

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 15, 2023

WORKSHOP:

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a workshop session on Monday, May 15, 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 5	Councilmember Tim Walker
District 6	Councilmember Marshall Parker
District 7	Councilmember Sherry Reaves
Mayor	Dave Thomas

Absent: District 4 Councilmember Katrina Hennings

Others present in official capacity: Attorney Jim Hill

Park and Recreation Director Rick Hopkins asked to reallocate funds within his budget by moving \$7,000 in the contract labor line item to Salaries and FICA to hire summer help.

Chief Walton stated at the last meeting he was asked about the age, mileage, and repair costs on his vehicles. He passed out a chart giving this information. He stated he has talked to Donohoo Chevrolet and was told the order date for vehicles has been pushed from June to September with an unknown delivery date. He asked to be allowed to order vehicles when the opportunity becomes available.

Chief Harvey clarified saying, this is not a monetary commitment. Payment would not be due until we take delivery, and should we not be able to accept delivery and pay at that time, the cars would be offered to other agencies.

Councilmember Phillips stated we need to establish a replacement cycle.

Mr. Doug Morrison stated we are making progress on the Nature Preserve. There are several trees that need to be removed near power lines. He stated he has a quotation from C&C Tree Cutters of \$28,000. Forever Wild is bidding four miles of trails, that we hope to have completed by September 30. The State will pay for these trails.

Councilmember Toles stated we had a good turnout for the electronics recycling and shredding event.

Councilmember Reaves stated we need to approve the M4A contract. She stated she has been working with this Board and they do great things for our senior population.

Chief Harvey stated he e-mailed ambulance run information to the Council. The average ambulance response was 21 minutes with only six over 30 minutes.

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, May 19, 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
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District 7	Councilmember Sherry Reaves
Mayor	Dave Thomas

Absent: District 4 Councilmember Katrina Hennings

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 May 1, 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Toles moved they be approved, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and the motion carried.

The agenda was presented for approval. The budget reallocation for Parks and the tree removal were added. Councilmember Vinson moved the agenda be approved as amended, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Reaves moved the M4A contract for 2024 be approved, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Toles moved Resolution 2023-19 on the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report be approved, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Reaves moved the three-year St. Clair County voting machine agreement be approved, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and the vote was unanimous.

The park master plan contract was brought up. We have proposals from Game Day and from Williams Blackstock. Mayor Thomas asked if the Council was ready to consider the Game Day contract.

Councilmember Walker asked what will be delivered with this contract.

Park Director Hopkins stated the parks asked for a site plan or conceptual plan to include a site plan, cost estimate, concept, and design.

Mr. Kyle Franklin of Williams Blackstock stated their firm was asked for and delivered a site plan for the first phase of the sports complex. They have worked on several sports complex developments in the area including Vestavia Hills, Pell City, and Gardendale.

Mayor Thomas stated his idea was for more than an architect.

Mr. Hopkins stated they also did the conceptual design for our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and for our proposed new Library.

Mayor Thomas asked was their firm not an architectural firm, and was told yes, but they also do planning and design and cost estimates and project management.

Councilmember Vinson stated Game Day is a good company and has done some large projects, but he did not think we needed some of the services they promote.

Councilmember Phillips stated he was impressed by Williams Blackstock's work history.

Councilmember Vinson stated they also did the last two expansions in the Trussville library.

Councilmember Walker stated he felt the best way to compare the two companies was for the city to put out a request for proposals. We need a statement of objectives, with the deliverables spelled out, and determine which concept best suits our needs.

This matter will be carried over until the second meeting in June to allow time to prepare documents and receive proposals. Councilmember Reaves so moved, seconded by Councilmember Vinson, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Parker asked about the lighting on the practice fields. Mr. Hopkins stated the contractor's rock machine broke and parts had to be ordered. He offered that the city could

bring in another company starting at a base price of \$20,000 that might go up. Mr. Hopkins stated he decided to wait on the current contractor to get the machine repaired to keep costs down. As of today, two of the six holes needed are dug. Each hole is taking three to four days. They hit rock at 7' on every hole. The poles must be placed 14' in the ground. He stated once the poles are in, it should take less than a week to complete the project.

Councilmember Toles moved Resolution 2023-20 on the park budget reallocation to move \$7,000 from contract labor to salaries in the amount of \$6500 and FICA in the amount of \$500 be approved. This was seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Parker moved the quotation from C & C Tree Service in the amount of \$2,800.00 for tree removal be accepted, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the vote was unanimous.

The Council opened discussion on tax bills in the Legislature. The current version of the grocery tax bill incrementally reduces the state tax with an eye to assure the Education Trust Fund is not adversely affected. The current bill allows, but does not mandate, that local grocery taxes be reduced. The bill freezes local grocery tax at the current rate, and if reduced, these taxes cannot be increased later. The change to the point at which sales taxes are collected on delivered goods is still in committee. Currently the sale tax is due at the point of delivery. The bill would change this to collect the sales tax at the point of sale. This would mean that we would lose all of the tax on construction materials for new homes, and fixtures to go into those homes. The larger cities with the building supply stores and warehouses want this, but this will be detrimental to all of the smaller cities in the State. Councilmember Parker asked who was lobbying for the changes to the delivery sales tax in the Legislature, but the origin of the bill was not clear.

Mayor Thomas reported the Springville High School Girl's Soccer Team won the State Championship. Our own attorney James Hill is featured in the Birmingham Business Journal. He stated several representatives from the City attended a meeting in Gadsden about development along the I-59 corridor. Mayor Thomas stated we have been asked to sponsor some test sites under the Safe Water Guidance. Attorney Hill is working on an agreement. He stated he received an e-mail that the US Fish and Wildlife Service are conducting a five-year study on the Coosa watershed. Mayor Thomas stated people are dropping garbage at the old recycling site. He asked do we have cameras to allow us to see who is doing this. Mayor Thomas expressed his appreciation to Gary Earnest for purchasing plants and planning them in planters in the downtown area. He stated he felt we should set aside funds for beautifying downtown.

Councilmember Phillips stated the Rotary Club is looking for projects.

Chief Walton stated on several occasions after meetings here, the doors have been left unlocked. He suggested self-locking doors that require someone to buzz you in.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter  
City Clerk