

City of Springdale Council

September 19

2012

President of Council Marjorie Harlow called Council to order on September 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

The minutes of September 5, 2012 were approved with six affirmative votes with the change of "county" to country" under Communications. Mrs. Harlow abstained.

RESOLUTION NO. R8 -2012
COMMENDING KATHERINE L. RUSSELL FOR HER EDUCATION AND SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

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

Mayor Webster said KT joined the Recreation Commission in January 2007. She has made a very valuable contribution. I was very impressed with someone as young as KT who was willing to take the effort to coach a team when she did not have a youth involved in it. I'm sure she did it out of love for the kids and love for the sport. She was one of our fine soccer coaches and basketball too. She served our commission well and we wish her the best. She had to relocate out of the community and had to resign her position.

Resolution R8-2012 passed with seven affirmative votes.

Mrs. Harlow said thank you for your dedication to the City.

Mr. Diehl said thanks for everything.

Mr. Squires said KT has also done a lot of work for the Springdale/Forest Park Lion's Club. We will miss you there.

COMMITTEE AND OFFICIAL REPORTS

Civil Service Commission	-	no report
Rules and Laws	-	no report

Finance Committee –Mr. Diehl stated they met today to discuss the possible refinancing of the debt associated with the Community Center. Additional information will be brought forth in October.

Planning Commission - Mr. Vanover stated a conditional use permit for outdoor seating at the Tan Thai restaurant was denied as it had been tabled at the previous meeting because there was no representation and there was no representation again at the September meeting. Beef O'Brady's was granted a request for outdoor seating at the old Perkins building. Minor improvements required Planning Commission approval for the Mercy Springdale Family Medicine ground sign at 212 West Sharon Road. I was very disappointed in the plans. It was a very plain sign. Part of it is driven by a new logo moniker of Mercy Health. The item was tabled at the applicant's request. The SR 4 Corridor District Boundary text amendment was approved and a public hearing before Council is forthcoming.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Mr. Hawkins said at the August 21, 2012 meeting the resident at 989 Ledro requested a rear yard setback to replace a patio roof that was in bad condition. This was approved 6-0. The resident at 1048 Ledro was granted a request to allow a garage conversion to remain. The garage size was reduced to 18'x11' and they had to keep an operable garage door. The owner of the Shell Gas Station at 11595 Princeton Pike was granted variances for a front yard setback, pavement setback, green

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space at 19.2%, lot area of 29,204 square feet, fuel pump canopy at 17'9 1/2" in height, and for 35 parking spaces. Requests for a 168 square foot pole sign and electronic price pole sign were withdrawn.

Mr. Hawkins stated at the September 18, 2012 meeting a variance to replace two ground signs with two 27 square foot ground signs at 0 setback at 212 West Sharon Road was continued. The owner of 11825 Lawnview was granted a variance to allow a garage conversion to remain. They must comply with all zoning requirements for a bedroom.

Mayor Webster said back to the Shell station, I'm always excited when a business is willing to come into town, take down a building and spend a lot of money to build a new one. It says they think there is a future in the business community in Springdale, but are they trying to put ten pounds of flour in a five pound sack? You, Bob and Tom are privy to exactly what the plans are. Is this good for the City?

Mr. Hawkins replied from what I've seen I think it's going to be great for the City. It's going to create a lot more advanced idea for a service station with Dunkin Donuts. I don't think it's going to be too cramped. They are doing a pretty good job of making the parking and green space work within our confines.

Mr. Diehl agreed and Mr. Vanover said that building is getting pushed back. The car wash is going away. They were very willing to work with us.

Board of Health – Mr. Squires reported the 2013 food license fees were proposed. Many board members thought the fees might be high and suggested the Health Commissioner rerun the numbers and try to get them down. There were four animal bite reports. The elementary schools were inspected and got good remarks. The annual health fair will be held October 9 and flu shots, blood pressure checks and glucose screenings are offered.

Public Utilities	-	no report
Public Relations	-	no report

Capital Improvements – Mr. Squires said we discussed the 2013 budget. We discussed West Sharon Road which was last repaired in 1998. We hope to receive SCIP funds for that. If we do, that will pay 48 percent of the \$347,300 costs. MRF funds can contribute 21 percent and the local funding would be 31 percent at \$107,663. Two cul-de-sacs were also discussed, Ashmore Court and Woodvale Court. For Ashmore Court we are looking at \$167,803. If we get SCIP funds they can go up to 49 percent of that cost. Our cost would be \$85,579. The cost for Woodvale would be \$169,000. SCIP funding is 49 percent and \$86,190 would be the local cost. The last work done in these locations was 1987. The total cost of all these projects minus SCIP funds and MRF funds is \$684,103. Capital Improvements Committee does request that Council approve the request to allow the Administration to make application for those available funds. We also discussed purchasing an ambulance before 2014.

Mayor Webster said Mr. Squires gave you details on a couple of big projects. In addition to that, we are still looking at a very robust summer street program next year. We're still hoping to come out with \$700,000 on the summer street program. We have had a freeze for the last four or five years so we are hoping to get caught up.

Public Welfare, Safety & Education	-	no report
Housing Board	-	no report
Public Works	-	no report

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O-K-I – Mr. Knox said prior to the meeting the Vice-Mayor of Wyoming, Jim O'Reilly, said he had been involved in an accident in the Costco area. He said Lieutenant Newman and the other officer (whose name he could not recall) did an outstanding job handling the accident.

Mr. Knox said the State of Ohio has instituted a value/money study on alternate proposals for the Brent Spence Bridge. It appears the emphasis is going to be on funding and they are viewing it from a public/private financing which is another term for toll bridge.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Webster said thanks to Council for your rapid response on the spot curb replacement. It helped a great deal to be able to tell the contractor to tear them out and get the project moving.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director - no report

Administrator's Report – Mr. Parham said Mr. Squires mentioned the ambulance discussed at the Capital Improvements meeting. As part of the 2012 five-year budget process, Council approved legislation last year permitting us to purchase a new 2012 F350 Ford Classic ambulance that replaced the 1997 Ford Braun. The new ambulance was financed over a three-year period and the first payment is due in October. The budget also indicated that we would be purchasing a second ambulance in 2013. Earlier this year, I was informed by the Fire Chief that there would be a number of new requirements for models purchased after 2012. If we were to purchase the same ambulance we purchased this year in a 2013 model, and wait to order it next year there will be \$8,000 to \$12,000 in additional costs. The new requirements are things like flashers, reflectors on the rear, etc. We do not believe they are issues that put our employees or the public in harm's way. In an effort to save ourselves \$8,000 to \$12,000 we can place the order this year and have delivery in late summer 2013. We paid \$134,787 for the 2012 model. The quote for the 2013 model is \$138,616. Both of these are on the state bid cooperation purchasing list. We would like legislation at the October 17 meeting authorizing the purchase of a 2013 ambulance.

Mr. Parham said the legislation before you here tonight authorizes us to make application for funding to improve the streets identified as Mr. Squires mentioned. Our first priority would be Sharon Road, second priority would be Ashmore and Woodvale. The costs Mr. Squires identified at \$167,803 and \$169,000 are for total replacement of the streets to include the repair and replacement of the curbs on both streets. Whether these repairs take place or not will depend on if we are successful in obtaining the SCIP funding. Because Ashmore Court and Woodvale Court are cul-de-sacs with very little traffic, our opportunity to secure SCIP funding is lessened. However, we all know both streets are in need of some attention. If we are unsuccessful obtaining the funding, our Plan B is to provide some level of intermediate improvements to both streets in an effort buy us a number of years before we are compelled to perform the entire improvement as we play catch up on our neighborhood streets. With the intermediate improvement, we would grind off the top layer of asphalt and overlay it with a new layer of asphalt. We will include a full curb replacement as a part of the intermediate improvement, as well. The cost for intermediate work on Ashmore is \$76,733. The cost for Woodvale is \$77,848. Those costs are one hundred percent the responsibility of the City. Hopefully we will be successful with the SCIP funding but nothing is guaranteed.

Mrs. Emerson asked would the residents on those cul-de-sacs be responsible for replacing driveway aprons like has been previously done?

Mr. Parham replied yes. We are also looking at requiring those residents to replace their aprons. We have performed a preliminary assessment of the aprons on both streets and there are twenty-three homes on the two streets. Of those, to date, seven would require full replacements. Three others would require partial repairs such as the replacement of only one of the two panels of their apron.

Law Director's Report - no report

Engineer's Report – Mr. Shvezda said construction has started on the SR 747/I-275 ramp. The Century Circle N project will come in substantially lower than the original estimate and also the bid amount of \$390,000. It should be just less than \$350,000 and the project is basically complete. The work has begun on Merchant Street this week with the installation of under drains along the section close to Tri County Parkway. We've made the decision to replace the entire length of curb which is just under 6,000 feet. This will require a change order in the amount of \$39,908. We are inquiring with OPWC if the grant amount can pay fifty percent of that additional cost for the full curb removal. The asphalt work will begin late this month. There was a training session for City staff and TEC personnel on the signal system upgrade to be able to work with the new software that operates the system. Several change orders were required for the project but so far ODOT has not made that information available. The street program is underway. There has been a significant amount of curb replacement within the subdivision. The SR 4 sidewalk near Cameron Road is expected to be completed in October and the city-wide repairs will be complete late this month.

Mayor Webster said I have asked Mr. Parham and Mr. Thamann to solicit bids on upgrading the sound system in these chambers. I strain to hear in both directions and I see the same straining on your faces. I know in the audience you may as well not be there as far as trying to listen. The replay on television is bad and it's been bad for twenty years. I don't know what the number will be but I'd like to see that in the Capital Improvements budget for next year.

COMMUNICATIONS - none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Julie Matheny, Executive Director, Springdale Chamber of Commerce, said our eighth annual business expo is coming up on October 9th at the Community Center. This is the third year for our chili cook off and we have fourteen entries this year.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2012

DECLARING CERTAIN CITY VEHICLES, INCLUDING A 1997 FORD BRAUN AMBULANCE, VARIOUS POLICE VEHICLES, AND TWO MOTORCYCLES AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO DISPOSE OF SAID SURPLUS PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mr. Parham said there are twelve items on the exhibit. I want to point your attention to items 7, 8 and 9, the Ford Crown Victorias. Each of those has had a bad or blown transmission. Years ago we used to turn over the vehicles at a far faster pace but we have been extending them out as long as possible due to our financial situation. This year, we did purchase three new cruisers and I'm sure that the Police Chief will be looking for a number of others. We're going to try to sell the electric vehicle and two motorcycles. I'm told they are pretty jazzy motorcycles. In 2006, we used e-bay to auction off an ambulance to be sold "AS IS." As I recall, we got a pretty good deal for it. Unfortunately, the gentleman that bought the vehicle came down from the Cleveland area, purchased the ambulance for \$3250. He had taken it back to Cleveland and then wanted his money back plus he wanted us to come to Cleveland to pick up the vehicle. We were willing to give him his money back but he had to bring the vehicle back to us. He never brought it back. We would like to try e-bay again. I'm not an e-bay person so I'm relying on Police Captain Tom Wells. We are planning to place a reserve on the vehicles, which is the minimum amount you will sell the item. If someone bids at that number, we sell it to them. If not, we can pull it off of e-bay and then go through a normal auction process. The Fire Chief feels fairly confident we should get a nice return on the Ford Braun. We have a 2001 and a 2006 Ford Wheeled Coach ambulance in addition to the new 2012. If you authorize the legislation for us to purchase a

new 2013, it will be the 2006 that we will dispose of. The 2006 has an engine that gives us constant problems. For many years it was under warranty and we could take it back to Ford for repair at no charge for things specific to that issue. The recommendation on the part of the Chief and Assistant Chief is that we get rid of the 2006 and the Assistant Chief says he is confident enough in the 2001 that we probably would not need to do anything within the next five years in order to replace that ambulance.

Ordinance 30-2012 passed with seven affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2012

AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO, TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTERS 153.562, 153.708 AND 153.710 OF THE SPRINGDALE ZONING CODE

First reading. Public hearing October 3, 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. R9-2012

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE APPLICATIONS WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION 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. Vanover made a motion to adopt and Mr. Knox seconded.

Resolution R9-2012 passed with seven affirmative votes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Vanover said we have started the process of developing electronic pricing signs and have forwarded that to our City Planning and Building Department to get the basics and definitions started so we can bring legislation for that.

Mayor Webster asked what signs?

Mr. Vanover said Shell had asked for one. We don't have standards for those signs so we're in the process of developing the standards.

Mayor Webster asked, with all the gas stations we have in Springdale we don't have any standards?

Mr. Vanover said it's the electronics. That's the new venue and we held it off because of that.

NEW BUSINESS - none

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dan Shroyer's retirement party - Sep 27
- Fire Department Open House - Oct 6
- Planning Commission - Oct 9
- Board of Health - Oct 11
- Board of Zoning Appeals - Oct 16

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE - none

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION STILL IN DEVELOPMENT

- Ordinance 31 - Oct 3
- Accepting Amounts and Rates - Oct 3

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Amending Zoning Code Map-SR 4 Corridor - Oct 3
Call Existing Bonds on Community Center - Oct 17

RECAP OF LEGISLATIVE ITEMS REQUESTED

Purchase ambulance - Oct 17

Council adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Marjorie Harlow, President of Council

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