

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE
RESCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

WORKSHOP:

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a rescheduled workshop session due to the Labor Day holiday on Tuesday, September 6, 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 6	Councilmember Marshall Parker
District 7	Councilmember Sherry Reaves
Mayor	Dave Thomas

Absent: District 5 Councilmember Tim Walker

Others present in official capacity: Attorney James Hill

Chief Walton was recognized and introduced Mr. David Thompson with Finder software. This software is an investigative tool used by several surrounding jurisdictions, St. Clair County, Blount County and Jefferson County and many Jefferson County municipalities. This software allows access to incident reports, accident, arrest, and ticket information from participating jurisdictions to assist in suspect identification, and similar incidents in nearby areas. The cost is \$3,000 per year, with the cost for the first year reduced to \$2,100. It can also be used for employee background checks.

Councilmember Toles asked could they not run the driver's license and tag when someone is pulled over and was told yes, but this does not show suspicion of criminal activity.

Councilmember Vinson stated this sounded like a valuable tool.

Councilmember Parker stated he had privacy issues with this.

Councilmember Reaves confirmed Leeds, Moody, Pell City and St. Clair Council participate.

Mayor Thomas asked can this be customized for our city.

Mr. Thomason replied only to the extent that the city can withhold information from release if they feel it might jeopardize an investigation.

Attorney Hill asked who would have access to this software and was told only ACJIS certified employees.

Councilmember Hennings presented two quotations for signs for front wall of the City Hall Building. The higher quote is for an internally lighted sign. The other is for letters that would be illuminated by the building lighting at a cost of \$5,261.00.

Mr. Don Smith, St. Clair County Economic Development, addressed the Council on a tax abatement request for Springville Bottling, LLC. The State gives the city the ability to abate ad valorem and sales taxes for the state, county, and city. This will be for a period of five years. Twenty jobs will be created. The project agreement says they agree to make certain investments into this site, but their savings will be commensurate with their investment.

Councilmember Toles asked if any work was being done to fill the four vacancies at the Walmart shopping center, and Mr. Smith stated they were doing a needs assessment to see what type of business is needed in this area.

Mayor Thomas stated we want to attract new businesses, but we would also like to support our existing businesses.

Park and Recreation Director Rick Hopkins addressed the Council on the upcoming Run 4 the Parks. There will be four races on October 1 beginning with a 5K run, followed by a rubber ducky run at Big Springs Park, and an obstacle course run for youth, and ending with a color run by the cheerleaders. There will be food trucks and vendors, and live music. Some of the proceeds will go to St. Jude's and some will go for a gate at the sports complex.

Attorney James Hill presented an amendment to the Business License Ordinance for residential rental property. He stated a new schedule 26 has been added to set these fees.

Councilmember Vinson stated he would like to be able to look over this before we consider it.

Councilmember Toles stated the hardware store was told they could not have open lights on their store, to which Chief Harvey replied, this building is in the historic district and neon signs are not allowed there.

Mayor Thomas responded to a complaint about retention ponds in Karen Lee Estates, saying maintenance for these retention ponds is not a city responsibility, and Attorney Hill concurred.

The workshop was concluded.

MEETING

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a rescheduled regular session due to the Labor Day holiday on Tuesday, September 6, 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 6	Councilmember Marshall Parker
District 7	Councilmember Sherry Reaves
Mayor	Dave Thomas

Absent: District 5 Councilmember Tim Walker

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 August 15, 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. The Finder Software and building signs were added. Councilmember Vinson moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas stated Chief Walton has completed 160 hours of law enforcement executive programing.

Chief Harvey recognized several of his firefighters, Firefighter Jay Wheeler for completion of the Paramedic program, Firefighter Dawson Stossel for completion of Advanced EMT program, Firefighter Matthew Brown for completion of EMT school, and Firefighter Brett Thomas, who could not be her tonight, for completion of the Paramedic program. He stated that these are the fruits of our “grow your own” program to provide additional medics on our staff.

An Ordinance to increase the issuance fee on business licenses to \$14.00 effective with the 2023 renewal cycle 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: Councilmembers Toles, Vinson, Tucker, Hennings, Parker and Reaves,
and Mayor Thomas

Nays: None

Councilmember Toles moved Ordinance 2022-05 approving this increase be approved, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Toles, Vinson, Tucker, Hennings, Parker and Reaves,
and Mayor Thomas

Nays: None

Councilmember Reaves moved Resolution 2022-27 authorizing installation speed bumps on Crestview Drive be approved, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Parker moved the parade permit for the Springville Witches Ride be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Vinson moved Resolution 2022-28 raising the compensation of City Clerk to the maximum allowed by the Retirement Systems of Alabama be approved, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Reaves moved Resolution 2022-29 on the Janssen Opioid settlement be approved, seconded by Councilmember Hennings, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Tucker moved Resolution 2022-30 on the McKesson Opioid settlement be approved, seconded by Councilmember Vinson, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Tucker moved Resolution 2022-31 on a Tax Abatement for Springville Beverage Company be approved, and that Mayor Thomas be authorized to sign documents related to the abatement. This was seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Reaves moved payment be approved to Southeastern Turf management in the amount of \$11,79 for top dressing, fertilization and rolling on the two new multi-purpose fields.

Councilmember Hennings moved Proclamation 2022-3 congratulating Lauri Jones on her retirement after twenty-five years, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Vinson moved Proclamation 2022-04 recognizing Constitution Week be approved, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

A three-year contract renewal for Threat Advice was presented. Mr. Asa Sargent asked that this be carried over as he is currently looking at other options. Councilmember Parker moved this be tabled until the next meeting, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Reaves moved the annual contract for animal impoundment services with the City of Pell City be approved at a cost of \$12,000, seconded by Councilmember Hennings, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Hennings moved Resolution 2022-32 to accept city streets in Village Trace Subdivision be approved, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and the motion carried with Councilmember Tucker voting no. The motion carried.

Councilmember Parker moved the installation of five streetlights on Deer Run be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Reaves moved the purchase of Finder Software be approved, seconded by Councilmember Vinson, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Hennings moved the installation of exterior wall signage on the City Hall building be approved, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas stated it has been on social media about the Springville Bank picking up trash at the stadium after the game at an away game. This is the kind of recognition we can be proud of.

Mayor Thomas stated the City Clerk recently pointed out that this is the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Springville. He stated he would like to see some type of recognition.

Mayor Thomas reminded the City Council and employees that the Mayor is over city employees to not create confusion. If something needs attention, a Council member can bring it to the attention of the Mayor or leave word with the City Clerk.

Councilmember Toles stated this is in the Mayor and Council handbook. He asked how we get this done now.

Councilmember Tucker stated this has been the rules for many years.

Councilmember Tucker stated we have had complaints about potholes at the four-way. This is not ours, but rather an intersection of a state road and a county road, but we got it fixed today by the state.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter
City Clerk