

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2022

WORKSHOP:

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a workshop session on Monday, March 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 follow:

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| District 1 | Councilmember Herbert Toles    |
| District 2 | Councilmember David Vinson     |
| District 3 | Councilmember Wayne Tucker     |
| District 4 | Councilmember Katrina Hennings |
| District 5 | Councilmember Tim Walker       |
| District 6 | Councilmember Marshall Parker  |
| District 7 | Councilmember Sherry Reaves    |
| Mayor      | Dave Thomas                    |

Absent: None

Others present in official capacity: Attorney James Hill  
Attorney Charlie Waldrep

Parks Director Rick Hopkins presented an Alabama Power lighting agreement to light the Camp Road Ballpark parking lots. He stated the gravel lot has no lighting and it is also dark around the VFW building. There is no lighting in the softball parking lot. This is for a total of six lights.

Councilmember Tucker asked would this be added to the monthly bill and was told yes.

This will be added to the agenda.

Councilmember Vinson stated he received a call from Argo Mayor Betty Bradley on Friday concerning the I-59 exit closures at Argo, Deerfoot, and Chalkville Road for six to seven months. During this time one southbound lane will be open and all three exits will be blocked for ramp improvements and road rehabilitation. I-59 will be widened to three lanes from I-459 to Chalkville Road. ALDOT will hold a meeting to discuss this at the Trussville Civic Center on March 24.

Fire Chief Richard Harvey discussed an Automatic Aid Agreement with Odenville. For structure fire response, ISO requires a certain number of firefighters and a certain number of pieces

of equipment. Springville is currently a Class 2. We have done well with equipment and with the condition of our water system and hydrants. Our greatest deficit is personnel. For a structure fire we should have sixteen personnel. We have an agreement with Davis Lake Fire Department, and with Argo. This would augment our response numbers. Fortunately, we have very few structure fires. Odenville will automatically send personnel and equipment into Springville in these situations and Springville will support Odenville within a designated area of their city.

Councilmember Walker asked would one truck stay in the city and was told yes.

Attorney James Hill stated the Council previously agreed to provide water to a bottling company. Certain engineering design is required to connect the bottling company to our system infrastructure. He recommended the city engage Municipal Consultants to do this work. The bottling company will pay the costs.

Attorney Hill stated the City has nice police vehicles, but no mechanism to track them. Version has offered a package to track all twelve vehicles at a cost of \$2,728.80. This will enable us to know where each vehicle is located and how long it has been there.

Chief Walton stated this will help in emergencies and natural disasters in helping to deploy the closest assets.

Chief Harvey stated we need an AED at Big Strings Park, and we do not have an exterior box to house it.

Councilmember Toles stated Mr. Peoples had the Purple Heart area surveyed, but needs some additional information. Mr. Peoples stated he needs to know the extent of the widening the Council wishes. How wide do the lanes need to be? There will be two lanes and the slope will need to be laid back. The existing road needs to be rebuilt, and it needs to be widened from the first curve to the top of the hill at a minimum.

Councilmember Toles stated he would like for the Council to get together in a work session before a Council meeting to look at this. He suggested meeting at 5:00 on the site before our April 4, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Peoples stated depending on what the Council wants done, he will have the project engineered so we can go out to bid.

The workshop was concluded.

## MEETING

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a regular session on Monday, March 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:

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| District 1 | Councilmember Herbert Toles    |
| District 2 | Councilmember David Vinson     |
| District 3 | Councilmember Wayne Tucker     |
| District 4 | Councilmember Katrina Hennings |
| District 5 | Councilmember Tim Walker       |
| District 6 | Councilmember Marshall Parker  |
| District 7 | Councilmember Sherry Reaves    |
| Mayor      | Dave Thomas                    |

Absent: None

Others present in official capacity: Attorney James Hill  
Attorney Charlie Waldrep

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order. Reverend Brad Smith of Spring Valley Baptist Church was called upon to give the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the February 21, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Hennings moved they be approved, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, and the motion carried with Councilmember Walker abstaining.

The agenda was presented for approval. Five items discussed at the workshop were added. Councilmember Vinson moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Bea Swartz, 316 Heritage Drive, was recognized. She addressed the Council concerning a broken culvert near her home that needs to be replaced; vacant lots that need to be cleared near the right-of-way; litter along Village Springs Road; litter along Highway 11 from the Gardens to Highway 23 is littered and gives a bad impression of the city; and the broken decorative street light near the former Springville Café needs to be fixed or removed.

Public Works Director Earl Peoples stated with the road widening at the four-way stop, some poles may have to be removed. There is a possibility that we may be able to replace this light with one of those.

Ms. Swartz stated the stop sign is down at the intersection of Walker Drive and Highway 11. Mr. Peoples stated he has put this sign back up three times in three weeks. He has tried moving it over, but it has not helped.

Councilmember Tucker stated the MUTCD tells how far back and how high to position signs to comply with the law.

Councilmember Hennings asked if the vacant lots were in or out of the city, and was told by Chief Harvey that they are out of the city.

Councilmember Parker stated he and Mr. Peoples went through this area and fixed several broken culverts.

Councilmember Toles stated the litter along Village Springs Road is in the County, but he will report it to someone he knows at the County.

Councilmember Parker stated he and his wife pick up litter in his area. The problem is everywhere.

Councilmember Tucker stated the problem is that you must see someone throwing litter out, and then go to court.

Mayor Thomas asked for a motion to open a public hearing on an alcohol license for El Patrol Mexican Restaurant. Attorney Hill stated a motion is not required. You can simply open the hearing. There being no comment, the hearing was closed. Councilmember Toles moved this application be approved, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

A public hearing on an alcohol application for Smoke House Burgers and BBQ was opened. There being no comment the hearing was closed. Councilmember Tucker moved this application be approved, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Reaves moved we approve voting members to the Alabama League of Municipalities Convention with Mayor Thomas as the voting delegate, Councilmember Tucker as the first alternate, and Councilmember Hennings as second alternate. This was seconded by Councilmember Vinson and the vote was unanimous.

Attorney Hill stated there were errors in the Public Works pay scale introduced last meeting, as some of the recommended rates did not fall within the pay grade and step schedule. An amended scale with these minor alterations was presented. Councilmember Reaves moved this schedule be adopted, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and the vote was unanimous. Attorney Hill stated the department head position was not intended to be on the list.

Councilmember Toles moved the lighting agreement with Alabama Power for the baseball park be approved, seconded by Councilmember Vinson, and he vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Tucker moved Resolution 2022-07 on the Automatic Aid Agreement with Odenville be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Hennings moved we approve hiring Municipal Consultants to design the connection for the bottling company to our water infrastructure, with the costs to be paid by the bottling company, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Vinson moved to approve the agreement to install a tracking system on police vehicles, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Toles moved a box for a defibrillator be approved to be installed at Big Springs Park, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas stated a groundbreaking was held at the Preserve, and we had many people in attendance who can help us to get things moving.

Councilmember Toles stated we need to make a move on the debris pickup.

Councilmember Walker stated he had observed that brush in bags has been picked up while the piles were left.

Public Works Director Peoples stated we pay \$1.00 per household or approximately \$2,000 per month on the contract for debris pickup. If we outsource it, the cost will be a minimum of \$10 per household. Ecosouth is trying to buy a truck to pick this brush up, but it will be at least twelve to fourteen months before they can get it.

Councilmember Tucker moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter  
City Clerk