

City of Springdale Council

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President of Council Marjorie Harlow called Council to order on July 17, 2013 , 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, Knox, Squires, Vanover and Harlow. Mrs. Harlow said Greg Lutz is sitting in as our Law Director this evening.

The minutes of June 19, 2013 were approved with seven affirmative votes.

COMMITTEE AND OFFICIAL REPORTS

Civil Service Commission – Mr. Potts stated the Commission met July 11 and went through the establishment of a promotional process for the position of lieutenant in the Police Department involving assessment center scenarios. According to Mr. Potts, the assessment center process is very new and a well utilized process within public safety type positions. After a presentation of the process by Assistant City Administrator Thamann and the Police Chief, the Commission approved the new process. We went over a couple of clerical positions as well. The City will have an opening for an administrative assistant in the Health Department. They will be accepting applications and a test will be administered on August 24 at 9 a.m. at the Community Center for that position. In addition, we are preparing for an upcoming promotional process for the Captain's position in the Fire Department. The test for that position will be held on August 12 in the afternoon. Finally, the Commission reviewed several appointments for some new hires.

Rules and Laws	-	no report
Finance Committee	-	no report

Planning Commission - Mr. Vanover reported they met July 9. A conditional use for outdoor seating for La Familia at 319 Northland Boulevard was denied 4-3. There was a lack of detail, no scaled drawings and the property line is under the pavement next door. It takes five votes to pass in Planning Commission. A conditional use permit for DJ's Sports Bar, 380 Glensprings Drive was granted with a 6-1 vote. They downsized the deck and there will be no outside entertainment or music. They say there is no outside service.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Mr. Hawkins said they met July 16. The owner of 455 West Kemper Road requested a fence in the front yard of the property. That was denied 2-5. A pergola nine feet into the front yard was approved at 12025 Greencastle Drive.

Mayor Webster asked don't the folks at 455 West Kemper already have a fence? Is that a replacement or addition?

Mr. Hawkins replied they do currently have a fence there. The issue which went back to the previous month is that they want to replace that fence that is in ill repair. To repair it they don't need a variance. Right now it is legally non-conforming. Their major concern was people walking through their yard. The biggest issue comes from the back yard so they are going to erect a fence in the back and side. That will take care of part of the issue. They also wanted to bring it out in front as well.

Mayor Webster said I was looking forward to seeing an improvement at that property with a replacement fence.

Board of Health	-	no report
Public Utilities	-	no report
Public Relations	-	no report

Capital Improvements – Mr. Vanover said if you note on the memo, we were granted funding for Ashmore Court. That will be rebid.

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Public Welfare, Safety & Education

- no report

Housing Board - Mr. Squires stated the Housing Committee met on June 27. We were privileged to have two residents at this meeting, Joanie Rielage who lives on Neuss and Michelle Gilmore from Coxbury Circle. We discussed the raised sidewalk on Coxbury Circle which Mrs. Gilmore brought up. It was the second time that was brought up and it will be repaired as part of the 2013 street improvement program. There was discussion about several potholes on Yorkhaven somewhere beyond Elkridge. They were inspected by the Public Works Department and to my knowledge I think they may have been repaired. There are some valves protruding above the sidewalk and they are definitely a hazard to those who are walking and jogging. One at least belongs to Cincinnati Water Works and another involved Duke Energy. They have been referred to Public Works and that is being handled. Another item discussed was the missing chunk of sidewalk at a property at the corner of Neuss and Harter. There had been standing water for many months. That has been repaired but the sidewalk is still missing a slab there. To my knowledge, Cincinnati Water Works has been reminded to repair that. It was noted by Mrs. Rielage that we have recycling bins inside the Community Center but we don't seem to have any outside the Community Center so we are going to give that a shot.

Mr. Parham said I have a few updates to the Housing Committee report. Both valves Mr. Squires spoke of are the property of Cincinnati Water Works and yes, Cincinnati Water Works has been notified of both. Water Works has also contacted OOPS, the locator of utilities, to identify what utilities are in the general area. We are hopeful they will make the corrections in a timely matter because the valves presently sit within our sidewalk. We do not believe that the valve is rising. Instead, perhaps it is the sidewalk which is settling. As a result, we may have to repair the sidewalk.

As for the recycling bins in the park area, the Recreation Department staff has ordered a number of recycling bins to place in the park. These bins will have the recycling logo on one side and our staff will stencil our recreation department logo on the opposite side.

Mrs. Harlow said I see we have a couple of walkers who check the cans on a regular basis and pull the recyclables. Whether we recycle or not it is being done.

Public Works

- no report

O-K-I – Mr. Knox said the meetings for this month and next month have been canceled but I would like to say a few words about the Convention Facilities Authority. Starting last November they started talking about refinancing the bonds. They went back and forth and suddenly the price of bonds went up so they are canceling doing it.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Webster said I'd like to elaborate on the housing meeting we had on June 27. I thought it was very refreshing that we had two residents there and I was amazed at how much those two residents contributed to that meeting. I think it just goes to show that all the answers don't reside here at 11700 Springfield Pike. A lot of people out there have good ideas. We started off with one resident, now we have two. It's my hope that going forward we have residents from the entire city. If necessary we'll move it into a bigger venue. I thought it was an extremely good meeting and a lot of ideas came out of it. I appreciate that Derrick has followed through and we have our arms around most of them. Most of the public officials joined me to help Showcase Cinemas celebrate their fortieth anniversary last week. Congratulations go out to them and hopefully they'll have forty more. Several new business opportunities have been discussed with various folks and several of those we need to discuss in executive session this evening. I'd like to take this opportunity to preview our newsletter that is coming out next week. On the front page is an article regarding our Community Bash planned for September 14. In recent years many public sponsored outdoor celebrations, festivals, and events throughout the Greater Cincinnati area including Springdale have been eliminated. Such events, even during trying times, have the ability to bring neighbors together and enrich their experience in being a member of the community. The last event we had in Springdale was Taste of Springdale in 2008. To recreate some of that community pride and excitement, Springdale city leaders present the 2013

Springdale "ComeUnity" Bash. Everyone is invited to join your neighbors and friends for a day full of wholesome family fun and entertainment on Saturday, September 14 at the Community Center. This will surely be an exciting event for all residents as they come together and socialize in the Springdale way. This unique inaugural event kicks off at 3 p.m. featuring three bands intended to appeal to a variety of listeners. The bands will be performing on field number 4 at the amphitheater, one at 3 p.m., one at 5:30 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m. In addition to the musical events this family friendly event will feature a petting zoo, pony rides, mini golf and many versions of childhood games. All activities are free of charge including the big show circus with performances at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. featuring an acrobatic act, a fire show, unicyclist and strong man. A number of Springdale community groups will be on hand offering food and refreshments as part of their fund raising efforts. The day will conclude at dusk with a colorful balloon glow featuring a half dozen hot air balloons. There is also a mud contest that starts at 1:00 p.m.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director – Mrs. McNear said I have the quarterly report for Q2. Our budgeted revenue for the year is \$16 million. Through the end of June we have collected \$9.281 million which is fifty-eight percent of the expected revenue for the year. Our top sources of revenue are earnings tax, real estate tax, local government fund, estate tax and paramedic services at \$8.554 million which is ninety-two percent of our anticipated revenue. The earnings tax is \$7.2 million of that \$8.55 million. Our ending General Fund balance is \$5.253 million. On the expenditure side we have a budget of \$18.975 million. Through the end of June we have expended \$8.755 million which is forty-six percent of the budgeted expenditures. We have a higher percentage collected than budgeted on the income side and for the expenditure side we have spent less than budgeted amount.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Parham said I want to inform Council as well as the residents in the Cloverdale and Smiley area, the City has received notification from Cincinnati Water Works that they are beginning plans to design an upgrade to the water main system in that general area. In April 2012 during one of our hydrant inspections, the Fire Department noticed that the water pressure was a bit low. As a result, they brought that issue to Water Works' attention who then came out and investigated the matter. Following their assessment last year, Water Works indicated that the earliest they could make any improvements to the system based upon their schedule was 2016. Today, they are now shooting for 2014 or 2015 to make the improvements. We tend to think it will be 2015. The streets primarily affected by this project will be Cloverdale, Smiley, Allen, Rose, Harmony, and the paper section of Valleyview. The residents should continue to have the same amount of water pressure they are currently experiencing. As the Fire Chief pointed out a year ago, the amount of water pressure needed to fight a fire is what would be affected and that would then have an impact on the resident's water pressure. Right now, Water Works is aware of the problem and they are addressing it. OOPS has been contacted and is out identifying where the various utilities are located. Residents in that area of the community may see a rainbow of colors on the streets identifying the location of the various utilities.

If you recall as part of the 2013 budget, the City applied for OPWC funds to totally rehab Ashmore and Woodvale Courts. Later those streets were added to the annual street program when we were notified that we didn't score high enough on the initial OPWC funding list and would not be funded in 2013 at all. In past years, if projects were not completed or did not spend the total amount, leftover dollars would be returned to the program and reallocated to fund additional projects. Earlier this year we were notified that they would not reallocate those dollars in 2013. Instead it was decided those funds would be pushed over into the 2014 funding year. After we included those two streets as part of our street program and went out to bid (the morning of the pre-construction meeting), I received an e-mail from the County Engineer's office indicating the City would be receive funding for the grant portion of those two streets. Instead of performing intermediate improvements on these two streets, we are now able to perform a full rehabilitation on both streets. We informed the contractor (Adleta) that we would not perform the improvements on those two streets under their contract. Our plan now is to place these streets out to bid and hopefully we'll get very good bid results on them. The City's budgeted share for the total rehabilitation of Ashmore would have been \$85,580 and \$86,190 for Woodvale. Our anticipated cost under an intermediate improvement was \$76,7333 for Ashmore and \$77,848 for Woodvale. When the bids

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came in for the street project, Ashmore actually came in at \$63,889 and Woodvale at \$56,718. Our hope is that once we go back out, the bids will come back as impressive for a full rehabilitation as they did for the intermediate work. Hopefully, there will be some aggressive bidders out there and I guess the City's unofficial designated contractor, Adleta, will continue to be aggressive.

While I'll hold my comments on the legislation for the salt contract where we're partnering with the City of Forest Park until that comes before Council, I did want to share some additional cooperation on the part of the City of Forest Park. Last Thursday the Mayor received a call from a resident in Beacon Hills about the fence that we constantly battle with the Cincinnati Mall, Forest Fair Mall, etc. where individuals are tearing the slats out and you have pedestrian traffic going in and out and through the property of our Springdale residents. In the past, we had pretty good cooperation from the mall management. In more recent years, they have not been as cooperative. At times we were able to solicit assistance from the City of Forest Park. Other times it was not as affective. I just happened to run into the Assistant City Manager of Forest Park (Tye Smith) at the Showcase Cinema event and explained our concern to him. That evening he was attending the theater with his sixteen year old daughter. After the movie, he drove over to the area, but unfortunately was unable to locate the opening in the fence. At a meeting the next afternoon, he notified me of such. Following that meeting, I drove up to the mall, was able to identify the opening in the fence, photographed the opening, and e-mailed him copies of the pictures. This afternoon, Mr. Smith informed me that our resident attended the Forest Park City Council meeting on Monday to express her concern. As a result, a notice was sent to the mall on Tuesday to correct the violation. The mall then has thirty days to correct the violation. If they do not correct the violation within those thirty days they would be further cited. However, Mr. Smith did not have a lot of confidence that the mall would make the necessary corrections. I wanted to publicly thank Assistant Manger Smith for his efforts in assisting us in trying to get this resolved.

Mr. Hawkins stated I went with the resident to the meeting in Forest Park and addressed Council. Council and the Mayor were receptive that there wasn't a whole lot to force the mall but their Building Department can enforce the code and they seemed receptive to helping out their neighboring City.

Law Director's Report - no report

Engineer's Report – Mr. Shvegza said we had the pre-construction meeting on the street program. They intend to start construction on August 19 with a contract completion date of October 11. It was noticed that small pot holes were developing on the northern end of the SR 4 paving project. ODOT is looking at it and have already conditionally talked about resurfacing portions of that pavement area. The SR 747/I-275 infield drainage correction is still underway.

COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE - none

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES – STEPHEN DIACONT, FLEET MECHANIC, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND RAY HELTON, FIRE FIGHTER, FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Agricola, Public Works Director introduced Stephen Diacont as the new fleet mechanic. Mr. Agricola said Stephen started with the Public Works Department on July 1. This position provides assistance to the senior fleet mechanic II position. Stephen came to us from Rush Truck Center, formerly known as International Truck Center in Sharonville. He also holds a certificate of diesel mechanics from Scarlet Oaks and two separate ASE certifications as well.

Stephen Diacont said thank you for the opportunity to work for Springdale. Jobs such as this are hard to come by in my field and I feel fortunate to have this position.

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Chief Mike Hoffman said I was very happy with the selection Jerry Thamann and I made for the full-time firefighter position. Ray Helton has quite a background. He got his education and EMS through Cincinnati State. When he came in he picked everything up very quickly. After he completed his schooling we hired him on a part-time basis so he has been with us for the last two years. Prior to his schooling he served our country for four years in the Marine Corps in a supervisory capacity. He started full time two weeks ago. I'd like to introduce Ray Helton.

Ray Helton stated I want to thank you so much for this opportunity. I'm really looking forward to serving the City for the next twenty-five years.

Mayor Webster said I'd like to personally welcome Stephen and Ray to the City of Springdale. You've joined a great workforce. I think both of you will add to that greatness. Welcome aboard and good luck on your new careers. I'd like to share with the community that it looks like we're really beefing up the workforce. Believe me, that's not the case. We've had two mechanics for years and years at the Public Works Department. We have had part-time help from time to time but we're just trying to restore that to two full-time mechanics. Our firefighter fills one of the open spots in the Fire Department. We're still one short. We're not adding to the staff. We're just replacing positions that have been vacant for a number of reasons.

Mrs. Harlow said I would like to ask Chief Hoffman to come back up and tell us why they are wearing purple this evening.

Chief Hoffman said we met a session or two ago. We're wearing the purple shirts to show support and awareness of pancreatic cancer. Unfortunately, one of our firefighter's, Jamie Bigler's wife is suffering with that right now. I'm really proud being a City of Springdale employee and seeing the support from Administration. This is incredible. It's not just us that's seeing it. The business community is seeing it. We have had people visiting the fire house and they see us in our purple shirts and they inquire about what the purple shirts mean. The American Cancer Society designates a different color for various types of cancers, and purple is the color for pancreatic cancer. I would just like to thank everybody for showing your support and wearing purple tee shirts. It means a lot to me as the Fire Chief and it means even more so to the Bigler family.

Mayor Webster said I think Scott sent something out today about Skyline Chili. You want to share that with our viewing audience. It's a great offer by one of our businesses to help out.

Scott Williams said we do an annual event at Skyline and we send a fire truck down and spend two hours at a Firefighter Appreciation Night every year. We just put our apparatus on display, talk to the kids and let them see the truck. The lady from Skyline stopped by the other day to request the truck, saw everybody in purple and asked why. We told her and she came back the next day and said we'd like to do a little more for the Bigler family. They sent them the boxing glove logo which they are selling for \$1 each. You put your name on it and they hang them in the store. On July 31, every three, four and five way that's sold, they are giving a dollar to Jamie's family. They said they wanted to do more than just have the truck there. They also are purchasing purple shirts. Their order is in right now and their entire staff is going to wear those all day long on July 31. If you are able to stop by we will be down there in the evening and the off duty guys will be there off and on during the day.

Mayor Webster said I also understand that you can buy the purple shirt at the Farmer's Market starting next week.

Mrs. Harlow asked is this something we could carry over to September 14 for our community day?

Mayor Webster replied absolutely.

Mr. Vanover asked is there a set time on July 31?

Scott Williams replied the engine is there 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. but you can buy the three, four or five way all day long. I sent the e-mail to let everyone know what's going on so if anybody wants to go for lunch, it will help them out. They will take a check straight to Northside Bank and put it in Jamie's account. All the support is incredible and we want to thank everybody for the shirts you are wearing also. It's awesome.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2013

AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN HEALTH ACCOUNTS OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE RELATED TO THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mr. Thamann said the exhibit shows the amount the City is contributing to the HSA and HRA accounts, which is \$1,000 for single and \$2,000 for employee/spouse, employee/child or family coverage. Last year we also implemented a program where we would pro-rate the amount to that account based on the hire date of a new employee. Some employees are not entitled to HSA accounts by IRS rules so we are using the HRA which is a health reimbursement account instead of the health savings account for those employees.

Ordinance 20-2013 passed with seven affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2013

AUTHORIZING THE TRADE-IN OF FOUR (4) LIFEPAK 12 DEFIBRILLATORS DECLARED TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover made a motion to adopt and Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Mr. Parham said apparently when we were in discussions to purchase the new defibrillators, LifePak 15, there had been discussion between the Fire Department and Physio-Control for a trade-in of the old defibrillators. I was not aware of this discussion at the time. The City received a grant from the Firefighters' Assistance Program in the amount of \$114,000 to help purchase the new units. Because of that grant, the City only had to pay a little over \$5,000 for our share. The agreement between the supplier and the Fire Department valued the old units with a trade-in value of \$5,000 each for a total of \$20,000. Once we became aware of this we determined it was appropriate to have legislation to authorize us to dispose of the property. If you can appreciate that we have a couple of new directors who are still learning the process. Everyone is learning the process of how we properly dispose of property.

Ordinance 21-2013 passed with seven affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2013

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE SPRINGDALE PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS (IAFF LOCAL 4027) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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Mr. Thamann said we went to fact finding as Council is aware. We presented the fact finding report at the June 19 Council meeting which Council approved. The firefighters also approved the fact finders report. Therefore, the four issues that went in front of the fact finder have been mutually agreed upon and therefore, we have a contract for approval tonight. It's retroactive to January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Ordinance 22-2013 passed with seven affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2013

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MORTON SALT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY ROCK SALT

Mrs. Harlow said this is the first reading of this ordinance.

Mr. Parham stated this should have an emergency clause. It is in the body of the document but it's not in the title. Due to the fact that the specifications require that both cities accept the bid within the thirty day period, if we postpone this until August 21, they may not be so kind as to accept it.

Mr. Vanover made a motion to add "and declaring an emergency" to Ordinance 23-2013. Mr. Squires seconded. The motion passed with seven affirmative votes.

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

Mr. Parham stated in 2010 and 2011 we chose to partner with Hamilton County as a part of their cooperative purchasing program to purchase rock salt. If you reflect back to 2008, the City went out for bids and we received a "no bid" from all the participants. At that time there was a shift in the industry. I guess the suppliers decided that no one would supply a bid unless communities committed to a purchase a certain amount of salt. In anticipation of their new position, the City was able to purchase excess salt to fill the salt dome and keep extra salt on the side. As we began to use up our salt, Mr. Agricola was able to identify a vendor that would sell us salt for \$77.94 per ton. Some bids that had been received around the Greater Cincinnati area at that time were about \$150 or so per ton. In 2010 we partnered with Hamilton County and received a bid of \$68.42 per ton. In 2011 our bid was \$72.42. As Mr. Agricola and his counterpart in Forest Park began to observe the results (Forest Park was also a part of that County process), they noticed that some communities that were smaller in size, were requesting to purchase a smaller amount of salt and were receiving lower rates than we were receiving. The two Public Works Directors got together and decided to look at a joint bid process. With their efforts, we received a bid of \$55.38 per ton. Forest Park is expected to adopt legislation to accept the bid. We are requesting Council have a positive consideration of the legislation this evening.

Mrs. McNear said typically when we have an ordinance there is a sentence that says "now therefore be it ordained by the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio ___ members elected thereto concurring." Once we have a vote I hand write in the number of members that voted aye. This particular ordinance is filled in with "7" members concurring. I'm assuming that is going to be correct but if we do not have 7 elected members who vote yes, we'll have to make an adjustment to this document.

Mrs. Emerson said on the inconsistency with the bidding process, is there any way for us to recoup some of that money from Hamilton County?

Mr. Parham replied no, ma'am. I don't think it's the County. Often we will come to you and say we'd like to take advantage of purchasing something off of the State Bid list. In this instance the County is serving as a similar tool for our benefit, so Jeff (Agricola) and his staff do not have to put the specifications together and go through a bid process. The County did that and offered everyone a chance to partner with them. The quotes are provided by the suppliers. For whatever reason the suppliers make that

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determination; that number or quotes come from them. The County simply serves as a vehicle to allow jurisdictions to participate in an effort to help us reduce our expenses.

Mr. Vanover asked is there any window in the near future that we will get back to pre-insanity pricing, \$30 to \$35 per ton before Katrina flooded the biggest salt deposit. This is definitely an improvement over \$115 we were looking at a few years back. Is this trend going to continue?

Mr. Parham said I can't tell you that will occur. I do not believe we will see \$30 to \$40 a ton. I was shocked to see \$55. Butler County put out bids and the City of Fairfield took advantage of it. They came in at \$64 a ton. That's where we thought we would be. We received three bids. Our previous supplier, Cargill came in at \$71.34 per ton. North American Salt bid was \$61.99 a ton and Morton Salt was \$55.38 a ton. I guess that suggests that these other two are being more aggressive. They are becoming the Adleta of the salt industry. If the competition begins to ratchet up and they become very competitive, you may see the number drop.

Ordinance 23-2013 passed with seven affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION NO. R5-2013

AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO,
TO CONTINUE THROUGH PAYROLL REDUCTION ALL OF THE
MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OHIO POLICE AND FIRE PENSION
FUND (OP&F) BY MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Mayor Webster asked is this a misprint in Section 2 payroll "reduction"? Should that be deduction?

Mr. Parham replied it's reduction. We sent this off to OP& F (Ohio Police and Fire) to make sure it was okay with them. It is the language that they use and they identify it as a reduction. You are reducing the pay of the employees by the effected amount. This legislation is stating that the City will continue to reduce the employees' pay by these percentages and make a payment to the Police and Fire Pension on their behalf.

Mayor Webster said so all the taxes we pay are reductions, not deductions.

Resolution R5-2013 passed with seven affirmative votes.

RESOLUTION NO. R6-2013

AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO,
TO CONTINUE THROUGH PAYROLL REDUCTION ALL OF THE
MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OHIO POLICE AND FIRE PENSION
FUND (OP&F) BY MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Knox made a motion to adopt and Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Resolution R6-2013 passed with seven affirmative votes.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. McNear asked Mr. Parham what will be happening in August for recycling days.

Mr. Parham said we no longer have the centralized location at the Community Center for the Community Yard Sale. We promote the yard sale program within the community. We encourage individuals (residents) to place their items at the curb and neighbors will come through. Mr. Thamann had that on his report and I will yield to him.

Mr. Thamann said the neighborhood yard sale is August 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents are encouraged to participate by holding a sale at their home on the specified date at the recommended times. The event will be advertised via the street banner, e-mails, posters, newspaper and Craig's list advertising. The shredder will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. at the Community Center for residents to dispose of their documents in a safe manner.

Mr. Parham said in the past we found a company that would provide shredding free for the residents and to the City. This year we had to find a new company because the old company said they could no longer do it for free. The program remains free to the residents, but has a small cost for the City.

Mrs. McNear asked are we recycling paint and other materials?

Mr. Agricola said we accept that material on a continuous basis year round along with our used oil program. If a resident wishes to drop off paint we will take that. However, in trying to reduce our expenses internally, if it's a latex paint all a resident has to do is open the container and allow it dry, or put kitty litter or sand in it and allow it to dry, leave the lid off and put it in the regular trash collection. Rumpke will accept that material at that time as long as it is dry. As soon as we accept it, we have to incur the cost of recycling it and that is a very expensive process because they have to sample every single container to see if it is a hazardous material.

Mrs. McNear said I want to give a plug to Hamilton County. I was trying to get rid of an old printer so I called. I talked to a very nice person at the Recycle Center and she sent me stacks of information. It talks about the hazardous waste program, what's acceptable and unacceptable, maps and directions, times. They also sent me information on yard trimming drop off locations and also a computer and TV drop off location. Tonight Mr. Diehl told me Best Buy will take a printer. Please take advantage of these programs.

Mr. Squires asked is it still no charge for the shredder?

Mr. Parham replied it is no charge to the residents but the City is paying a small fee. In response to Mrs. McNear about the paint, many years ago, when we first began the program with the yard sale, we would allow residents to bring old paint to the Public Works Department. Within a week's time they would combine any like paint and residents could pick it up later. At that time, however, we had more employees in that department. We no longer provide that service.

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Commission	-	Aug 13
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Mr. Thamann said on July 25 Springdale's Gone Wild series will feature a program called "What's in your garden besides flowers and vegetables?" They will have a Hamilton County naturalist out here to present the program on anything from toads and turtles to hawks and bugs.

Mr. Thamann said the Gold Fish Swim will take place at noon on August 11. One thousand and two goldfish will be released into the main pool and baby pool. It is open for children 12 and under. They have to catch them with their bare hands and can take home what they catch. It is free with a pool membership, \$3 for non members.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE - none

Mrs. Emerson made a motion that Council go into executive session as a committee of the whole to discuss land acquisitions and economic development. Mr. Vanover seconded. The motion passed with seven affirmative votes.

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Council went into executive session at 8:21 p.m. and reconvened at 9:43 p.m.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION STILL IN DEVELOPMENT

OML Rating Program for Worker's Comp - Aug 21
LTIP and SCIP Funds Application - Aug 21

RECAP OF LEGISLATIVE ITEMS REQUESTED - none

Mrs. McNear stated Mr. Gregory Johnson, Executive Director of CMHA will soon be moving into Springdale on Springdale Lake Drive.

Council adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Marjorie Harlow, President of Council

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