

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

WORKSHOP:

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a workshop session on Tuesday, September 19, 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 Harvey was recognized and explained the need to establish a temporary administrative position through December 31, 2022 to place one of his fire personnel in for this period until he completes minimum standards training.

Public Works Director Earl Peoples was recognized and stated there is an ordinance that increases water rates on October 1 of each year automatically if the Council takes no action. After much discussion it was recommended that this be placed on the agenda to suspend the increase for this year due to economic conditions.

Rev. Mike Ennis was recognized and spoke on the city sesquicentennial celebration. He stated they are looking at fireworks, music and possibly artwork. They are asking for \$30,000 for this celebration. They are considering combining this with the Christmas parade. Pyro of Alabama will assist us in determining the best area for the display. We are looking at Big Springs Park. This will be on December 10.

Athletic Directory Josh Lansdale was recognized and asked that several parks projects that can be completed quickly, be funded from the current year budget. These are gravel for the parking lot, and laser grading and red rock for the infield on the multipurpose fields.

Nature Preserve manager Doug Morrison asked to be allowed to purchase a trailer for the UTV and a dump trailer from the current year budget.

Councilmember Reaves stated funding could not be found for one big ticket item that we feel is necessary, that being the lighting for the two multi-purpose fields. This is estimated to cost \$275,000. She asked that the Council consider funding this from the year end fund balance.

Attorney James Hill stated we started our K-9 unit this year and we need to compensate our K-9 officer for time he spends taking care of the dog outside of work hours. He recommended approval of reimbursement in the amount of \$3060.40.

Attorney Hill stated he has been speaking with ALDOT and we will not be able to allocate the funds from existing ALDOT drainage project to our four-way project. The Mayor has asked if we can combine these projects and reduce the scope of work. If so, Mr. Hill will draft a letter to this effect.

Mayor Thomas stated the St. Clair County School Board and the County Commission are partnering with cities in the County to provide SROs in our schools. We have a memorandum of understanding between the parties whereby they will provide one SRO and the city will provide one SRO. This memorandum spells out that law enforcement is there to enforce the law, and not a part of the school. It lays out the responsibilities of the city and of the school.

Ms. Diane Logan and Kristy Taylor were recognized and asked for scholarship funding for the Miss Historic Springville pageant. Emma Rick, the current Miss Historic Springville, and Miss Congeniality at the Miss Alabama pageant, thanked the City Council for their support and the support of the community this past year.

Councilmember Hennings asked how much they are requesting and was told \$2,000, but this also funds the Teen Miss pageant.

Mr. Bryce Feldman, Dominion Road, stated he has previously asked the city to give him the road by his house, and the ditch there needs to be cleaned out.

Earl Peoples stated the sewer line runs in the back and that is how the city gets in there.

Mayor Thomas called the school principals forward and presented checks for use at the schools.

The workshop was concluded.

MEETING

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a regular session on Monday, September 19, 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 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 September 6, 2022 rescheduled meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Parker asked that the record reflect that he voted no on the Finder Software. Councilmember Vinson moved the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the motion carried.

The agenda was presented for approval. Items discussed at the workshop were added, to include the Miss Historic Springville funding, sesquicentennial celebration funding, Park and Preserve requests from current budget totaling \$39,935, none of which individually exceeds the \$15,000 bid limit, MOU for SROs, and payment for the K-9 officer. Councilmember Hennings moved the agenda be approved as amended, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and the vote was unanimous.

A request made by Rosewood Plaza, LLC, Mike Birgenheier, to vacate a portion of the unopened, unimproved right-of-way of Elaine Street, was presented for a public hearing.

Councilmember Tucker stated the city has never accepted this street. It is too steep and was not improved to city subdivision regulations.

Attorney James Hill stated this is correct, but the right-of-way still exists within the city, even though it is unimproved.

Councilmember Parker stated we are always looking for alternate traffic routes to get around the city and questioned the wisdom of vacating this right-of-way.

Chief Harvey stated about three months ago St. Clair County changed the name of this street to Dominion Road.

Attorney Hill stated the right-of-way is described in this document in a legal description, not by street name. The renaming action is recent enough that the mapping has not caught up yet.

Councilmember Toles moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of a resolution to vacate this unimproved, unopened portion of Elaine Street, seconded by Councilmember Vinson, 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

Resolution 2022-32 to vacate a portion of the unimproved, unopened right-of-way of Elaine Street was presented and died due to lack of a motion.

Ordinance 2022-06 amending the business license ordinance to change the residential rental classification. Councilmember Vinson moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of this ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, 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 Vinson moved Ordinance 2022-06 be adopted as presented, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, 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

Renewal of the Threat Advice cyber security contract was brought up for consideration. Mr. Asa Sargent stated after talking with another vendor, it is his recommendation that we stay with Threat Advice and renew this contract. Attorney Hill stated this contract falls under the security exemption of the bid law. Councilmember Tucker moved the contract be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles and the motion carried.

The FY2022-2023 budget was presented for approval. Councilmember Reaves stated some big-ticket items could not be funded in this budget, but we were able to fund many smaller requests. This budget includes the city increasing the amount of the family insurance cost covered from 50% to 75% and implementing the merit plan. The insurance opt out payment is being discontinued. Life insurance is changed to \$10,000 for all employees.

Fire Chief Richard Harvey stated little cuts like the reduction in life insurance coverage affect employee morale.

A suggestion was made to increase all employees to \$30,000. This will be an increase of \$100 per employee and can be absorbed by the reduction in the retirement factor for next year.

Councilmember Tucker moved life insurance coverage for all employees be increased to \$30,000, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and the vote was unanimous.

Attorney Hill stated some of our insurance coverages are set out by resolution. He stated he will prepare a resolution for the next meeting to be effective October 1, 2022 reflecting these changes.

Councilmember Reaves moved the FY 2022-2023 budget be approved, seconded by Councilmember Hennings, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Reaves moved the water rates be tabled until next meeting, seconded by Councilmember Tucker and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Toles moved the mayor be authorized to sign documents to approve assuming the power costs for three streetlights on Village Trace located at intersections and cul-de-sacs per the city's policy. This does not include all lights in this development. The other lights will be the responsibility of the HOA. The vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Reaves moved the job descriptions for Recruit Firefighter and Firefighter be approved, seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Chief Harvey stated the recruit description is new, and spells out that a recruit firefighter cannot hold other employment until minimum standards training is completed. The firefighter description is amended to say that EMT certification is required before achieving that position. The vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Hennings moved a temporary administrative position be created through December 31, 2022, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Reaves moved compensation in the amount of \$3,060.40 be paid to our K-9 officer for duties performed outside of work hours in caring for the dog, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Reaves moved the Mayor be authorized to sign the School Resource Officer MOU on behalf of the city, seconded by Councilmember Tucker and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Hennings moved an amount not to exceed \$30,000 be allocated for the sesquicentennial celebration, seconded by Councilmember Vinson, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Vinson moved park and nature preserve items totaling \$39,935 with none of these items exceeding the bid limit of \$15,000, be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Hennings moved the contract with the Miss Historic Springville pageant be renewed with a scholarship contribution of \$2,000, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and the vote was unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter
City Clerk