attorney Charlie Waldrep

Fire Chief Richard Harvey was recognized and spoke about staffing issues. He stated his department lost six paramedics last year with a net loss of two at year's end. He stated with the current situation with paramedics is that they are having to hold shifts so that one is on duty. Within six months he will have two that will complete school. He stated sometimes we have a "brown out" at station two due to inadequate staffing. One employee is on extended military leave, and one has had knee surgery, combined with COVID absences. He asked for a temporary position for a medic for the next year.

Councilmember Reaves asked how many paramedics we have and was told one full-time, four part-time, Captain Robinson, and him, and then two in school.

Councilmember Toles said he thought this was a good idea.

Park Director Rick Hopkins passed out information on the growth of youth sports over the past few years. Most are up 30%. Soccer is also growing, although we do not run that program. In addition, pavilion and field rentals were up to \$30,000 last year. He updated the information provided to the City Council on a vehicle for the department. He stated the prior information is on a truck that they found today is no longer available, and there will not be any more F-250 four-

wheel drive vehicles available until January 2023. This new cost is \$41,594 for a two-wheel drive with a Redding service bed that contains storage lockers.

Councilmember Walker asked how many vehicles there were in the department and was told three. He asked how many full-time employees there were and was told three.

Mr. Hopkins stated the department needs a F-250 or equivalent to pull a lowboy trailer to haul heavy equipment. The lighter trucks they currently have, will not pull it. The Street Department has been helping, but he hated to interrupt their work to move park equipment. He stated they will move some things around and an employee who lives in the city will drive the backup vehicle, the maintenance supervisor will get the new F-250, and the athletic director will get the Silverado.

Councilmember Walker asked was this truck budgeted and was told no.

Councilmember Toles asked do they have to have it now and was told yes.

Councilmember Hennings asked would this vehicle be taken home and was told all of the employees take their vehicles home in case they get called back out to turn off lights or something.

Councilmember Walker asked was this true even if the employee was not on call and was told yes. Councilmember Walker stated when we approved the last vehicles, parks did not need a truck and now they need one that is not in the budget.

Mayor Thomas stated that he understood that the trucks they have are dangerous pulling a heavy load. He stated he felt we need to act and if we need to pull money out of savings, so be it.

Councilmember Walker stated this new truck is a downgrade from what was first requested, going from four-wheel drive to two-wheel drive.

Mr. Hopkins stated with the County doing the road, the need for a four-wheel drive is not as critical.

Councilmember Vinson stated we need to be able to get equipment there. He stated he has talked to other cities that are having the same problems getting vehicles.

Mr. Hopkins stated the salesperson said if we move quickly, this truck will be available, but there are only three of them and he cannot guarantee it for more than a couple of days.

Councilmember Toles asked Mr. Hopkins to talk about the Senior Citizen lunch. Mr. Hopkins announced the Senior Citizens are hosting a fundraiser Spaghetti lunch on Valentine's Day at the VFW building to raise money for a bus.

Building official Asa Sargent introduced new employee Stefanie O'Donnell. He stated he was diagnosed with COVID on her second day at work and when he returned, she had taken charge of the paperwork and organized the office.

The workshop was concluded.

## MEETING

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a regular session on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Springville City Hall. Mayor Dave Thomas presided and City Clerk Lynn Porter served as recording secretary.

Those members answering present to roll call were as follow:

District 1	Councilmember Herbert Toles
District 2	Councilmember David Vinson
District 4	Councilmember Katrina Hennings
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Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order. Reverend Mike Ennis was called upon to give the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the January 24, 2022 rescheduled regular meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Reaves moved they be approved, seconded by Councilmember Vinson, and the motion carried.

The agenda was presented for approval. Councilmember Vinson asked that a truck for Park and Recreation and adding a temporary position for the Fire Department be added to the agenda. He moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the vote was unanimous.

Rev. Ennis was recognized and stated he came to the city on behalf of the Rotary Club and a literary organization about installing a Book Nook at Woodie Park. This has been done and it will be dedicated on Saturday. He invited all to attend.

A resolution to surplus Fire Department personal protective equipment and donate it to Blount Junior Fire Academy was presented. Chief Harvey stated this is old turn out gear that is out of age for use. Some of it will go in the trash and some of it will be donated for use in practice

at the Junior Academy. Councilmember Hennings moved Resolution 2022-06 authorizing this manner of disposal be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles and the vote was unanimous.

A resolution to authorize the state bid purchase of a truck for the Park and Recreation Department was presented. Councilmember Vinson moved this resolution be approved, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Vinson and Reaves and Mayor Thomas

Nays: Councilmembers Toles, Hennings, Walker, and Parker

Councilmember Reaves stated we are still going to need a truck for the nature preserve.

Councilmember Toles moved a temporary position for a paramedic be approved, seconded by Councilmember Parker. Chief Harvey stated if the person is not already a firefighter, they will send them to firefighter school. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas stated the County is moving dirt in the nature preserve now.

Mayor Thomas stated he has received a letter from Mr. Michael Castleberry of Smokehouse Burgers commending Officer Trammell for putting out a fire at his business.

Mayor Thomas stated he understands that our boys' and girls' basketball teams are doing well.

Councilmember Toles moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilmember Vinson, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter  
City Clerk