

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 5, 2023

WORKSHOP:

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a workshop session on Monday, June 5, 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 James Hill

Attorney James Hill presented a draft Financial Management Plan to the Council. He explained that having such a plan and using it can help when the city goes to the bond market, but cautioned that adopting such a plan and not adhering to it, could have a detrimental effect when entering the bond market. He stated some areas of this draft would need input from the Council or the Budget Committee. This is not something that needs immediate consideration, but he would recommend that the city consider it. Discussion followed clarifying that this reserve is in addition to the budgeting 10% reserve. This would also establish a spending policy for large capital projects.

Doug Morrison, Nature Preserve Manager, thanked Granger Waid of Norris Paving for the donation of time and equipment in preparing a second parking area and access from the other parking area and to trails. This in-kind contribution has a value of \$28,880. Mr. Morrison stated he would like to ask the City Council to consider purchasing \$14,875 worth of gravel to apply a four-inch cover on the parking area and access drive. This will make this an all-weather surface and help to control erosion. The County is preparing the main parking area and park entrance at no cost to us. These will have a tar and gravel surface. He stated he is working on bid documents for the entrance gate.

Councilmember Vinson asked if the gates would be locked and was told they would be secured at hours when the park was not open.

Mr. Morrison stated the park will be open Wednesday through Sunday and closed on Monday and Tuesday to allow nature to repair itself. In the Summer the hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and in Winter from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He stated that we have partners to fund the entrance construction. Forever Wild has engaged Flow Motion to build a 1.8-mile creek trail, a horse trail, and an ADA trail. He stated a gentleman has offered to prepare a master plan for the preserve at no cost to us.

Mr. Granger Waid was recognized and stated his family is from Springville and he played in the creek as a child and wanted to help make this resource available to all of the citizens.

Mayor Thomas asked what the cost would be to assist the County on the work they are performing to speed things along.

The Springville High School Girls 2023 State 5A Soccer Championship team was recognized with Coach Meg Childress and Assistant Coach Emily Holland.

Councilmember Phillips stated as with many championships, a championship ring is available. The cost is \$3400. The school has agreed to fund one-half of this cost, and he asked that Springville fund one half of the balance with Argo being asked to fund the other half of the balance. This would be \$1,700 for us.

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, June 5, 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
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Mayor	Dave Thomas

Absent: None

Others present in official capacity: Attorney James Hill

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order. Reverend Brad Smith of Spring Valley Baptist Church was called upon to give the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Phillips moved they be approved, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the motion carried with Councilmember Hennings abstaining.

The agenda was presented for approval. An item to purchase gravel for the preserve parking area and access and for a donation to the school for rings was added to the agenda. Councilmember Vinson moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Parker stated we have also had a gentleman who striped our parking lot at the Library, donating his time and material.

Chief Walton was recognized and stated he has had a position open for ten months, and at this time would like to promote Officer Paul Trammell to Corporal effective June 5, 2023. He will become night shift supervisor.

Chief Richard Harvey recognized Firefighter Matthew Brown for completion of his Advanced EMT certification and passing his National Certification exam. Mr. Brown started volunteering with us in 2018. He came to work part-time in 2020 and has been full-time for two years.

Chief Harvey stated he received the resignation of Jay Wheeler today. He stated we put him through recruit school, but he has accepted a position with another department. He has reimbursed the city for our training costs.

Councilmember Reaves moved Resolution 2023-21 awarding the bid on the Sewer Force Main, Phase 2 project to Talley Lambert at a cost of \$842,875. This was seconded by Councilmember Walker. Public Works Director stated the developer will be paying for this work, not the city. The vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Hennings moved the Coosa Valley Water Keepers agreement for water testing be approved and the Mayor be authorized to sign it, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

The financial audit of the FY 2021-2022 fiscal year was presented. Councilmember Toles confirmed the amount of debt listed. Councilmember Vinson moved the audit be accepted, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas stated the County Commission holds that the four-cent gasoline tax may only be used for road and bridge work in St. Clair County. He stated there is an argument whether city roads are county roads since they are in the county. The city mayors say yes, and the county says no.

Mayor Thomas presented the names of Kevin Early and Greg Allen for appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Early is also on our Park and Recreation Board. Mayor Thomas stated Mr. Allen has agreed to be our nominee to the St. Clair County Board of Equalization. Councilmember Parker moved these nominations be approved, seconded by Councilmember Hennings, and the vote was unanimous.

An invoice from Central Fire Protection in the amount of \$4,788 for a backflow preventor for the fire sprinklers at City Hall was presented. This need was discovered during the recent fire sprinkler inspection. Councilmember Parker moved this be approved, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Toles moved gravel be purchased for the second parking lot and access at the preserve at a cost of \$14,875, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Hennings moved a donation to the high school in the amount of \$1,700 to be used for rings for the girl's championship soccer team be approved, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, and the vote was unanimous.

Servco has been doing HVAC maintenance at city buildings. The blower motor and compressor on the unit that serves the Council chambers was out. The cost to repair this unit is \$3,302.05. A question of warranty was raised, and this will be checked out before the work is authorized, but the invoice will be approved subject to the warranty, so that work can proceed with or without the warranty. Councilmember Reaves moved this invoice be approved subject to determining if there is a warranty, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Phillips stated he asked Chief Walton to compile a list of vehicles and mileage and running times. He stated he has this and will share it with the rest of the City Council.

Councilmember Toles stated debris is piling up. He asked if he could get a truck and he and some other Councilmembers pick up some of the brush.

Attorney Hill stated there may be some insurance and liability issues with this, but he will be glad to contact the company.

Earl Peoples stated his department talks to these people every day about complaints. He said that since our bid last year, he has talked to other companies who are interested in bidding next time. He commented that residents cannot burn debris since we have a burn ban ordinance.

Attorney Hill stated the same reasons that companies do not want to bid on brush pick up are the same reasons he would recommend the city not do the brush pick up. It is a losing proposition all around.

Chief Harvey stated some burning is allowed, but our wildfires have dropped 175% after we enacted our ordinance. Also smoke generated from these fires triggers asthma attacks for many citizens and school students. Our downtown is in a bowl and smoke settles there.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter
City Clerk