

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 4, 2022

WORKSHOP:

Several members of the City Council - Councilmembers Reaves, Toles, Hennings, Vinson, and Tucker, and Mayor Thomas, Earl Peoples, Lynn Porter, and property owners Jim Walker and John Walker gathered on Purple Heart Boulevard at 5:00 p.m. prior to the workshop to observe the road conditions and possibilities for improvements if additional right-of-way is obtained from the Walkers.

Earl Peoples pointed out there is only 16' of pavement, and 22' to 24' are needed for adequate two-way traffic. Under drainage is needed to keep water from collecting under the pavement creating the issues we have today. This project will need to be outsourced. The roadbed will need to be dug out and rebuilt.

Councilmember Reaves agreed the project needs to be done right.

Mr. Peoples stated the existing sidewalk farther down will need to be removed and moved back two feet from the pavement for pedestrian safety.

Councilmember Toles stated we do not need to widen the road to allow too much traffic.

Mr. Peoples stated widening is needed to match the road width at its intersection with Highway 174, and the widening needs to continue up the hill and to the curve. To get an accurate cost we need to get an engineer to get a firm estimate.

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a workshop session on Monday, April 4, 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 7 | Councilmember Sherry Reaves |
| Mayor | Dave Thomas |

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| Absent: | District 6 | Councilmember Marshall Parker |
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Others present in official capacity: Attorney James Hill
Attorney Charlie Waldrep

Mayor Thomas opened the workshop saying we have just returned from Purple Heart Boulevard to look at a road project.

Councilmember Toles stated Earl Peoples will get us some prices.

Councilmember Vinson stated they are all in agreement that this work needs to be done.

Chief Wayne Walton gave a report for the first quarter of 2022 saying the department answered 601 calls in January, 657 calls in February, 520 calls in March, and 202 walk-ins. This equates to 161.6 calls per officer. He stated he met with the Crandall Crest HOA, attended a coffee at One Eighty Church, talked to the Springville Preservation Society, and is currently planning Springville Night Out on June 18.

Rick Hopkins asked permission to go out to bid for sod for two multi-purpose fields. We have an average of 100 children per baseball field, and 200 per football and softball field. He stated he has a quote of \$47,000 for the materials. We will save \$50,000 to \$60,000 by installing it themselves. They will put in irrigation. This is a 130-yard by 130-yard area. We can rent these fields when not in use. All sports can use them. They will also add a walking trail from WalMart to and behind the practice field. These improvements are funding and we hope to have them in use by August. Lighting will be done later.

Mayor Thomas asked about fencing, and was told originally this was considered, but considering the distance to the creek, this may not be needed.

Mayor Thomas asked about security cameras and was told this will be considered. Phase two will include lighting and cameras and bathrooms.

Mr. Hopkins stated he would like to use the \$175,000 grant reimbursement to go toward lighting.

Councilmember Vinson stated this will be a huge addition to our program.

Councilmember Reaves asked if this is where the two ballfields are shown on the parks master plan and was told yes. These will now be multi-purpose fields for all sports.

Mr. Dean Goforth was recognized and went over the city's financial position with the Council. He stated Parks and Recreation is starting to contribute to the budget. The Big Canoe Nature Preserve groundbreaking was held recently. The magnitude of what this will mean to the city came to light that day. The State officials appreciate the City and County working together. He stated we do not want this preserve to overburden our Park and Recreation Department. What we have learned is to make this work, we need oversight of this 480 acres.

Attorney James Hill stated that a director for the preserve bears consideration. Responsibilities would include development, management, education, marketing, and promotion, seeking grants, planning for and protection of the preserve. He stated he had a skeleton job description to be fleshed out.

Councilmember Reaves asked are we at that point yet and was told we may need to reach out to Turkey Creek or Oak Mountain to see when this will be appropriate.

Mayor Thomas stated as a department head, this person will answer to the City Council. He stated he felt we need to get out in front of this.

Councilmember Reaves asked would equipment be needed separate from Parks and Recreation?

Mr. Goforth stated as we proceed, Chief Harvey may wish to station some equipment there.

Mr. Hill stated department heads are working on job descriptions and we are working on a pay scale. We hope to have something to the City Council soon.

Mr. Goforth stated Planning and Zoning has a Comprehensive Plan that that they have broken down into four areas. These include sewer extension, a western connector road, a study to extend Purple Heart to Springville Station, and the sports complex. The list of ideals the Council is being asked to sanction does not require immediate funding, but simply an affirmation of the need of the projects.

Mr. Goforth stated he wanted the Council to understand the process Planning and Zoning used in evaluating the Haven. He stated the Board consists of members from different disciplines such as engineering, surveying, a homebuilder, and grant compliance, all of which are valuable in assessing projects presented to the city. We discussed limiting hours for using the construction entrance so that school traffic was not impacted. The plan before the Council tonight is much different than the original plan what was 484 homes and is now 256. We had to be unbiased in bringing the interests of a landowner, developer, contractor, and the city together. We listened and exchanged ideas. Based on current zoning the 40 acres in the city could have 116 homes by the water tank. We wanted the city to know why this was recommended. We want people to partner with the city. Our goal is to protect what is sacred to us, while seeking opportunities. We need to make sure our water and sewer keeps up.

The workshop was concluded.

MEETING

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a regular session on Monday, April 4, 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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Absent: District 6 Councilmember Marshall Parker

Others present in official capacity: Attorney
Attorney Charlie Waldrep

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 March 21, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Hennings moved they be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the motion carried.

The agenda was presented for approval. Councilmember Vinson moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas stated Chief Walton has been a member of the Honor Guard for sixteen years, and commander for three years. He has been named the 2022 Honor Guard Member of the Year. He presented Chief Walton with a plaque.

Mayor Thomas stated the Bagley/Clements rezoning presented last meeting by Mr. Trey Massey, has been withdrawn by the applicant.

Mayor Thomas presented the ordinance to pre-zone the Bettis property to PUD and rezone the Windham property from R-1 to PUD for a second reading. He stated the public hearing was held at our last meeting.

There being no motion, Mayor Thomas declared the item failed for lack of a motion.

The Bettis annexation item was contingent upon the zoning of the property, thus it will not be heard.

A review of the planning goals presented by Planning and Zoning was presented. Councilmember Walker moved we accept and support these goals, seconded by Councilmember Reaves. Councilmember Hennings stated these are great goals, but how feasible are they to do.

Attorney Hill stated the Board did not rewrite the goals, but simply pulled out the main goals of the plan.

Councilmember Tucker stated a lot of this we cannot afford. People would not need to get their hopes up for a long time.

Attorney Hill stated this would not be a commitment for the City Council to spend money. We may be able to accomplish some of them, and others may be long term goals.

Councilmember Reaves stated she felt we need to keep these goals in the plan for our future.

The vote was unanimous.

An ordinance to approve the 2022 Back to School sales tax holiday was presented. Councilmember Tucker moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmember Toles, Vinson, Tucker, Hennings, Walker, and Reaves, and Mayor Thomas

Nays: None

Councilmember Toles moved Ordinance 2022-02 be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmember Toles, Vinson, Tucker, Hennings, Walker, and Reaves, and Mayor Thomas

Nays: None

Attorney Hill explained that we are asking for an Attorney General's opinion as there are two statues on establishing and amending City Council districts, and there is a conflict in the language of describing the districts. One says they may be described by census tracts and the other requires a metes and bounds description which would be very expensive to have each district surveyed. Councilmember Toles moved we approve this resolution to request an AG opinion, seconded by Councilmember Vinson, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas asked Earl Peoples for an update on the ALDOT project for work on the ditch across from the Middle School. The prior administration signed the agreement. Costs have skyrocketed since it was approved. The terms of the agreement say that the City is responsible for project overages. Ms. Brown at ADLOT feels we may be able to consolidate some projects and prioritize them. The cost now is \$2.1 million. We would need \$900,000. Traffic and hydrology studies were performed in the beginning. We had \$1.5 million and \$200,000 has been spent so far.

Mayor Thomas thanked Rev. Mike Ennis for fining replacements when he has to be out.

Mayor Thomas commended the police department for their assistance in the recent tragic event resulting in the death of a Florida woman. He announced Springville will host the St. Clair County Mayor's Breakfast tomorrow.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter
City Clerk