

City of Springdale Council

December 1

2003

President of Council Kathy McNear called Council to order on December 1, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

Reverend Norman Pasley from Calvary Pentecostal Church delivered the invocation.

Mr. Knox took roll call. Present were Council members Danbury, Galster, Pollitt, Squires, Vanover, Wilson and McNear.

The minutes of November 19, 2003 were approved with seven affirmative votes with changes. Mrs. McNear said on page 7839 "downtown" should be changed to downturn". Also, in the last paragraph, it says "as a business person I thought about it" and it should be "understood it."

The outgoing elected officials were dismissed.

Judge Beth Meyers of the Hamilton County Board of Common Pleas administered the oath of office of the newly elected officials, Mayor Doyle Webster, Clerk of Council/Finance Director Ed Knox, Council members Kathy McNear, Jim Squires and Steve Galster.

Mr. Knox took roll call and all were present.

Mr. Squired nominated Mrs. McNear as President of Council. Ms. Pollitt seconded. Mrs. McNear was appointed by acclamation.

Mr. Squires nominated Mr. Vanover as Vice-President of Council. Mr. Galster seconded. Mr. Vanover was appointed by acclamation.

Mr. Danbury nominated Mr. Galster as Council representative to Planning Commission. Mr. Vanover seconded the nomination. Mr. Galster was appointed by acclamation.

Mr. Danbury nominated Mr. Squires as Council representative to Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Squires was appointed by acclamation.

ORDINANCE 46-2003 "AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JOHN H. FLESSA FOR PROSECUTING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY"

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

Ordinance 46-2003 passed with seven affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE 47-2003 "AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TERRY GAINES FOR MAGISTRATE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY"

Ms. Pollitt made a motion to adopt and Mr. Wilson seconded.

Mayor Webster stated these contracts are identical to the ones that were approved a year ago. There is no increase in the compensation level.

Ordinance 47-2003 passed with seven affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION R18-2003 "COMMENDING ROB HORMANN FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE CITY"

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

Mayor Webster said I would like to personally add my thank you to this resolution. Mr. Hormann has served on the commission for the past four years and has done a very good job for us. I think it's terribly important that the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission have a representative on that board from the Springdale Boosters and it was my decision to move that appointment around among the boosters, and so in light of that I have appointed Mr. Bob Diehl to serve on the board. I have also reappointed Gene Burt, Joe Ramirez, Tony Potts and Carol Marlar to the commission.

Ms. Pollitt and Mr. Hormann also thanked Mr. Hormann for his dedication.

Resolution 18-2003 passed with seven affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION R19-2003 "COMMENDING RICHARD HUDDLESTON FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE CITY"

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

Mr. Vanover said it was unique having a developer sitting on the dais and he lent a great balance and insight to the board.

Mr. Osborn asked Council to consider correcting a typographical error in the third Whereas, removing the word "and". I would like to congratulate Mr. Huddleston. He is genuinely a true gentleman and impressive person to be around.

Mayor Webster said Mr. Huddleston was one of my first appointees and I felt very fortunate to have someone on Planning Commission who had been on the other side of the dais.

Resolution R19-2003 passed with seven affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION R20-2003 "CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM SYFERT AS A MEMBER OF PLANNING COMMISSION"

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

Resolution R20-2003 passed with seven affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION R21-2003 "CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT SHERRY AS A MEMBER OF PLANNING COMMISSION"

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

Resolution R21-2003 passed with seven affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION R22-2003 "CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LAWRENCE HAWKINS III AS A MEMBER OF PLANNING COMMISSION"

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

Mayor Webster said Mr. Lawrence Hawkins III is a 28 year resident of Springdale. He graduated from Wittenburg University and the University of Cincinnati College of Law where he earned his doctorate in 2001. He is currently working as the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Butler County. In his spare time he works as a television show host and on occasion he practices karate.

Resolution R22-2003 passed with seven affirmative votes.

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Mr. Galster nominated David Okum for Planning Commission and Mr. Vanover seconded.

RESOLUTION R23-2003 "APPOINTING DAVID OKUM AS A MEMBER OF PLANNING COMMISSION"

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

Resolution R23-2003 passed with seven affirmative votes.

Mr. Vanover made a motion to nominate Robert Coleman to Planning Commission and Mr. Galster seconded.

RESOLUTION R24-2003 "APPOINTING ROBERT COLEMAN AS A MEMBER OF PLANNING COMMISSION"

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

Resolution R24-2003 passed with seven affirmative votes.

Ms. Pollitt nominated Robert Weidlich for Board of Zoning Appeals.

RESOLUTION R25-2003 "APPOINTING ROBERT WEIDLICH AS A MEMBER OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS"

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

Resolution R25-2003 passed with seven affirmative votes.

Mayor Webster reported that I have re-appointed Jane Huber and Robert Apke to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Ms. Pollitt nominated Rose Fehr to the Tax Review Board.

RESOLUTION R26-2003 "APPOINTING ROSE FEHR AS A MEMBER OF THE TAX REVIEW BOARD"

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt and Ms. Pollitt seconded.

Resolution R26-2003 passed with seven affirmative votes.

Mr. Vanover made a motion to table Resolution R27-2003.

Mayor Webster suggested someone call the members of the Charter Revision Committee to see if they all still live in town.

Ms. Pollitt said Resolution R26-2003 should read 2007 instead of 2006. Mr. Knox responded I will research that.

RESOLUTION R27-2003 "APPOINTING AS A MEMBER OF CHARTER REVISION"

Mr. Galster made a motion to continue this resolution and Mr. Vanover seconded. The motion passed with seven affirmative votes.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Webster said I would like to digress on the 32 years I have been an elected official of the City. None of us do it alone and I certainly would not be doing this without the support of my wife, Lavonne; and also, the last couple of contested

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elections, my daughter and her husband, Julie and Harry Matheny. When you get involved in City government, it's not just your own life but also your family. I see Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reed in the audience. It's gratifying to see such long-term residents here tonight. It's been a labor of love to serve all this time. I would like to say thank you to the community and I hope it's just apathy on their part and they have appreciated the job that I and the other four members who were sworn in this evening have done. I'm just as excited starting this term as I was in 1971 when I was elected to the Clerk of Council/Treasurer office. We've accomplished much. We have some challenges ahead of us. We've had a spirit of cooperation that is unparalleled in the history of this City. We have had disagreements but we have aired those disagreements and at the end of the day we are all here to work for the good of the City. I would like to thank the elected officials for their support in the past four years and ask that you continue that for the next four. I would be remiss without thanking the people to my immediate left, Mr. Osborn and Mr. Parham and their competent staff of people. Thank you, Ken Schneider, Don Shvegza, and Wayne Shuler also for the legal and engineering support.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE - none

Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Knox
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:

Kathy McNear, President of Council

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