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President of Council Tom Vanover called Council to order on May 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

The minutes of April 16, 2014 were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Communications

Mrs. McNear: We do have one item. This is a notice from the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority. They are hosting a strategic planning meeting. It's on Tuesday, May 27th at 6 p.m. at the Cintas Center at Xavier University.

Communications From The Audience - none

Proclamations

Mayor Webster: We have two proclamations I'd like to present tonight. The first one is for the Public Works Department. It's a great deal of pleasure to be able to present this this evening. We've been wanting to recognize the achievements of this elite group for some time here; I think after what they've gone through this winter, they certainly deserve a tip of the hat from all us and we have an extra incentive on passing this proclamation this evening. With that, let me read this into the record:

*WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and*

*WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, solid waste collection, and snow removal; and*

*WHEREAS, the health, safety, and comfort of this community greatly depend on these facilities and services; and*

*WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, are vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and*

*WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the week of May 18 through May 24, 2014 as "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK" in the City of Springdale and call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.*

Mayor Webster: I'd like to present this to Mr. Agricola. Like I said before, on behalf of the entire Administration; Council can speak for themselves, but I think they probably echo these sentiments; we just can't say enough for the job that you guys did this winter. More times than not, I heard from residents, people that work here, that they knew when they hit Springdale, because the roads were clear. I think that speaks volumes; that says it all, because that's comparing you to Sharonville, Fairfield, Forest Park, and Glendale. Great job guys.

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Mr. Agricola: First, I'd like to thank you, on behalf of the whole department. We do have several individuals here this evening. First is the Assistant Director, Mike Huxsoll, and then we have Jason Waxman, and finally, Fred Guthrie. I'd just like to thank you for your support; we couldn't do it without your support. Obviously we're replacing a couple of vehicles this year and soon we'll have a salt contract; we're partnering with Forest Park again this year and we'll be ready to roll come next winter.

Mayor Webster: These guys worked so hard they wore out three trucks.

Mr. Squires: I just echo what the Mayor has said, that you know when you get to Springdale. The streets were clear. You can't say that about other communities around us. It was just a fantastic job in a real bad situation. The tonnage of salt that we used had to be a record, I'm sure. The way you stored salt; we've gotten awards for that. We just owe you so much. The businesses that operate here really enjoy what you have provided for them. The citizens that live here really enjoy what you have provided for them. As the Mayor said, you were so good, you wore out three trucks. Again, congratulations and we hope the next coming winter is not as bad but we do have the knowledge going into it, that it will be a job well done.

Mr. Knox: Obviously, the winter situation, you folks overcome it every year but sometimes, particularly this year, it's hard to understand how you even did it, particularly with the trucks that were gone. But it points to what I wanted to talk about - you folks planned ahead. When something comes up, you don't have to scramble to figure out what to do next. Like you went and got a truck from Sharonville, I understand.

Mr. Agricola: We actually didn't have to borrow a vehicle but we had it lined up. They had an extra vehicle if we had the need and we had extra salt if they had the need. Luckily that last storm didn't materialize as bad as it was forecasted and we both got by without using our neighbor's assistance.

Mr. Knox: I'm in contact with your organization fairly often because my wife's a member of the Garden Club and Arbor Day again points out the things that are done by the Public Works Department that most people don't think about too much. Everything you've done is first class and that includes all the people that work there. Thank you.

Mr. Agricola: Thank you.

Mr. Diehl: I would just like to say job well done. Most people talked about the good job you do in December and January but you guys do a great job in July and August also. I'd toast one to you, if I had one.

Mr. Vanover: I would echo that too. As a matter of fact, you've turned it around. We spent the winter moving snow and pushing it away and now I have a driveway full of mulch. As the seasons change, so does the job. We've said it for years, there's nobody that will outpace Springdale for our streets and roads department. We really appreciate the effort. It really shines when we need you the most. I know it was challenging, to say the least, this year.

Mr. Agricola: It was interesting. One other thing I'd like to point out; I forgot to mention earlier - obviously we rely on Parks & Rec maintenance employees as well. None of them are here this evening but they're also very much part of this team. One of the trucks actually is theirs that went down this year. And then of course there are Custodians at several of the buildings that also help out. They're of course included in the overall winter operations team.

Mayor Webster: Continuing on with our Proclamations, we also have National Police Week coming up, so I'd like to read a Proclamation and present that to Chief Mathis:

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*WHEREAS, in 1962 President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the calendar week of each year during which such May 15<sup>th</sup> occurs as Police Week; and*

*WHEREAS, in the United States, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across our great country, including 37 full and part time officers within our own department; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 19,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty, including 105 officers during 2013; and*

*WHEREAS, in conjunction with the observance of Police Week, May 11<sup>th</sup> – 17th, 2014, the Springdale Police Department will host the 23<sup>d</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Expo at Tri-County Mall on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18th; and*

*WHEREAS, in conjunction with the observance of Police Week, several Springdale Officers will participate in the annual Police Unity Bike Tour, involving a 300 mile bike ride to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial; and*

*WHEREAS, these events are to honor the men and women who have died in the line of duty to protect and serve; and*

*WHEREAS, the men and women of the Springdale Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service by safeguarding the lives and property of their fellow citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our country, state, and city internal freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorder that is presently affecting other nations; and*

*WHEREAS, this administration joins in this special tribute to acknowledge all officers who have given the supreme sacrifice -- their lives -- in defense of all citizens.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the week of May 11 through May 17, 2014 as Police Week in the City of Springdale and urge all citizens to observe this week in ways appropriate to its significance.*

Chief Mathis: I would like to thank all of you up here, the Mayor, Council, our Administrators, that enable us to be able to do the job we do by supporting us, with all the work that you do. We're all part of one team. We recognize that, just like the Public Works Department; you know, we can't be out there getting up and down the streets in the wintertime unless they plow. We all work together. I just wanted to thank you and this year, we're really hoping we can get that number down to under 100. That will be a long time since we've had that in this country. We were close last year but that's our goal - all come home safe at the end of shift. Appreciate it.

Mr. Squires: Chief, there's at least three of us up here that are graduates of the Citizen's Police Academy that you sponsor. I will say this to anyone that hasn't taken of that privilege, you should do so. You will learn so much about domestic violence and the response team and how they handle that. You will learn about what they call routine traffic stops, if indeed there are such things as routine traffic stops. You will learn about hostage situations where you have a weapon in your hand and you have to quickly make a decision as to whether or not you have the right target or whether you do not have the right target. All of this is put together so that you will get some idea of the stress and the quickness of mind that these fellow officers have to do. Once you have an appreciation for that, you recognize these men in blue, women in blue also, are really a special breed. We in Springdale are extremely proud of them. We feel fortunate to have the leadership that we do have amongst them and none of us up here I don't think can say enough about you, Chief, we just have what we think is the very best, and it will continue that way, I'm sure. Captain Wells is also part of that training group that we had and I remember specifically him teaching us how to use the gun to measure speeding of vehicles and it is amazing how quickly people slowed down when they saw us out there using that. Again, if you haven't had a chance to take that, I would urge you to do so. You will learn and appreciate so much more about what these people do. Again, I can't say enough about your service, so thank you so much.

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Mr. Knox: As another graduate of the Citizen's Police Academy, you get to see some of the interworkings of the Police Department when you're helping out on some of the occasions they have. It's edifying to see that and it's annoying to hear people comment about the Police Department that why didn't they do something? Well, as a matter of fact, there are a lot of things the Police can't do. There are people who do what they're supposed to do and don't step over the line and I, for one, certainly appreciate it. Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: Interacting with law enforcement officers from all different departments on a daily basis, I've said this before; Springdale is one of the best by far. It's not even close. Law enforcement officers have one of the toughest jobs out there and you guys do it the right way. So I'm very proud to be here. There are some other departments which I won't name that, some of the folks there, it's literally embarrassing. So I feel bad for those folks but I'm glad to be here and glad to have you guys in our city.

Mr. Vanover: I would echo that and Chief, you touched upon something that is unique to your line of employment. We all get up in the morning and go to work and don't give a thought about the possibility of not coming back and that's something that there's really only two groups of people in our country that do that. Luckily they both wear uniforms - military and our Police Department. I echo Mr. Hawkins, when we interact with our departments, whether it's Police Department, Fire, or Public Works, they are the finest. You guys make us look very good and I appreciate that. You sit here and see Officer McKee up there has now gone civilian and Officer Neumann who we interacted years ago as a DARE officer, I feel like I've kind of grown up with him; you, Officer Wells. So it's always an enjoyment and a pleasure to have you guys before us. Again, a big hearty thank you.

Chief Mathis: Thank you. I don't want to scare anybody up here but Officer McKee is actually coming back to be a reserve officer but I promise we'll keep an eye on him.

Mayor Webster: Thank all of you for your comments and I'd just like to echo all of those. We're extremely proud of our Police Department. I think it's one of the finest departments around here. I think it speaks volumes to the quality of the officers that we have; it speaks volumes to the quality of the Administration we have, and that starts with Chief Mathis and Captain Wells, and the lieutenants and sergeants, and all the way down to the patrol officers. Speaking of that, we have great pleasure this evening to swear in two new lieutenants and I'm going to let Chief say a little bit about these individuals and then we'll swear them in.

Chief Mathis: The true blessing, I have many in my life, but getting hired here was certainly one of them. This has been an absolutely wonderful city to work for; it's a great place to be and the people that came before me secured that and we're trying to carry on that tradition. One of the things that gives me some small amount of confidence, and I don't know how you guys feel, but the longer you do the job, the more you realize what you don't know. I'm still feeling my way out sometimes but what gives me confidence is the quality of people that we have here, throughout the city, throughout the whole city workforce but I'm particularly proud, obviously, of the men and women of our Police Department, civilian staff, the sworn staff; all of us working together; they're good people. That's what enables us to be able to do the kinds of things Mr. Hawkins is talking about because we can teach them to be a police officer; we can't teach them to have character. So we really strive to hire people of good character, promote people of good character so that we won't have those problems. I'm going to introduce the two gentlemen here, if you want to come down.

Chief Mathis: First, I'm going to introduce Dale Morris, to you. He's been working with us since 1999. Dale has a Bachelor's degree from UC in Criminal Justice. Dale served as a uniformed Patrol Officer, Detective, uniformed Patrol Sergeant, his last posting here before this event, was as the Detective Sergeant. Dale's been a past recipient of the department's Officer of the Year Award, which was named after our first Police Chief, Donald Stemann. He's a graduate of the Supervisor's Training and

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Education Program, the Police Executive Leadership College, and is a Certified Law Enforcement Executive through the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. I know he's got a number of people here but I primarily am going to point out, I'm sure, if it's anything like my family, the most important people, his wife Dana and his two sons – Gavin and Grant.

Chief Mathis: Next to Dale is Mike Ott. Mike's been a member of this department since 2004. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from UC in Criminal Justice. Mike has served as a uniformed patrol officer and a uniformed patrol sergeant throughout his career. He's also a past recipient of the department's Officer of the Year Award, the Stemann Award. He's been named a "Top Cop" by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and is used quite frequently by prosecutors and defense attorneys to do training classes and to assist in training people in proper OVI enforcement. Mike's a graduate of the Supervisor's Training and Education Program and he's here with his wife Christy and his two daughters – Ellie and Molly.

After presentation by Chief Mathis, Lieutenants Morris and Ott were sworn in to office by Mayor Webster.

Mr. Hawkins: Lieutenant Morris and Lieutenant Ott, congratulations, you have a great role model; you have several great role models, but if you pay attention to the chief, you'll be okay. I know that you will not get a big head. I forgot to say this earlier - I've never seen a chief of a department this size as grounded as ours, who was out directing traffic Saturday at the parade. You have great role models, congratulations.

Mayor Webster: I too would like to officially congratulate these individuals and, as I indicated before, I think our police force is second to none. Our Administration is certainly leading the way there and I think when we have the opportunity to welcome the quality of these two individuals along with the existing administrative staff and the other lieutenants and the captain and our chief, it makes you feel good about the future, not only of the city, but this Police Department and I think, as I look back over the years, from Chief Stemann to Chief Freeland to Chief Laage, and now Chief Mathis, I think there's no reason to believe, those are all fine men that led this Police Department, and I think as we look down below at the top guy now, there's absolutely no reason why that tradition will not continue. Guys and girls of the Police Department, great job, keep up the good work, thank you very much.

Mr. Diehl: You guys have done a terrific job all along; we're in good hands for the long term with people like yourself. If I had another one, I'd tip the hat to you too.

Mr. Squires: Lieutenants, congratulations and it's nice to have you on board as new higher ranking officers but with that comes additional responsibility and I'm sure that you will fill those shoes quite well. It's also very nice to see support staff here as well and there are a number of people out there that on your team that you probably would not be as good as you are without them. So come back, we'd like to see you stay but I'm sure after this is over you're going to leave but again, you're welcome we understand the job that you behind the scenes are doing.

Mr. Squires: Mr. Mayor, if I can take a personal time here, I'd like to recognize Dick Bell. Dick, would you stand up please? There are a number of people up here and there may be a lot of you in the audience that attended Princeton High School. There is one of the principals; Dick Bell was principal during my tenure there and he certainly was one of the fine leaders that Princeton had and we're very proud of the work that he did when he was there. I think Mr. Hawkins was a student there; you were his principal. Welcome Dick, nice to see you again. Thank you for coming.

Mr. Vanover: Well again, to our men and women in blue, thank you for a job well done. We sleep well at night because we know you guys are out there beating the bushes and keeping us safe. As Mr. Diehl would say, a tip of the hat for everything you do, thank you.

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Mayor Webster: Other than putting stakes in people's yards, we found another way to pack Council Chambers.

Mr. Vanover: Council, we are coming into the Ordinances and Resolutions and we have an abrupt change this evening. I have been advised by the Administration that they have requested to pull Ordinance 2014-15 due to a developing situation. With that, I'll turn it over to Mr. Thamann.

Mayor Webster: I was going to hand it off to Jerry. Mr. Thamann will give you and update on what's transpired really over the last six to eight hours.

Mr. Thamann: I just asked Mr. Forbes if we need to a motion to withdraw and the request tonight is to withdraw this ordinance from the agenda. This afternoon, I called Mr. Don Marshall with Eagle Energy, who has been the representative for the seven communities that have joined together to do this Electric Aggregation and he gave me some very disappointing and frustrating news. He told me the last two days he has been on the phone with Perigee, who was the supplier that the Consortium chose and they've decided that they were unable to honor their pricing and are withdrawing from the process. They said that in the last 30 days the market price has escalated more than 17% and based on the pricing they gave us for a three-year commitment, that they couldn't afford to absorb the increase in the cost. They cited a couple reasons why the prices have jumped so much in the last month. One being the wholesale energy prices have been very volatile and they're driven by the natural gas market and Mr. Marshall told me by the end of this month the natural gas market, all their reserves have to be filled to capacity, and we used a lot over this nasty winter we just experienced. Also he said that the Supreme Court reversed a lower court ruling on some significant EPA rules, which fueled the increase again in the wholesale pricing. With that, we're keeping our options open. They're attempting to set a meeting up tomorrow morning with the communities to see what our available options are. We're hoping we can still go back out into the market. Unfortunately, it looks as if our residents will have to fall back to Duke maybe more than one month until we can find another supplier that is willing to take on this opportunity for us.

Mr. Hawkins: I'm assuming there's no contractual obligation for them to maintain their offer? Was there something in there saying if it goes beyond 15, 16, 17%, they could pull back or?

Mr. Thamann: Not that I'm aware of about the percentage; I did ask Mr. Marshall was there any hold date on the proposed price and he said there was not. The problem, what I was told, was that Perigee so far has received three of the MSAs; we would have been the fourth one that would have turned it in tomorrow. However, Perigee could not buy the power now until they had all the Master Service Agreements. So they was taking a beating on this escalating cost so they went ahead and had to withdraw because they just couldn't honor their price because of the last 30 days. On Perigee's pricing, there were no hold dates or anything like that, like we typically do when we make companies submit public bids; they can't withdraw for 30 days but there's nothing in there like that, to hold them to it.

Mayor Webster: That's a great question, Mr. Hawkins. Had this been a city contract, had we gone out for bids, just by ourselves, the bid would have not been valid without a performance bond and so we would have that to go against if all of the sudden they yanked the price and left us high and dry. Unfortunately, dealing with a consortium like this, with a consultant as a middleman, we don't have that safety net, if you will. I think where we got into, well I don't want to say trouble because we realized the benefits of the DP&L pricing for a little over a year, but it's that they drastically underbid what their cost was and that's why they tried to make it up on their subsequent bid. So even had we had the ability to hold this company's feet to the fire, I think we would have probably paid for it in some degradation of service over the three-year contract. Even before this was finalized and the recommendation was made to you folks to go with Perigee, we had gone through the local government exchange where we exchange information just to see what other communities were doing so we have that data in hand

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now, so I think we got a leg up on trying to find an alternate consultant maybe, if not a direct contract with a supplier.

Mr. Squires: I noticed in the paper this morning that there were a number of municipalities that did pass their aggregation. Is that performance bond that you mentioned; do they have to do that also? It's our advantage to wait, I guess, and see, but?

Mr. Thamann: I did see this morning there were a few communities that did approve the aggregation for their community but that's no different than when we approved ours. When we had the go ahead, a consultant was brought on to put together the program. So they're (other communities) at the infancy of their program right now, of putting it together then going out for RFPs to find out who their supplier is going to be, just as we did in the first year.

Mr. Squires: In other words, it's not a final done deal then.

Mr. Thamann: No, that was just to approve the process of having an aggregation.

Mr. Squires: Okay, the way it read it looked like it was set for the whole thing.

Mr. Vanover: Mr. Thamann, for the reserves, are those like the oil industry, the national emergency reserves, or is that just driven by industry requirements?

Mr. Thamann: Are you talking about the natural gas reserves? From what Mr. Marshall told me, there has to be enough storage for the upcoming winter. They have to have it done by the end of May apparently, to get their reserves up in storage for the upcoming winter. I don't know what drives that but that's what he told me and it is part of the reason why electric costs are going up.

Mr. Vanover: Yes, because they're pulling natural gas out of the market, to stockpile it. Most of the electric today now is generated by natural gas, which has been a God send but now there's the pain that's coming back at us.

Mr. Squires made a motion that Council withdraws consideration of Ordinance 2014-15 and Mr. Knox seconded. Ordinance 2014-15 was withdrawn with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business

Mayor Webster: One final thought on this, just for the audience here and the people viewing us on the television, that we have not given up, by any stretch of the imagination, so we will be back with another supplier. I know this is frustrating; it's frustrating to us, it's got to be frustrating to you to get letters from Duke and DP&L cancelling the service and so forth, but at the end of the day, we think it's worth it. As I relayed to Council at the last meeting, if you lived in Forest Park over the past year, you would have paid, and I'm singling out Forest Park because they do not have an Aggregation program and this would be true for any community that does not have an aggregation program; you would have paid roughly \$1100 more for gas and electric service last year versus the people in Springdale. So it is worth the aggravation that we're going through and unfortunately we're putting you through and we apologize for that and we'll be back to Council with a recommendation as soon as we can get one.

Mr. Knox: I would like to compliment Megan Sullivan-Wisecup and the Police Department and everybody else who was involved in the parade on Saturday morning. First of all, they moved the date back to a day where the weather was excellent. It was a good parade. I was a little disappointed that not more people were along the sidelines, but that happens. I give Megan my compliments. Thank you.

Mr. Squires: Back to the discussion on the Aggregation, there have been a few people in my immediate neighborhood that have asked me about this and my advice to them is don't do anything until you hear from the city. I will say this to all of the television audience out there that may be viewing this - the Administration will come up

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with a plan. Please don't do anything until you hear from the City of Springdale about this aggregation. It will happen and it will be a good thing when it does. Sit tight; please don't give in to some of these people that are going to be calling you and wanting you to sign up immediately for their program. It just might not be a good thing for you.

Mr. Vanover: I would echo that although I would add the caveat that if our residents do make a choice to move to another supplier, that you check it out because, as we've said before, you might get a good price going in but you need to find out what your cancellation costs are going to be if you move prior to the end of that contract. I actually brought in tonight the letter I got from Duke, three pages; two pages of suppliers that they're throwing out there. My advice would echo what Mr. Squires said - just sit tight, we'll get somebody in the bullpen and I think we'll be better off for it down the road but it's just kind of a growing pain really that we're going through right now.

### New Business

Mrs. McNear: Council, you have in your packet a liquor license; this is a transfer, looks like a transfer in name only. It's going from Sam's East Incorporated to dba Sam's Club at 800 Kemper Commons Circle and it's coming from Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, dba Sam's Club at the same address. Complete transfer; it's a C1, C2, D6, and D8; are there any concerns or issues with this particular item? Seeing no lights or questions, I will go ahead and file the paperwork. Thank you.

Mr. Vanover: I guess I'll throw this issue out; I've seen this a couple of times, and as the season now is moving towards it, we've had two separate occasions where residents have used our decorative neighborhood signs as posting billboards for garage sales signs. One of them was taped, the other was stapled, which is not good for the longevity of the sign and one individual even went so far as to put it over our snow emergency no parking sign and basically shrink-wrapped it to the sign. The Police Department was gracious enough to go out and pull them. I don't know if it's just my neck of the woods or if we've seen anything but I shake my head because I don't understand the audacity; I mean a telephone pole is one thing but a sign is something completely else. So I don't know, other than contact the Police Department, or Administration, but these were on the weekend, so that's why I went that route.

Mayor Webster: I know the police confiscate a lot of signs on weekends because the interstate exit ramps are always littered with those things, so we'll give them the heads up to be on the lookout for these things on our welcome neighborhood signs.

### Meetings and Announcements

Mr. Squires: The Board of Health will have its' meeting on the 8th of this month, that is tomorrow evening, at 7:00 p.m. in the facility immediately adjoining Council Chambers.

Mr. Hawkins: Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on May 20th at 7 p.m. in these chambers.

Mrs. Harlow: The Planning Commission will meet on May 13th and I have an OKI meeting tomorrow morning.

Mr. Thamann: A few items from the Recreation Department. First of all, Fall Youth Soccer registration is underway for ages four and up; that takes place through the end of May. Also the Sailfish Swim Team is accepting signups. Their first practice begins May 27th so if you're interested, please get down to the Rec Center or call them at 346-3910 and get the details about the program and also to register. Regarding the pool, it will open for the season on Saturday, May 24th. Again, the Community Center is accepting registrations for swim lessons as well and the first swim lesson session will begin June 9th. The Community Center will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th, but the pool will remain open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Mayor Webster: We also will have the annual laying of the wreath at the Veteran's Memorial on Friday, May 23rd at 2 p.m. and I'll be accompanied by a yet-unnamed veteran. We call on you to join us. There's no ceremony or anything; it's just a simple acknowledgement of the sacrifices that our veterans have made.

Communications from the Audience - none

Update On Legislation Still In Development

Mr. Thamann: First of all, in the report, there's a request for legislation for the next meeting regarding the acceptance of the best bid for the furnishing of the fabrication and installation of the upfit for a dump truck. When we went out for bids, we got two proposals on the upfit - those were from Henderson Truck Equipment for \$34,987 and then also Kaffenberger Truck Equipment submitted a proposal for \$37,430 but we received no bids on the cab chassis. Right after the bid was opened, someone came in with a bid for the cab chassis and that price was roughly around \$37,000. We could not accept it because they didn't meet the deadline. Since they submitted a bid and they had an interest, we began talking to them as well as a couple other vendors about the possibility of furnishing a cab and chassis to the city and if it's less than \$50,000. We can make this purchase through a purchase order. But because of the upfit, the total package it would put us over the \$50,000. Therefore, we may need an ordinance to adopt and accept the best bid for the furnishing and fabrication for the upfit of the vehicle. At the next Council meeting we possibly could be requesting an ordinance authorizing to accept these bids on the upfit so that we can move forward on the purchase of the cab and chassis through a purchase order. In speaking with Mr. Karle, he told me that these vendors are talking that it could take 60 to 90 days to get one of the cab and chassis in so we're trying to move as quickly as we can.

Another piece of information in the report is regarding the purchase of rock salt, which Mr. Agricola talked about earlier. The city is looking at doing a cooperative bid process again as we did last year with Forest Park. Both Forest Park and Springdale tried to expand that group to more communities but a couple expressed an interest and then kind of fell by the wayside. So it's again just Forest Park and Springdale doing the cooperative purchasing. We felt it was successful last year; we'd like to do it again this year. We have bids that are out there right now and the bid opening is May 9 so that we would have the results for the May 21st meeting and then we would ask for an ordinance with an emergency clause to participate with Forest Park in that competitive and cooperative bid process for the purchase of the rock salt.

The last thing I have that was in the report was regarding the DARE car. We had to purchase a new DARE car. What we recently purchased for the Police Department which is, I believe Mr. Parham said is a Kia Soul from Kerry Toyota and they're looking at all the decaling and how they're going to fix this thing up like they did the last one. The old DARE car that we have, it's a 1990, and I'll just give you a couple of reasons why we didn't want to put any more money into it: not only its age, it's hard to find parts; the window motors operate when they want to --- sometimes they do, sometimes they don't; the ceiling material in the old car is starting to sag and fall and they've taken temporary measures to try to keep in tact but it's just deteriorating; the air conditioner does not work; the door auto-locking system that all of our police cruisers have does not work --- they have to manually use a key to open and lock the vehicle; all four tires are in bad shape and they need to be replaced. Again, like I said, trying to find parts for this is becoming difficult. So we're looking at trading it in. We found one of the vendors that we use for all of our changeovers of our equipment for our police cruisers as well as ambulances, Camp Safety, and they are interested in the vehicle. One of the lieutenants talked with Camp Safety and they agreed to give the city \$3,000 worth of service credits for repair that we would have to use at Camp Safety. We felt that was much better than trying to advertise it and sell it. We didn't think we'd get \$3,000 for it. So because the value is greater than the \$500, we would need legislation in order to go ahead and do that, so there's another request for legislation for the May 21st meeting with an Emergency Clause, to go ahead and transfer or sell that car to Camp Safety for those service credits. I'll let Mr. Forbes be creative of how the language is written in that ordinance.

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Mr. Hawkins: Council, as you review your memorandums, Item I was withdrawn regarding the ordinance authorizing the agreement for the Electric Aggregation services. Item II regarding the Furnishing and Fabrication of the truck body equipment is forthcoming. Item III regarding the Participation with Forest Park in a Competitive Bid process for the Rock Salt is also forthcoming. Item IV regarding the DARE vehicle is forthcoming and the Items in V were all resolved this evening.

Recap of Legislative Items Requested

Mr. Hawkins: We have a request for an ordinance regarding the fabrication and furnishings for the truck as well as an ordinance for the purchase of the cab and chassis, declaring it an Emergency. We have the participation with the City of Forest Park for Competitive Bid process for the purchase of rock salt and declaring it an Emergency as well as the DARE vehicle going for credit for future services with Safety Camp and declaring that an Emergency.

Mr. Thamann: Just for clarity, I believe you said for the purchase of the cab chassis. If we could find a cab chassis, we'll purchase that through a purchase order; the ordinance would be for the upfit of the vehicle of the two bids that I read earlier, the best bid.

Council adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:

Tom Vanover, President of Council

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