

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2023

WORKSHOP:

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a workshop session on Monday, February 20, 2023 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 follows:

District 1	Councilmember Herbert Toles
District 2	Councilmember David Vinson
District 3	Councilmember Austin Phillips
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 Joel Watson

Library Director Jamie Twente gave Library statistics for 2022 with growth in library visits, program attendance, and activity participation. She stated they are celebrating Love Your Library Month in February. She recognized Librarian Sarah Reece who has recently received her certification in library technology.

Each Councilmember has received a copy of the proposed city council districts that are being redrawn based upon the results of the 2020 Census. If the Council is ready to proceed, they may set a public hearing for citizen input.

Fire Chief Richard Harvey presented a contract from Compliance Engine. This company keeps up with the regularity of required inspections and the actual inspection dates. We have approximately forty commercial hood systems and twelve sprinkler systems that require annual inspections. This system keeps up with when these inspections are due, and notifies the company of the date. The inspector will upload the inspection information into the portal. Should the inspection not be done timely, the vendor will notify both the business and the fire department. This information is available 24 hours a day. The business is charged \$17, the fee required for the inspector to update the information. These are required inspections, so it is not a new requirement for the business. He stated this program is widely used.

Councilmember Walker confirmed that it did not cost the city anything. This will be an additional cost to our businesses.

Chief Harvey stated if these businesses do the preventive maintenance, it sometimes saves money on repairs or replacement costs. It is an administrative tool to help us.

Councilmember Walker asked if there were any legal issues requiring businesses to report to this service?

Chief Harvey stated the building code requires documentation to be maintained. The building owners already have to comply with the requirements to have these inspections done. This is just a way to track it easily.

Councilmember Phillips stated if the program is widely used, the contractor probably already has the cost built into the inspection cost.

Mayor Thomas asked Attorney Watson if the city can make an appropriation for the rock school.

Attorney Watson asked who owns the building and was told the County. He responded that a city could give money to another government entity for a specific purpose.

No further business coming before the body the workshop meeting was concluded.

MEETING

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a regular session on Monday, February 20, 2023 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 Austin Phillips
District 4	Councilmember Katrina Hennings
District 5	Councilmember Tim Walker
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Mayor	Dave Thomas

Absent: None

Others present in official capacity: Attorney Joel Watson

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 February 6, 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Reaves moved they be approved, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the motion carried.

The agenda was presented for approval.

Mayor Thomas asked that the voting delegate for the Alabama League of Municipalities be added, with Councilmember Hennings being named the voting delegate, Councilmember Walker named as first alternate, and Mayor Thomas as second alternate. Councilmember Phillips moved this be approved, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and the vote was unanimous.

Continuing with the agenda, the Compliance Engine contract will be held over until the March 6 meeting, and announcing a public hearing on city council districts will be added.

Councilmember Hennings moved Ms. Kristi Kerr be appointed to the Historical Commission, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the vote was unanimous.

Discussion continued from last meeting on the purchase of a fire truck, the anticipated delivery time and how to pay for it. Councilmember Reaves asked did we know the interest rate on the new truck. Chief Harvey responded there is nothing in this purchase agreement about financing. It requires that the balance be paid in full upon delivery. We could put money down or we could finance it, if we wanted to start paying for it now, or we could begin saving for the payment due in 32 to 36 months.

Councilmember Phillips suggested that the more we can save for the payment, the less we will have to finance when it is delivered.

Councilmember Toles stated if the Council agrees, we could budget \$265,630 a year for three years and pay for the truck when it arrives.

Mayor Thomas stated what this agreement contemplates is locking in the order at the price given.

Councilmember Walker stated the agreement says delivery will be in 32 to 36 months. What happens if the truck is delivered in 24 months?

Attorney Watson stated the vendor would be held to the 32 to 36 month delivery time in the agreement.

Councilmember Vinson stated there was discussion last meeting that some trucks will be sold. What is the timeline for that?

Chief Harvey stated we currently have five trucks. We will get rid of three of them leaving two, plus the new truck for a total of three. He stated he would like to keep the 1996 truck until after our next ISO rating inspection as he can get credit for the pumping capacity.

Councilmember Phillips stated he did not think we can kick this down the road. He moved Resolution 2023-08 be approved authorizing the purchase of a fire truck and locking in the price of \$780,860.64. This was seconded by Councilmember Vinson, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas announced that a public hearing will be held at our March 6, 2023 meeting on the proposed alterations to the City Council districts to keep them all approximately the same size.

Councilmember Walker stated he would be out of town on that night.

Councilmember Phillips announced the Chamber will meet on Wednesday at 7:30 at the Woodall Building.

Mayor Thomas stated we will try to get a picture of the Council for our website at our March 20, 2023 meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter
City Clerk