

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 20, 2023

WORKSHOP:

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a workshop session on Monday, March 6, 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 7	Councilmember Sherry Reaves
Mayor	Dave Thomas

Absent: District 6 Councilmember Marshall Parker

Others present in official capacity: Attorney James Hill

School Board member Kathy Fine was recognized and stated the Wayne Tucker Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established and donations can be made at the high school. An architect has been hired for the new middle school. She stated the Republican Party dinner will honor first responders and educators. Senator Katie Britt will be the speaker.

Doug Morrison addressed the Council about an electronics recycling day on May 6. The Cost will be \$750. They will do paper shredding and will recycle televisions for \$20 and will shred hard drives for \$10.

Parks Director Rick Hopkins addressed the Council about turf management. He stated we are looking at bringing this in house. We have an employee who is licensed to do this. We will have savings after two years. We can purchase a 2020 ride-on sprayer that will do both granular and liquid spraying with 260 hours on it for \$10,000 from Southeastern Turf. This can be taken from the field maintenance line item.

Councilmember Toles asked what we are paying for this now and was told \$45,000 a year.

Councilmember Phillips stated he thinks there will be savings, but it is important to know how to set the calibrations and the amounts of chemicals to be applied.

Councilmember Reaves stated we will have chemical costs and asked if we knew what those are. She was told \$10,000 for the remainder of the year or about \$20,000 for the entire year.

Councilmember Walker asked what will take place when this person is doing the spraying? Who will do the job he is currently doing? He asked if our insurance covers this.

Mayor Thomas stated it looks like our budget covers the cost of the equipment and the materials, and we will be saving the vendor's profit.

Director Hopkins asked to be allowed to purchase this equipment.

Councilmember Phillips stated one of our costs is overseeding in the fall.

Director Hopkins stated he thinks we can cut this cost in half.

Director Hopkins stated we are applying for a T-Mobile Hometown Grant. The local manager Samantha Dobbs says we can apply for up to \$50,000 to build or rebuild a city facility to draw citizens together. He stated he would like to refurbish the Farmer's Market and add a stage and turf area for cornhole, a pagoda roof, and redo the concrete. He stated he would also like to install a parking lot with 30-50 spaces that can be used for the Farmer's Market and for downtown events. All of this comes to around \$79,000, not including the parking lot. A match is not required, but it would add points to the scoring system.

Councilmember Walker stated the RV parking lot across from City Hall is in violation of Article 8, Section 10, 10.11 that says that the area must be screened from the public.

Building Official Asa Sargent stated Mr. Hughes is aware of this requirement. The one RV sitting there now is his own. Vegetation will be planted along the perimeter.

Mayor Thomas asked about erosion.

Councilmember Walker asked if the plat has been sent to the Zoning Board for approval of what he is building, and what the approved uses were for the building.

Mr. Sargent stated the zoning requires the barrier. The Zoning Board does not approve individual building plans.

Chief Walton showed the police department recruitment video.

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, March 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
District 6	Councilmember Marshall Parker (arrived after roll call)
District 7	Councilmember Sherry Reaves
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 March 6, 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Toles moved they be approved, seconded by Councilmember Vinson, and the motion carried with Councilmember Walker abstaining.

The minutes of the March 15, 2023 called workshop to discuss police recruiting and retention were presented. Councilmember Toles moved they be approved, seconded by Councilmember Vinson, and the motion carried with Councilmembers Hennings and Reaves abstaining.

Councilmember Parker arrived.

The minutes of the March 17, 2023 called meeting to select a liability and property insurance carrier for the city were presented. Councilmember Toles moved these minutes be approved, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, and the motion carried with Councilmember Walker abstaining.

The agenda was presented for approval. Councilmember Vinson moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilmember Hennings and the vote was unanimous.

An ordinance to redraw the City Council District lines was presented. These modifications will create seven similarly sized districts. Councilmember Reaves 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, Phillips, Hennings, Walker, Parker and Reaves, and Mayor Thomas

Nays: None

Councilmember Vinson moved Ordinance 2023-01 redrawing the Council Districts be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

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

Nays: None

Fire Chief Richard Harvey presented a new contract for an ambulance to be provided by RPS. This contract will be \$600 per month and will include maintenance. We will not be responsible for catastrophic mechanical failure.

Councilmember Phillips stated we just got a new insurance carrier, and asked if the limits are still \$1,000,000/\$5,000,000.

Chief Harvey stated it is now \$1,000,000/\$4,000,000 in the new policy.

Councilmember Phillips asked would they be added as an also insured on our policy?

Mayor Thomas moved this contract be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles. The Mayor called for a roll call vote, with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Toles, Phillips, and Mayor Thomas

Nays: Councilmembers, Vinson, Hennings, Walker, Parker, and Reaves

Chief Harvey stated two meetings ago he presented a contract for inspection management. While attending the Fire Chief's Conference, he found another company. Inspection Reports Online (IROL) will work with businesses to settle any deficiencies. The report cost is \$19/99 with no cost for supplemental reports. Chief Harvey stated he has talked to five companies who do fire inspections, and three of them have the filing fee built into their cost. One does not charge the business for the report filing, and one passes the cost along to the business.

Councilmember Walker questioned the section that says the company has the ability to change things without our input.

Attorney James Hill stated we can terminate the agreement with 60 days' notice.

Councilmember Walker moved the Mayor be authorized to sign this contract, seconded by Councilmember Hennings, and the vote was unanimous.

Chief Harvey stated we rejected the bid on police radios last meeting as the bid was \$20,000 more than our grant. We will purchase 14 of the 25 radios needed from the State Bid. We will apply for the same ALEA grant next year. He stated we have spent \$208,000 for 50 handheld

radios for police and fire. We have applied through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program to try to get radios needed for fire vehicles. The match will be higher on that grant.

Discussion followed on the new County radio system making the current radios obsolete, and the number of radios needed for vehicles and personnel, and the cost and projected completion date of the radio system.

Councilmember Vinson moved Resolution 2023-11 authorizing this purchase from the State Bid be approved, seconded by Councilmember Hennings, and the vote was unanimous.

A resolution 2023-12 to award the bid on a waterline replacement for the four-way project was presented. This will be paid from warrant funds. Councilmember Reaves moved this bid be awarded to Apel Machine and Supply at a cost of \$291,800, seconded by Councilmember Toles and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Vinson moved Resolution 2023-13 awarding the bid on a 2023 Chevrolet four wheel drive, crew cab truck to Donohoo Chevrolet at a cost of \$49,706.00, seconded by Councilmember Phillips. There is \$45,000 in the budget for a truck, and Mr. Hopkins stated he thought he could find the other \$5,000. The vote was unanimous.

We have one revenue collection contract with Avenu Insights that renews one month before the other four contracts. This rental tax contract will be for a term of one month to get it back in sync with the others. Councilmember Reaves moved this contract be approved, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, and the vote was unanimous.

Chief Harvey presented a proposal from AVCO Fire Technology to do inspections on the city's 54-55 fire extinguishers at a cost of \$1,125. This cost does not include replacement or refilling. This will lock the price for three years. Councilmember Toles moved this be approved, seconded by Councilmember Hennings, and the vote was unanimous.

A resolution to approve police department premium pay of 5% for certain assignments based on certifications and a sixty-cent per hour shift differential pay was presented. This was discussed at the March 15 workshop. An officer may only be paid for one certification, regardless of the number held. These are for SWAT, K-9, THI, and motor scout. Assignments must be authorized by the Chief of Police, and the Chief of Police may not receive premium pay. The council was provided with numbers showing the cost for the remainder of the year with current staff and the cost at full staff with employees who are currently seeking certification for a full year.

Councilmember Phillips stated he felt we either spend this on overtime or on extra pay to retain our officers.

Councilmember Phillips moved Resolution 2023-014 authorizing this pay for the police department be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Vinson moved the Park Department be authorized to purchase the sprayer, seconded by Councilmember Hennings, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Reaves moved the Parks Department be authorized to apply for the T-Mobile Hometown \$50,000 Grant, with the city to provide up to \$50,000 in matching funds. This was seconded by Councilmember Hennings, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas moved the recycling event be approved at a cost of \$750, seconded by Councilmember Toles.

Councilmember Vinson stated he has gotten complaints about dogs barking, and the person was told enforcement cannot be done earlier than ten o'clock. The animal control ordinance does not say a time. Chief Walton stated this fall under the noise ordinance and there is a time in it.

Mayor Thomas stated if we know of any qualified individuals who we would like to nominate to the County Board of Equalization, we need to let the County know.

Mayor Thomas stated Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior will be in Springville on Friday to look at the bottomless culvert installed near the prison, and will look at the project that we are working on in the Athletic Park.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter  
City Clerk