

City of Springdale Council

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President of Council Marjorie Harlow called Council to order on August 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Mrs. McNear gave the invocation.

Mrs. McNear took roll call. Present were Council members Diehl, Emerson, Hawkins, Squires, Vanover and Harlow. Mr. Knox was absent.

The minutes of July 18 were approved with five affirmative votes. Mr. Vanover came in late.

COMMITTEE AND OFFICIAL REPORTS

Rules and Laws	-	no report
Finance Committee	-	no report

Planning Commission - Mr. Vanover said we had minor improvements to the building elevation changes to Hooters, 12185 Springfield Pike. Their plan is to put field stone above the door, then up both front corners and do a cap on the edge of the building between Hooters and Rib City. That was approved 7-0. A conditional use permit for outdoor seating at Tan Thai was continued. Shell applied for a conditional use permit for a drive-thru window at 11595 Princeton Pike. They are proposing to level the building. When it comes back the car wash is gone and it will have a convenient store with a Dunkin Donuts in it. They requested a digital price sign that was not included in the package. We held off on that issue but the conditional use permit was approved 6-1 and the plan was approved 6-1. Beef O-Brady's Restaurant at 670 Glensprings Drive is going to change the elevation, adding synthetic stone to the front with end caps. The sign package right now is staying the same. The public hearing notification that was forwarded to Planning Commission was approved 7-0. Also the SR 4 corridor boundary district revisions were presented and approved 7-0. A large residential area that was never really intended to be part of the district has been taken out.

Mr. Squires asked is the restaurant full service?

Mr. Vanover replied yes it is. We have the liquor license permit in our packets. It's like Applebee's or Friday's.

Mr. Hawkins asked did Beef O-Brady's indicate how soon they would be up and operational.

Mr. Vanover replied no but we made him promise that the next time he comes in that he has a menu. His indication was that it would not be a greatly drawn out process.

Civil Service Commission – Mr. Goins said they met August 1 and the City Administration gave an update on two applicants in the hiring process for patrol officer. The Commission reviewed correspondence and received updates regarding recent hiring activity in the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works and the Administration. The Commission reviewed the process for recruitment of a Public Works maintenance worker. This process is now underway.

Board of Zoning Appeals	-	no report
Board of Health	-	no report
Public Utilities	-	no report
Public Relations	-	no report
Capital Improvements	-	no report
Public Welfare, Safety & Education	-	no report

Housing Board – Mr. Squires said there is no report per se but due to the overwhelming response residents have made regarding this Hamilton County Grant for

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home improvements there is a special SOS meeting tomorrow to consider numerous requests there.

Public Works - no report

O-K-I – Mrs. Harlow stated Mr. Knox let her know there was not a July meeting and he was unable to attend the August meeting due to a conflict. I will offer to be a backup to Mr. Knox on OKI if he would like that.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Webster said I received notice over the weekend that Mr. George McNeal who was one of our founding fathers here in the City passed away in Ft. Meyers, Florida. George served on the Civic League and they put together the original Charter that was passed in 1959. George was also a Council person and then became the Treasurer/Clerk of Council and he served in that capacity for seven years. He was a long term teacher at Princeton. We're sorry to note his passing.

Mayor Webster said our Police Department did another Cop on Top program this year to benefit the Special Olympics. Mr. Ture wanted to thank a lot of people including the surrounding police chiefs, officers, some City officials, some Special Olympics Ohio employees, employees of Walgreens, Ethicon Indo-surgery, Springdale Senior Citizens' Police Academy. The Bengals sent out Who Dey. Their goal was to raise \$7500. Last year they raised just over \$5,000. At last count they had raised over \$6,000. It was certainly successful. Joe would like to thank Walgreen's for being the host, Art's Rental Supply for the scaffolding. Wendy's had a burger bash on Friday and Saturday and contributed \$440 to the cause. Tri-County Mall donated the fountain coins. Thanks to Finishing Technologies for cleaning out the fountain that netted \$370. Frame USA is donating 25 percent of their custom framing sales for the month of August. Gold Star stopped by and they want to get involved next year so we thank them for wanting to get onboard.

Mayor Webster said this evening I had the pleasure to cut the ribbon for a business that has been in Springdale for quite awhile. It's called Designation XL. They are a large men's clothing store. They were on Kemper Road for over fifteen years but they just recently moved in to the building where Office Depot was located.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director - no report

Administrator's Report – Mr. Parham said in preparation of the 2013 budget we'd like to schedule a meeting with the Capital Improvements Committee to go over potential projects for 2013. The reason we want to get ahead on this is that the deadline for applications for OPWC funding is September 21. We need to have legislation adopted and authorized to proceed.

Law Director's Report - no report

Engineer's Report – Mr. Shvegza stated there is no start of construction on the SR 747/1275 ramp modification. The Beaver Run Creek Riparian Restoration walk and clean up on July 28 was a success. About 55 people attended. The final surface of asphalt went down on Century Circle North yesterday. Completion of the project should be late this month. Concrete work which includes curb removal and replacement is to take place mid September. The asphalt work should take place in late September with complete construction by mid October. The signals are all on line for the upgrade and the software is installed. The point tilt zoom cameras are all working. The equipment supplier who supplied the software is in the process of scheduling a training session for the City staff that would be involved with that. The 2012 street program work in Oxford Hills will be late August. SR 4 sidewalk will be taking place between September 3 and September 11 and the city-wide repairs will take place through that same time period.

Mr. Parham said as part of that project we had the driveway aprons by the residents that were required to be repaired. There were a total of 24. Of those, we only have to perform four under our contract. The other twenty were able to have the work completed or scheduled with a contractor. Those four individuals will receive an invoice

thirty days after we have completed their part of the process. They will have a chance to pay it up front. If they chose not to pay it up front, the cost will be added to their taxes.

COMMUNICATIONS - none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Sharon Brooks, Van Cleve Avenue, President of the Springdale Sailfish Parent Board said I was approached right after the last Council meeting regarding an article that was in the Tri County Press referring to the July 18 City Council meeting. I read the article and then after watching the City Council meeting on television I was almost in tears. As President of the Springdale Sailfish Parent Board, I as well as the other board members were offended by some of the comments brought up at the meeting. The Sailfish is an organization that I personally take pride in being a part of and to be referred to as supporting Mr. Knox's grandchildren was just heart wrenching. The Sailfish Parent Board, coaches and swimmers have always been thankful for the funding we have received from the City. When we were informed that the funding was going to be cut, we didn't ask why. We fully understood. Instead, we tried to come up with different ways to raise the money. Last summer and this past summer parents and coaches have spent have spent at least twenty to twenty-five hours a week volunteering at the concession stand to help raise money for the Sailfish. This past season, in addition to raising money we went the extra mile and thought of new ways to recruit new swimmers. Amanda, who is here with me, spent countless hours on the phone as well as going to all the schools to recruit new swimmers. Because of her efforts we had a thirty percent increase in swimmers bringing our numbers to 72 this year. While we appreciate Mr. Knox thinking of the Sailfish we feel his comparison of the funding was out of line and only set the discussion up for an argument. Mr. Vanover, we understand your statement in regards to taking the funding away and the reality of it all that if we cut one, we had to cut all of it. Unfortunately, that was the reality. Mayor Webster and City Council, we hope that if there comes a time to put the Sailfish funding back in the budget that you will keep in mind that it's not just about Mr. Knox's grandchildren. There are so many other children that are affected by this

Mayor Webster asked what were you offended about?

Ms. Brooks replied in the argument being referred to as Mr. Knox's grandchildren. You, Mayor Webster, were sorely misquoted in the Tri County Press.

Mayor Webster said I don't read that rag so I don't know what they said. I could care less but my response to Mr. Knox – I think his response was totally out of line by comparing something that Council was deciding with his grandchildren's subsidy. I think it was totally out of line and I told him so and I told the press that also. You and I talked about the Sailfish subsidy. We're getting ready to start the 2013 budget. I'll tell you the same thing I told the seniors as Mr. Tulloch and I addressed them yesterday in the State of the City address. If the revenues continue the way they are going today and we hold expenses the way we have up to this point, then I would recommend to the Finance Committee that we re-institute some of those subsidies, not all of them and probably none at 100 percent, but that we do give some consideration to the Sailfish and also the Senior Citizens group. I'm sorry if you were offended by my comments. I'll stand by what I said.

Ms. Brooks said I actually agree with your standing. I was a little upset with the way Mr. Knox brought it up and all I ask from all of you is when looking at the budget if you look at the Sailfish as the Sailfish.

Mayor Webster said I can guarantee you that in our recommendation to the Finance Committee we will filter out any comments Mr. Knox made on the floor of Council last time.

Mr. Diehl said I congratulate you for getting seventy-two members. That's a really great effort. I know you and Sharon Casselman worked really hard on this and hopefully next year you can get twenty to thirty percent more.

Mr. Vanover said I echo that. It's a huge commitment by the kids and parents.

Mr. Squires said I agree with Mr. Diehl's comments. My children were charter members. I look forward to the day funding can be restored.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE – Stephan Morgan, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Mr. Parham said as we bring on new full-time employees we bring them in so the elected officials have the opportunity to meet the new employee and the new employee can meet and becomes familiar with the faces of those who help support and provide the funding for our organization. Tonight we want to introduce to Council and the community, our new Senior Administrative Assistant, Stephanie Morgan. Stephanie started with us this week going through a training program with Janet Rudemiller who had formerly served in that position on a full-time basis and for the last year and a half has been divided between the Community Center and the Administrative office. Stephanie is a graduate of Clinton-Massey High School and Ohio University with a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism. She started her public service career as a seasonal clerical employee with the City of Mason. Mason hired her full time as an account clerk. She stayed with Mason for two years and the last five years she has been employed with the Village of Waynesville as a police/court clerk. The folks in Waynesville were very sad to see her go. She was able to assist them in a number of areas in their organization. Of course, Waynesville is not a large organization but when you have talented people you try to get the most out of what they have to offer. She may be able to present you with a special opportunity this evening. At one point Stephanie was a magician. We're extremely pleased and happy to have her on board.

Ms. Morgan said I certainly look forward to the opportunity I have been given and I look forward to serving the Administration, Council and all the residents of Springdale.

Mayor Webster and Council welcomed Ms. Morgan to the City.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO.26-2012

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH NEXT STEP NETWORKING TO PROVIDE NETWORK AND LAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE LOCAL AREA NETWORK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Squires made a motion to adopt and Mr. Vanover seconded.

Mr. Squires asked how long have we been associated with NextStep.

Mr. Parham replied it's been a long time. A number of their employees have been assigned to our facility. I think the current representative, Doug Martin, has probably been with us for the three-year duration of the current contract. The current was the first three-year contract with NextStep and this will be the second if Council should choose to approve it. I would say they have been with us over ten years, since the start of our network system.

Ordinance 26-2012 passed with six affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2012
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE
OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 2013 WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP
RATING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt and Mr. Squires seconded.

Mr. Squires said most of my Council career this has been with MVRMA. Are they no longer in the business of offering this group rating?

Mr. Parham replied no. As the State has taken a very close look at their Workers' Compensation Program they've also begun to take a position, that although they offer a group rating, it is not their preferred. It is their assumption that those who are not fortunate enough to be participating in a group are paying the load for everyone who is in a group. Typically if you do not have a good experience you are not going to be permitted into a group. As far as MVRMA, some of the larger members found they could actually perform better if they were not participating in the group, especially with the changes the State was making. Those Cities decided to go on their own. We were fortunate enough that the Ohio Municipal League program was available and we were able to take advantage it.

Mr. Squires asked has the OML program been in effect for some time.

Mr. Parham responded there has been an OML program since the beginning of the opportunity to participate in a group rating program, since 1993.

Ordinance 27-2012 passed with six affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2012
AN ORDINANCE REDUCING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt and Mr. Squires seconded.

Mr. Parham stated Brenda Wehmer, our bond counsel is with us tonight.

Ms. Weimer said this is in connection with the Pictoria project. The assessments were levied at the time the financing was originated with the expectation that to the extent that the service payment money from the TIF and other revenues available exist, special assessments would be reduced to the appropriate level. The report to the Administrator calculating all of the revenues have been produced and delivered to the City and the ordinance reflects the actual amount that needs to be collected for the upcoming tax collection year.

Ordinance 28-2012 passed with six affirmative votes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Vanover said I want to expound on Mr. Shvegza's comments about the creek walk. I was very pleasantly surprised at the number of corporate citizens that joined in as well as co-Council members. I think the improvements on the project are even more impressive on the creek bed level than they are from above. It's a huge improvement.

NEW BUSINESS

- none

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MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yard sale and free shredding	-	Aug 18
Board of Zoning Appeals	-	Aug 21
Council return to normal schedule	-	Sep 5
Mrs. Harlow absent	-	Sep 5
Planning Commission	-	Sep 11

Mrs. McNear said we have a liquor license request for Kangaroo Foods LLC doing business as Beef O'Brady's at 370 Glensprings Drive. There were no objections.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE - none

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION STILL IN DEVELOPMENT
Amending City Storm Water Management Regulations

RECAP OF LEGISLATIVE ITEMS REQUESTED

Mr. Parham said in Mr. Vanover's report he identified the recommendations on the part of Planning Commission, one being the public hearing notifications and the other being the corridor review district. At some point we would need to have those come before Council for a public hearing. Would you like to establish the public hearing dates tonight?

Mrs. Harlow suggested September 18 and Mr. Parham said October 3 would give us enough time to address them.

Council adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Marjorie Harlow, President of Council

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