

City of Springdale Council

September 2, 2015

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on September 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. McNear took roll call. Council members Diehl, Emerson, Harlow, Hawkins, Knox, Squires, and Vanover were present.

The minutes of August 19th, 2015 were not considered as they were not available at the time of the Council meeting. These minutes will be addressed at the September 16th, 2015 City Council meeting as well as the minutes of the September 2nd, 2015 City Council meeting.

Communications

Mrs. McNear: Nothing this evening. Thank you.

President Vanover: Before we move on to Communications from the Audience, Council, I have been informed that Mill Creek Watershed will not be here this evening. We'll move them on to the September 16th meeting date but we have Mr. Karle, who is going to do a presentation to replace that. When we get to that point, we'll bring him in.

Communications from the Audience - none

Mr. Parham: Council, prior to our next meeting on September 16th, actually, just after, we will have the third annual ComeUnity Bash. So we wanted Mr. Karle to come down and share information on the event with Council and the public. We want to begin getting people excited about the big event. So with that, here is Mr. Karle.

Mr. Karle: Thank you, Derrick. It's a pleasure to be here tonight. I always enjoy coming here, particularly when we're sharing exciting events and this is certainly a busy month for us of special events. If you'll indulge me a little bit beyond that, I've got some other events I'd like to talk a little bit about as well. As Derrick said, this is our third year that we have presented the Bash and I'd like to thank Council and the Administration for their support in helping us do this each year. I think it's great for the community. It's a nice event that's very family-oriented, brings the community together and it's certainly gratifying to see it happen. The event this year is September 19th; that's a Saturday. As we have done in the past, the Family Mud Quest proceeds that. If you haven't had a chance to see that, or enter it or partake in it, it is a really fun event to watch or to be in. Our staff has put together a ½ mile course of obstacles to run through, over and around and all of them are designed to get you dirty and muddy and have a lot of fun. We ask that people sign up as a team of two or more people because the whole concept is not to be competitive, it's to have it be something where people work cooperatively as a team and try to complete the course. If you complete the course, you get a free commemorative T-shirt. This event is free to enter. It's open to the public. In fact we're taking registration currently through September 10th. As long as you sign up by September 10th, you'll be eligible to get your free T-shirt. We are limited to the number of people that we can take. Last year we had over 100 people who participated in the course. It's a lot of fun - if you can't participate in it, certainly come out and watch because it's pretty entertaining to see the people do it. If you're interested in signing up, just contact the Community Center. You can do that over the phone or in person and get that accomplished. The ComeUnity Bash starts at 3:00 p.m. As in the past, we have a variety of events going on throughout the complex at the Community Center. On Field #4, we have the first of our bands – that's the Danny Frazier Band. They're a country-western band, you might remember them from the first year. They did a real good job for us so we're having them back. They do a country rock. The second band up is a group called Bad Habit. They do classic rock and roll from the 70's and 80's. They've been performing in the area for over 20 years and we certainly look forward to their performance. The final group that we have coming on at 7:30 p.m. – I hope you got to enjoy them last year; if not, certainly try to do it this year. It's a group called Second Wind. They have a great stage presence. It's a good show. They do smooth jazz, R&B, classic rock, some funk – a pretty good variety. They're an excellent group and I'm sure you'll enjoy them. As they play, we'll have the Balloon Glow as a backdrop to that. We have six hot air balloons that will be inflating as dusk falls on the Community Center. Again, those are quite a site to see as they inflate and they fire up their burners. It's real colorful and a great opportunity to take pictures.

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Mr. Karle (continued): As I said, there's a lot of other activities going on. We will have the petting zoo back. It's a wide variety of animals, both farm animals and exotic animals. It's entertaining for all ages. You can get up close and touch them, feed them, pet them. They're all very gentle. That will go on from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the multipurpose court. In conjunction with that, they have a pony carousel ride that the kids can ride for free. Again, all of these activities are free of charge. Also going on, while those things are, the Cincinnati Circus will be back. They will be on Field #3 with their Big Show. That's going to be at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. It's an hour-long show. They have aerial acrobatics, trapeze, magic show, very entertaining. If you haven't seen it, it's certainly something to see. Also down at that locations, we'll have a variety of family fun games. We'll have face painting, balloon artists, and a climbing wall. We try to have something that everybody will enjoy and have them all be very family-friendly. The event, as I said, it's a great opportunity for you to come out and interact with your friends and neighbors. It's a great day in the park. We hope we'll have good weather. There will be food available and drinks from our area service organizations, because that's one of the other important aspects of this event is it gives our service groups an opportunity to have a fund raiser. I believe most of our local groups are represented this year. Please try to support them but if you want to bring a picnic lunch or your own drinks, that's certainly welcome as well.

As I said, I have a few other events coming up this month that I'd like to share with you. Our Annual Junior Olympics will take place Saturday, September 12th. I believe it's been over 40 years that this event has been continuously run at the Community Center. It's a really fun event for kids. What it is, it's eight fun, competitive events for kids to partake in, 12 and under, both boys and girls. Again, like a lot of these, it's free of charge and open to the public. We'll have awards for the winners in those events as well as door prizes. That all starts with registration at 10:00 a.m. The events are 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. For members of the Community Center, if you'd like to register in advance, you can do that. Just stop down or call the Community Center. It saves you from having to stand in line that morning. I should mention also that this event takes over 50 volunteers to pull off each year so if you're able to help us out that morning, or anybody in the public, we'd love to have you volunteer some time. It's just the morning. We'll give you a stop watch or a tape or a scorer's pad and it's a lot of fun and it's a great way to volunteer. If you're interested, just contact Charlie at the Community Center and we'll give you a job.

Also this month, it's winter sports registration for youth. We have basketball, volleyball, and cheerleading registration that's going on through the end of the month. After that, there are late sign-ups and there's an additional fee so please try to sign up during the month of September.

Lastly, the Active Aging week is the last week of September. That starts September 28th. Again, you may remember that from last year. Our Adult and Senior Programmer, Donna Lanter, and our Fitness Center Manager, Jay Dennis, have worked hard to put together a series of activities that go on throughout that week. They're all geared toward adults and seniors to help them live an active and healthy life style. Throughout that week, there will be several events every day. Adults 50 and over can learn to play pickle ball; they can learn how to cast a fly-fishing rod; they can take part in a number of educational activities that are all geared toward social, educational, and physical fitness for that population. If you're interested in any of that, it's covered in detail in our Inside Scoop magazine. You can find it on our website or by contacting the Community Center. Just to summarize, those are just the big things happening at the Community Center. We've got several new fitness programs that started up this month if you're interested in that. Of course, the Fitness Center and track – that's great to start up at any time. We'd certainly love to have people come join us. There's always something going on and we try to gear our activities toward all age groups, all interests and we hope we have something for you. That's all I have and if you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

President Vanover: I don't see anything.

Mr. Karle: Okay, thank you

President Vanover: Thank you Greg!

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Introduction of New Employees

President Vanover: Mr. Parham, we'll stay with you to do the introduction.

Mr. Parham: Thank you Mr. President. At this time, I'm going to ask Mr. Jeff Williams, our Finance Officer/Tax Commissioner to come forward. We have one of our long-term employees, Mrs. Debbie Brown, retiring at the end of September. In preparation of Debbie's retirement, we have been able to bring on a new employee that will take over that banner and continue to carry it forward. With that, I'm going to turn it over to Jeff.

Mr. Williams: Hello. I'd like to introduce you to Ruth Benfer. She is the new Account Clerk in the Tax Department. A little bit about Ruth – she grew up in Watsontown, Pennsylvania. She graduated in 1991 from the Pennsylvania College of Technology with an Associate's degree in Accounting. Since 2005, she has worked for Mid-Atlantic Park and Playground as the Office Manager and locally, for the Hillman Group as an Accounts Payable Clerk. Ruth has two kids and she is a resident of Springdale. She started with department on August 3rd and she's been doing great. I told her I'd read that real slow so she had to stand up here longer. (laughter)

Mayor Webster: I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the City of Springdale. You have joined a great organization. I do have one question for you – tell me we didn't hire another Steelers rooter. (laughter)

Ms. Benfer: No.

Mayor Webster: Good, alright! (laughter)

President Vanover: Welcome. (Other Council members chiming in.)

Ms. Benfer: Thank you.

Mr. Williams: Thank you very much.

Ordinances and Resolutions

ORDINANCE No. 19-2015

ENACTING AND ADOPTING THE 2015 S-16 SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Squires made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Mr. Parham: Council, this is an ordinance that we pretty much adopt on an annual basis. Where the State of Ohio adopts amendments or supplements to the Ohio Revised Code, the City of Springdale, as all municipalities, has an opportunity, in some instances, to choose whether we want to adopt some of those. In other cases, we are mandated to adopt them. So what we have here this evening are the supplements for 2015. We have had these reviewed by the departments. Most times, they affect the Police Department. The Police Chief has gone through them, as well as our Law Director's office has reviewed them. The recommendation is they be adopted and incorporated into the City's code.

Ordinance No. 19-2015 passed with seven affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE No. 20-2015

ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JK MEURER FOR THE 2015 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$381,729.67 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Squires made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Harlow seconded.

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Mr. Parham: Council, bids were open on this past Monday, August 31st, for the City's Street Improvement Program. There were four bidders. The lowest bidder, or best bidder, was determined to be JK Meurer in the amount of \$381,729.67. The City has previously worked with this particular contractor. It is my understanding, we worked with them as a part of the Adleta project improvements on Ashmore and Woodvale Courts. JK Meurer served as their sub on that project and so we have had some experience with them. If you recall, the Administration met with the Capital Improvements Committee earlier this year and presented the Street Improvement Program. We divided the program into two phases. One phase, in which, our Public Works Department is soliciting contractors to perform various projects throughout the City. The other, we have put together as part of this bid process. Our estimate for this portion of the project was about \$332,233. The bid, as you see, came in at \$381K, so it's about \$49,000, roughly \$50,000 higher than what we had anticipated the price would be. As Mr. Shvezda and I were reviewing the bids earlier today, one of the items that we noticed is a part of the project where we talked about pavement preservation, or the Onyx® process – originally it was thought we would not have to remove the striping that was in place before we add the Onyx®. It was later determined that we are now going to remove the striping prior to adding the Onyx®. As we have talked to neighboring communities who have put this process in place, if they had to do it again, they would remove the striping prior first. So the numbers came in probably about \$30,000 higher than what we had anticipated for that particular service, but they probably then included a cost for removal of the striping as well. We would recommend that the City move forward with this project. I think that the budget can handle the additional \$50,000. If you recall, we anticipated that for the end of 2015, our budget would reflect about \$1,088,000 balance. Our revenues are showing a bit better than what we anticipated. Expenses are pretty much in line at this point but we still have about five months to go in the year. With that, I am willing to answer any questions that you may have.

Mr. Hawkins: What's the difference of the \$130.17 from the Ordinance's \$381,729.67 and the bids?

Mr. Parham: You should have received a revised sheet in your mail bins. What occurs each time, is that the bid opening is held with the Finance Officer, the Engineer, and Public Works staff in attendance. They open the bids and read off what was presented by the various contractors. Then the Engineer goes back and verifies their numbers to make sure the calculations are proper. In this case, each of the three had errors in their calculations. So the small amount, the difference that you see there, was based upon the correction of their errors.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you.

Ordinance No. 20-2015 passed with seven affirmative votes.

Resolution No. 09-2015

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LTIP) FUNDS AND/OR STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SCIP) FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

Mr. Diehl made a motion to adopt; Mr. Squires seconded.

Mr. Parham: Council, as you recall, also during the Capital Improvement process, we talked about the need to apply for OPWC funding, in particular, SCIP funds. If you recall, this is for the Sweeney Place project. Earlier we had that project combined with Boggs Lane. We then separated the two projects. We are in the midst right now, well, once the Contractor makes it back out, they have been out once or twice, but this project is one in which we committed to the State that we would submit an application in order to maintain the previously approved funding from the State. The estimate we have had since March in the amount of \$851,835 and we are applying for 69% SCIP funds, or \$587,766; and then the City's share would be the remaining 31% at \$264,069. This application is due on September 18th, 2015.

Resolution No. R09-2015 passed with seven affirmative votes.

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Old Business

- none

New Business

Mrs. McNear: Thank you, Mr. President. I do have a liquor license this evening. This is Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC. This is a D-1/D-3/D-6. D-1 is beer only for on premise consumption and in sealed containers for carry-out until 1:00 a.m. D-3 is spirituous liquor for on premise consumption only, until 1:00 a.m. D-6 is sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and midnight. This is at 11700 Princeton Pike. This address is different – it's 11700 Princeton Pike to 11449 Princeton Pike. Is anyone aware of a move?

Mayor Webster: I think this is in anticipation of their move to Tri-County Mall, to the out lot that they're now building over there.

President Vanover: Any objection, Council? (None)

Mrs. McNear: Okay, we'll take care of filing the paperwork. Thank you.

Mr. Parham: I left my notes on my computer but I'll try to do this from memory. If you recall, last year we applied for Community Development Block Grant funds. You are also aware that for a number of years, for our Home Improvement Program, we successfully received funding. We were successful once again during this cycle. We have received about \$20,000, I think probably over the last three years. This year, we reduced our request down to \$15,000 in hopes of trying to secure funds for the tennis courts and for the running track. We were unsuccessful with those projects. Right now, the Home Improvement Program is once again performing very well. In 2014, we assisted 21 residents with the program. Because we brought dollars over from previous years, we had about \$21,000 in available funds. We reimbursed to the residents, about \$19,000 or almost all of the \$20,000. In 2015, we were approved for the \$15,000. So far, we have committed to assist, I think, 16 residents. We have spent about \$14,900 of those. Therefore, the dollars are going to be gone pretty quickly this year. I think the amount that we brought over from 2014 was about \$1,100, so we may have about \$1,600 remaining to assist residents. I sent an email to the County today requesting the ability to apply for additional funds. We received notification from the County indicating that we need to inform them whether we are still interested in the \$15,000 for 2016. I have indicated to them I would like to see if there are any dollars available, that they can take us back to the \$20,000 for 2016 and 2017. They have indicated they are going through their budget process right now, and if there are dollars available, we will fall into the pecking order with everyone else. As long as Council is acceptable to that, then what we will indicate to them is that we want to apply for, or request, \$20,000, an additional \$5,000 for the 2016 program. Whether we are able to go ahead and include 2017 in there or not, they know what our interest and intent are. I wanted to share that with you tonight. If you have any objections, let me know.

President Vanover: Any objections? Seeing none.

Mayor Webster: Derrick, have we heard anything about the running track, or the walking track outside?

Mr. Parham: We have not. Those other funds we applied for, they were supposed to, I believe, visit us between March and August but never tell us that they were actually out viewing the track so we have no idea - since we have now passed August. I hope they made it out to visit the track but we have not had any indication from them whatsoever.

Mayor Webster: Wasn't there also a possibility of applying for some other funds for that; weren't you looking into that?

Mr. Parham: For the track?

Mayor Webster: For the outdoor walking track.

Mr. Parham: The funds were a different source, not the Community Development Block.

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Mayor Webster: Yes. That's what I'm asking - what's the status of that? Is that the ones that were going to visit?

Mr. Parham: Yes.

Mayor Webster: Oh, okay. I'm sorry.

President Vanover: I see nothing (no objections), so, go ahead.

Mr. Parham: Thank you.

Meetings and Announcements

Mr. Squires: The Springdale Board of Health will finally get together. Their meeting will be September 10th, 7:00 p.m. in the room immediately adjoining these chambers.

Mr. Hawkins: Board of Zoning Appeals will be meeting on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

Mrs. Harlow: Planning Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. on September 8th in these chambers. OKI will have a meeting on October 10th at 10:30 a.m. Also, I wanted to point out that the Ohio Freight Conference is in town on October 15th, 16th, and 17th, and OKI is one of the sponsors of that and I will be volunteering for the registration table down at the OKI Ohio/Kentucky Freight Conference.

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Hawkins: At this time, I announce to the residents and the City of Springdale and Council my resignation for the Springdale City Council District 1 seat. I'm going to be moving out of that district. The good news is I'll be staying in Springdale but I'll be out of the district. With that move coming soon, I'm going to resign my seat at this time. I want to thank the residents for allowing me the opportunity to serve and all of the elected officials and the Administration for all of the assistance in my time in doing this since 2009. I hope that I'll get the opportunity to serve this City again.

President Vanover: Thank you, Mr. Hawkins. It has been a pleasure. As a matter of formality, Council, do I have a motion to accept his resignation?

Mr. Squires made a motion; Mr. Knox seconded.

Mr. Knox: It's been my pleasure to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals with Mr. Hawkins. He will be sorely missed.

Mayor Webster: I wasn't really prepared to do the obit thing here (laughter). I'm hoping that we haven't seen the last of Mr. Hawkins but just for the record, I'd like to state that we have had a very pleasant experience with Lawrence, going all the way back to his days of running for the school board, probably the youngest person, at least in the Princeton School District, that's ever run for the board, I think. We're very impressed with his performance there to the extent that the first time I had an opportunity to appoint him to the Planning Commission, I did so. He performed very well there. Later ran for Council and has served, you're two years into your second term, so he served on Council six years and has done an outstanding job. You will be sorely missed. So good luck on all of your future endeavors.

Motion was passed six with six affirmative votes (Mr. Hawkins abstained).

President Vanover: I would also like to add that Mr. Hawkins has also been serving as Vice President (of City Council) for the past year and he's been a good right-hand man and I, likewise, hope that we have you back here in due process. With that said, we will dismiss you, nothing against you.

I will announce to the Public that we will be taking nominations, or, if somebody is interested, there will be a ... I see Mr. Parham wants to go ahead and fill us in here.

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Mr. Parham: What the plan is, we will have a Notice posted on the City's Facebook page and on the City's webpage, to articulate to the public that if you reside within District 1, in Precinct A or Precinct H, you are eligible for the position. There will also be a map that shows the district and precincts. The deadline for submittal is the Tuesday, September 15th at 5:00 p.m. so that will be posted first thing tomorrow morning.

President Vanover: Excellent. Thank you, Mr. Parham. So we welcome any and all that are legally able to fit the requirements to put their hat in the ring. We also plan that, with the cut-off being the Tuesday before our next meeting, that we will, because, by charter, we have to, within 30 days, replace the member. So that will be our intent is our next meeting, then we will find and appoint a replacement to serve and that person then would serve his unfinished term until the next year, at the next General Election, they would have to campaign for that seat then. This has been a historic night. I guess the second in Springdale's history that I can think of, that this has transpired. So with that, Mrs. Emerson.

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to go into Executive Session as a Committee of the whole to discuss Economic Development. Mr. Squires seconded the motion. With a vote of 6-0, Council departed chambers at 7:40 p.m. No action was anticipated from the Executive Session.

Council reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

Update on Legislation Still in Development

Mr. Squires: As you review your Internal Memorandum in front of you, you will note that Item I was addressed with Ordinance No. 19-2015, which passed with a 7-0 vote. Item II was addressed with Resolution No. R09-2015, which passed with a 7-0 vote. Item III was addressed with Ordinance No. 20-2015, which also passed with a 7-0 vote. Items IV and V are all forthcoming.

Recap of Legislative Items Requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Squires: Looking at the agenda, you know that the Mill Creek Watershed Council 20th Anniversary celebration was postponed until September 16th. Under your packet, Item IV (Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter into an Agreement with Advanced Data Processing, Inc. dba Intermedix, for Ambulance Billing and Related Professional Services and Declaring an Emergency) is forthcoming. Item V will be forthcoming as well.

Mr. Parham: The only thing that I will add is we postponed the Mill Creek; we will confirm that they will be at that meeting. In addition, we have been contacted by State Representative Jonathan Dever and he will be at the September 16th meeting to provide a legislative update.

President Vanover: Before we hit the Adjournment, since Mr. Hawkins was the Vice President, we will need to fill that position also next meeting so any of you that might be interested, think about it, you can let me know.

Council adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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