

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 18, 2022

WORKSHOP:

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a workshop session on Monday, April 18, 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:

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

Chief Walton presented a letter from Sgt. Milazzo commending Officer Rigby for his part in finding a missing juvenile.

Earl Peoples explained the need for software for water and sewer. The current software was purchased in 2007 or 2008. The owner of the company passed away unexpectedly in January, and there is no longer any support for this software. CNI software is used by several neighboring cities, and this software supports remote reading of our Sensus water meters. The price is competitive and maintenance is reasonable. We can be up and running in three weeks with one week of training. Right now, if we have a crash, we will lose all of our history.

Mayor Thomas asked was this expense in the budget and was told this was unexpected and it is not, but the American Rescue Plan money can be used.

Attorney James Hill stated we are able to purchase this software under a professional services agreement as this is a package software and training agreement compatible with our existing water meters.

Attorney Hill presented a draft resolution that will allow the city to claim a standard allowance for lost revenues up to \$10 million or the maximum distribution allocation whichever is less. These funds would only be restricted from payments to a pension plan and repayment of debt, but other legal expenditures of funds are allowed.

Councilmember Toles stated he felt that opening up the ditch and laying back the shoulders and overlaying Purple Heart Drive would be enough without widening the road.

Earl Peoples stated they will need to mill the road, dig out the bad places, and install underdrains to the top of the hill to keep the pavement from pumping. The cost of the overlay alone is around \$100,000. This does not include other work or improving the ditches or laying back the shoulders.

Councilmember Toles stated all we need to do is to clean out the ditches and pave for now.

Councilmember Tucker stated the manual on traffic control devices requires that signs be posted when the width of the road goes from one lane to two and back.

Mayor Thomas stated there could be potential litigation if it is not done correctly.

Councilmember Hennings asked how long this repair will last if we don't do the underdrains?

Councilmember Toles replied that if we keep the ditch clean it will not hurt the road.

Mayor Thomas stated it will have to be done over and over again if it is not done right.

Councilmember Reaves stated we talked about hiring an engineer.

Earl Peoples stated an engineer will be needed to come up with quantities for an estimate.

Mayor Thomas asked would what was talked about tonight last, and Mr. Peoples replied that the ditch cannot be made any deeper as there is a phone line below it. The bank erodes with heavy rains and fills it back in.

Park Director Rick Hopkins asked that a full-time park maintenance position be created. He has unused funds in the contract labor line item that could be moved to full time wages. This would not add to the overall departmental budget. He has a seasonal worker he would like to move into this position.

Police Chief Wayne Walton stated he would like to fire two officers so that he will have three officers on each shift. He stated he has \$70,000 in his salary budget that will cover this.

Councilmember Walker asked would vehicles be needed for these officers, and Chief Walton stated he had vehicles.

Mr. Dean Goforth was recognized and stated in putting the budget together, additional officers were discussed. He stated he went over the Chief's figures and we can hire these officers with the money he has left over.

Lynn Porter updated the Council on the status of the financial software project. We should have the financial portion up and running by October 1. Other modules should be installed by the first of 2023.

Attorney Hill stated he has a contract for the purchase of approximately one acre from Dr. McCleney at a cost of \$4100,000 for property across from city hall for overflow parking.

Councilmember Reaves stated she would not want to designate this as a parking lot in perpetuity, but she was fine with purchasing the property and fine with using it as a parking lot.

The workshop was concluded.

MEETING

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a regular session on Monday, April 18, 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 3	Councilmember Wayne Tucker
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Mayor	Dave Thomas

Absent: None

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 April 4, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Tucker moved they be approved, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and the motion carried.

The agenda was presented for approval. The public works software was added, a full-time park position, two full time police positions, a resolution to claim the lost revenue allowance for the ARM funds, and a contract to purchase property were added. Councilmember Tucker moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and the vote was unanimous.

The Council was asked if they had given consideration and were ready to move forward on the Nature Preserve Director.

Councilmember Hennings asked if this would be a department head or under Parks and Recreation?

Attorney Hill stated as written, it is a department head position.

Councilmember Reaves stated she did not think we are ready yet. A new department would require a lot of other things, including, equipment and office space. None of this has been considered.

Councilmember Reaves moved the contract for the purchase of software for Public Works at a cost of \$16,095.00 be approved, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Vinson moved a full-time maintenance position for Parks and Recreation be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Tucker moved two full-time positions be approved in the Police Department, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Reaves moved the Mayor be authorized to sign a purchase contract for approximately one acre from Dr. McCleney at a purchase price of \$100,000.

Councilmember Reaved moved Resolution 2022-09 claiming the ARP lost revenue allowance be approved, seconded by Councilmember Vinson. Earl Peoples asked if this would change the use of the funds as they are approved in the budget, and was told no. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas stated he talked to an EcoSouth driver who told him that citizens should call if they needed brush pick up. He said that many of the items are too big to pick up with their truck. Mayor Thomas asked do our citizens know they need to call.

Earl Peoples stated they notify the contractor of complaints they receive by e-mail with confirmation. He stated he did not know about calling the contractor. He stated he plans to send out a flyer to remind people of the size that will be picked up.

Mayor Thomas stated Planning Director Maranda Nolen has submitted her resignation. He stated he felt the building and the zoning departments should be under one roof.

Mayor Thomas asked the Council if they had looked at the information on the ALDOT projects to see if we wish to pursue them or not. He stated he needs to get back with them.

Fire Chief Harvey stated he is on the St. Clair County radio committee. Law enforcement in the County has a real problem. They plan to use the Alabama Interoperable Radio System. The County will spend \$4.4 million on infrastructure. They will upgrade the repeater site on Bald Mountain, and construct others for coverage. Jefferson, Shelby, and Blount Counties are already on this system. We cannot communicate with other departments and they cannot communicate with us. We would need to purchase new radios. This will be \$335,000 for fire and \$250,000 for police. The fire department has applied for a grant for this purchase and should bear from it in June or July. This is a high priority. There will be a transition period to bridge the old and new.

Councilmember Reaves asked how long it will take for the County to do this and was told eighteen months after the bid is awarded.

Mayor Thomas stated there is a nice story about the Preserve in this month's St. Clair County magazine.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter
City Clerk