

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE
RESCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2022

WORKSHOP:

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a workshop session on Tuesday, October 3, 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 5	Councilmember Tim Walker
District 6	Councilmember Marshall Parker
Mayor	Dave Thomas

Absent:	District 3	Councilmember Wayne Tucker
	District 4	Councilmember Katrina Hennings
	District 7	Councilmember Sherry Reaves

Others present in official capacity: Attorney James Hill

Ms. Joyce Cunningham of the ARC of St. Clair County was recognized. She explained that ARC of St. Clair County is a program for adult mentally disabled individuals in the county that provides a day program, a residential program, transportation, family support agency focusing on life skills and providing grocery shopping and delivery to those needing the service. They have been in existence for 49 years. They will be holding a large fund raiser with a Christmas formal gala to be held at Matthews Manor to include a meal, entertainment, and a silent auction. She stated any support the city would be able to give would be appreciated.

Mayor Thomas asked how many individuals from Springville they serve and was told three in the residential program. He suggested she meet with him and they formulate a plan as to how we may be able to serve.

Park Director Rick Hopkins was recognized and thanked Chief Walton and Chief Harvey and community volunteers for their assistance with the 5K Run 4 the Parks held last Saturday. He stated they had more than 450 participants. He asked to be able to go out to bid for lighting for the two new multi-purpose fields. Formal bids will be required, but LED Capital has given us a verbal estimate of \$258,000 for the field lighting and solar lights for the walking trails.

Councilmember Vinson stated the event on Saturday was a good event and these new fields are beautiful.

Councilmember Parker asked if this expense is in the budget and was told no.

Mr. Hopkins asked that this be funded from funds remaining in the bank account at year end. He stated these practice fields are greatly needed. He stated he wants to complete the front part of the complex and then to develop a plan for the remaining thirty acres.

Attorney James Hill was recognized to speak on School Resource Officers (SRO) and equipment. He stated a MOU was presented at the last meeting that has been tweaked. The County and Board of Education will provide two SROs and the city will provide one SRO. Three vehicles will be needed. The City will hire these officers and provide the equipment, and the County will reimburse the city. Police vehicles are difficult to obtain at the current time. Chief Walton has worked with the City of Oxford to purchase three of their surplus 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles for a total of \$90,000.00. He has found equipment for one of these vehicles from the Town of Geraldine at a cost of \$2,000. Mr. Hill stated he would request that the Council approve creating the three SRO positions in the police department and the cost of the vehicles and equipment.

Mayor Thomas stated Mr. Burns of the Board of Education said reimbursement would be done quarterly.

Merit increases for part-time employees was discussed. Attorney Hill stated the County does not give merit raises for part-time employees. Moody has not in the past, but as of October 1, Moody will give them. Pell City gives merit raises for part-time employees, but at a reduced rate of pay from that of regular employees.

Chief Harvey was recognized and said our handbook says that the pay scale will be used for all employees, whose pay is not set by state law. It does not mention full-time or part-time. He stated he has five regular part-time employees, four of whom are paramedics. He stated most of his department's experience is with the part-time employees. They have no leave or insurance, but he would like to address this in the future. These part-time employees are expected to be here every sixth day to staff the trucks. They mentor my young staff.

When asked what other departments have part-time employees, the City Clerk said the Library has four, Streets has two and Senior Citizens has one.

Councilmember Vinson suggested this discussion be carried over until we have a full council present.

Chief Walton gave the quarterly police report. He stated they hosted a domestic violence class for two days with more than 100 in attendance. They met with several HOAs. One officer completed motor scout school and two officers completed an FBI supervisor class and peer support. They will be conducting two citizen firearms training classes. They answered 1502 calls for service.

The workshop was concluded.

MEETING

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a regular session on Monday, October 3, 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 5	Councilmember Tim Walker
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Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order. Rick Hopkins was called upon to give the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the September 19, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Walker pointed out that the motion and second to carry over action on the water rates are both listed as made by Councilmember Tucker. This was corrected to read that Councilmember Reaves made the motion and Councilmember Tucker seconded. Councilmember Vinson moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the motion carried with Councilmember Walker abstaining.

The agenda was presented for approval. Creating positions for three SROs and the purchase of three vehicles at a cost of \$90,000 was added. Councilmember Walker moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Bea Swartz, 316 Heritage Hills Drive, was recognized. She asked do the residents or the city need to cut the right-of-way.

Mayor Thomas responded if the right-of-way is in the County, it is not a city responsibility.

Public Works Director Earl Peoples stated they do not typically cut the right-of-way in front of someone's yard. There is a process for weed abatement if property is in the city.

Ms. Swartz also addressed speeding in the area and asked for speed breakers one near 316 Heritage Drive and one near 95 Heritage Drive. The house at 63 Heritage Drive has several small children and residents and contractors drive too fast.

Attorney Hill stated the city cannot place a speed breaker in the county. He asked to be allowed to get with the County engineer to determine what is in and out of the city.

Ms. Swartz stated no one takes care of these roads as no one knows if they are in the city or the county.

Councilmember Toles asked Attorney Hill to get clarification on maintenance responsibilities.

Mr. Peoples stated the city did not regulate roads outside of the city limits when these roads were built. He stated he and Councilmember Tucker talked to the developer about cross drains at the time the roads were built. Since they do not meet city standards, the roads have never been accepted.

Richard Harvey stated all of the new homes are in the city.

Ms. Swartz gave a petition to the Mayor.

Councilmember Vinson moved Resolution 2022-33 amending the city participation in family insurance coverage to 75% be approved, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Toles moved for unanimous consent to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of an ordinance to stay the automatic water rate increase in October 2022. This was seconded by Councilmember Parker, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Toles, Vinson, Walker, and Parker and Mayor Thomas

Nays: None

Councilmember Vinson moved this Ordinance 2022-07 to stay water rates be approved, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Toles, Vinson, Walker, and Parker and Mayor Thomas

Nays: None

Councilmember Toles moved a position of Certified Water System Operation be established at a grade 17, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Walker moved Resolution 2022-34 to declare three police vehicles as surplus be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles. Attorney Hill added that any price should be submitted to the Mayor to ensure that adequate consideration is received. The vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Vinson moved that three SRO positions be created, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Toles moved three police vehicles be purchased from the City of Oxford at a cost of \$90,000, seconded by Councilmember Vinson, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas announced that Councilmember Tucker, our Mayor Pro Tem, is in the hospital. He expects to be discharged tomorrow.

Mayor Thomas stated the signs were installed on the City Hall building today. He asked Mr. Peoples if the speed bumps have been installed and was told some of them have, but not all.

Councilmember Toles stated Purple Heart Boulevard looks good after being paved. We need a couple of lights put up so it will not be so dark.

Mayor Thomas stated we have a 150-year celebration coming up. It will be done in conjunction with the Christmas parade on December 10.

Richard Harvey stated we will need to put the fireworks display out to bid.

Councilmember Walker asked if we could get a quarterly building and zoning report like the police report.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter
City Clerk