

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 20, 2022

WORKSHOP:

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a workshop session on Monday, June 20, 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

Representatives from EcoSouth were recognized and reported a lot of the debris has been picked up. There are still some piles with big stuff too large to load. Now, as they catch up, they will keep it caught up assuming approved size piles. They will watch closely and address personnel as needed. Piles of debris that do not meet requirements will be tagged going forward. They will send out flyers at their expense explaining what is expected of residents for pickup.

Councilmember Walker commented that there are still some piles to be picked up in District 5.

Councilmember Parker stated some debris needs to be picked up so the city can cut the right-of way.

Councilmember Toles said a lot of the debris has been picked up around town.

Sgt. Maggie Milazzo stated she and Chief Walton met with the principals of each school and some of the Council last week. In light of recent tragic events at schools nationwide, they ask for support of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program.

Chief Walton gave statistics on twenty-seven school shootings in the country this year, and for years since 2018. He asked additional SROs be considered in the budget. These are St. Clair County School in the middle of Springville. We should not have to foot the entire bill for county students and students from other cities, but the lives of students must be protected. The County SRO is spread between all schools in the county.

Councilmember Reaves stated we need an SRO in each of our schools at all times.

Councilmember Toles said he had to ring the bell at the middle school to get in.

Councilmember Tucker stated he spoke to Billy Murray, and he is all for it, but does not have funding.

Each of the principals spoke and thanked the city for their assistance and support. They said this must be a collective effort, and there are measures they will be addressing. They appreciated us taking the time to sit down with them and to hear all viewpoints. Children housed in portable classrooms that must move from the portables to the main school at certain times are an issue that has not yet been resolved.

Councilmember Reaves stated we have applied for a grant for three officers that would pay for 75% of the cost for three years. After that we would be responsible for the entire cost. We do not know when we will hear anything about approval.

Councilmember Hennings asked could we joint venture with the County, other Cities, and the Board of Education?

The retiree one-time payment was added to the agenda.

Fire Chief Harvey stated he supported Chief Walton and the needs of the schools. He stated he has been working to recruit paramedics. One part-time medic retired recently. We have one young volunteer who is in paramedic training now, who is seeking full-time employment. He asked that the part-time position be made full-time to allow us to hire this individual. The additional cost can be absorbed from other budget line items. Our swing shift person can be placed on a regular shift. He is an EMT basic.

Mayor Thomas introduced Mr. Tom Jones who has purchased the old Springville Café building and will renovate and reopen it as a restaurant. Mr. Jones stated he has a catering business and hopes to open for lunch in the fall, and to offer packaged meals to take home. All entrees are prepared from scratch. He would like the opportunity to give back to the community by donating any leftover food. He plans to call his business Heritage Café.

The workshop was concluded.

## MEETING

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a regular session on Monday, June 20, 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
District 4	Councilmember Katrina Hennings
District 5	Councilmember Tim Walker
District 6	Councilmember Marshall Parker
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Mayor	Dave Thomas

Absent: None

Others present in official capacity: Attorney James Hill

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 June 6, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Vinson moved they be approved, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the motion carried.

The agenda was presented for approval. Items on the retiree payment and fire department personnel were added. Councilmember Toles moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas stated Springville Night Out was a success. He commended Chief Walton and stated the fire department also did a great job. He stated the fire memorial dedication was very nice.

A procurement policy was presented. Attorney James Hill stated this is to contemplate the process we are already under. It will need to be reviewed and verbiage added on city council oversight. Our budget put into place in October does not mean that all the budgeted funds are immediately available, or that they will ever be available should economic conditions change. Failing to include Council oversight could involve Ethics issues, if the person making the purchase is not aware of company ownership interests. Our new software will help in some respects, but control of city money ultimately lies with the City Council. Councilmember Reaves moved Resolution 2022-12 be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles and the motion carried.

Resolution 2022-13 to authorize a budget amendment to move employee salary and benefit cost funds from the Planning and Zoning budget to the Park and Recreation Budget was presented.

Councilmember Vinson moved this be approved, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and the vote was unanimous.

Our next regularly scheduled city council meeting falls on Independence Day. Councilmember Tucker moved this meeting be rescheduled to Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 8:00 a.m., seconded by Councilmember Hennings, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Walker stated in looking at our zoning map, there are sixty parcels zoned A1 (Agricultural) that could become residential. All our recent development has been garden home development on small lots, and this is placing a strain on our infrastructure. He asked that a moratorium be placed on development of small garden home lots until our infrastructure has time to catch up. Discussion followed on the fact that not only garden homes, but also PUD development frequently results in smaller lots.

Attorney Hill stated the nearby City of Moody took this action to allow their infrastructure to catch up.

Water and Sewer Director Earl Peoples stated we have plenty of water, but it has become a problem getting water to remote areas due to the size of the pipes in the ground in older developed areas. Existing water lines and tanks will not support the extensions. We are limited on sewer capacity.

Mr. Peoples stated he has talked to an engineer about modeling our water system. This will tell us if we can meet the fire flow requirements, domestic water impact, and serve elevations at particular sites.

Mayor Thomas stated this Proclamation would be a courtesy to developers to let them know our dilemma before they invest in land and engineering cost for areas we are unable to serve.

Councilmember Walter moved Proclamation 2022-02 be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution 2022-14 to surplus the mobile education trailer in the Fire Department was presented. Chief Harvey stated he would replace this unit with a “bouncy house” type unit. The money received from the sale should cover the cost of the new unit. Councilmember Hennings moved this resolution be approved, seconded by Councilmember Tucker and the vote was unanimous.

Earl Peoples stated the CDG Contract on the Force Main, Phase 2 needs to be amended to add \$3,000 to the contract to cover additional engineering to establish easements outside of the right-of-way. The developer will be responsible for the costs of the engineering and the rights-of-way. Councilmember Reaves moved this contract amendment be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Tucker moved the part-time paramedic position in the fire department be upgraded to a full-time position, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the voter was unanimous.

Councilmember Hennings moved Resolution 2022-15 authorizing a one-time lump sum payment be made to retirees based upon months of service be approved. The total cost of this will be \$8068.00. This was seconded by Councilmember Toles and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas asked Attorney Hill about a closing date on the McCleney property and was told hopefully this week.

Chief Walton stated school response training will be held on July 16 at the High School and there will be two classes in August on Domestic Violence hosted here.

Park & Recreation Director Rick Hopkins announced the Senior Citizens will hold a “Sock Hop.” We have applied for a tourism grant for Big Springs Park, and we are working on a 5K Run and Fun Run to be held in mid-August. Funds raised will help with lighting our new multi-purpose fields. We plan to bring back Spring Fest next year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter  
City Clerk