

President of Council Marjorie Harlow called Council to order on October 3, 2012, 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, Hawkins, Knox, Squires, Vanover and Harlow.

The minutes of September 19, 2012 were approved with seven affirmative votes.

COMMUNICATIONS - none

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE - none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Public Hearing

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

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

Mrs. Harlow opened the public hearing. She said this ordinance was brought forth about notifying homeowners on each side of a property that is coming in for a variance. We had decided to go out 200 feet including a minimum of ten parcels on each side.

Mr. Thamann said the ordinance also requires the ten parcels directly across the street from that parcel and also a sign has to be placed in the subject property.

Ordinance 31-2012 passed with seven affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2012

AMENDING THE ZONING CODE MAP TO REFLECT REVISED BOUNDARIES FOR THE ROUTE 4 CORRIDOR DISTRICT AND AMENDING SECTION 153.421 OF THE ZONING CODE

First reading.

RESOLUTION R10-2012

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

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

Mayor Webster asked does anyone know if the auditor's estimate is higher or lower than we got this year?

Mrs. McNear replied I didn't check the number.

Resolution R10-2012 passed with seven affirmative votes.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. McNear said this year we are scheduled to pay \$489,600 in principal and \$89,600 in interest on the Community Center bonds leaving a balance of \$1.9 million

stilled owed. The Administration has been looking at different ways to retire the debt for less money. Several institutions have provided proposals at various interest rates and the best bid was considered to be US Bank at 1.21 percent, an extraordinary bid. The principal amount and length of the term will not change. Our final payment is due December 1, 2017. For the remainder of the term of this loan we would pay a little over \$220,000 in interest. Under the new proposal we would pay \$68,849. We will have to pay the Bond Counsel \$10,000 and set up fees at the bank of \$1900. The net savings to the City is a little over \$140,000. We want to bring legislation to Council at the October 17 meeting.

Mrs. Harlow said in our Finance Committee meeting there was some verbiage on US Bank.

Mrs. McNear responded yes, they wanted to have the option to change the interest rate but that verbiage was stricken from the contract.

Mrs. Harlow stated I'm glad we didn't have to change our payoff date. I did not want to see us extend that debt out any longer.

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Department Open House	-	Oct 6	
Annual Health Fair	-		Oct 9
Business Expo	-	Oct 9	
Planning Commission	-		Oct 9
Board of Health	-		Oct 11
Board of Zoning Appeals	-		Oct 16
Halloween Carnival	-		Oct 28

Mr. Thamann announced Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District is doing a kickoff campaign for residential recycling. They are targeting twenty communities within Hamilton County and they will be doing a lot of campaigning that will include advertisements on billboards, WLWT television, Q102, 94.9 radio and WLW radio. We are also looking at getting something on our electronic messaging board about recycling. All residents will be getting "Your Guide to Recycling in Hamilton County" book which has a large magnetic sticker showing what is recyclable. They are trying to push the percentages up in the County. One of the quotes from the County states "recycling isn't just important for the environment but also for the economy. Jobs are created by recycling. In fact, recycling creates ten times as many jobs as landfilling." If there are questions call the Hamilton County Recycling Hotline at 946-7760 or visit the County's website at www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org or they can talk to Administration here and we can send them in the right direction.

Mrs. McNear said I did receive a letter from our gas carrier saying there is a \$4 switching fee and Mr. Parham indicated that that was not supposed to be the case and he would have that researched and Mr. Thamann would have information on that this evening.

Mr. Thamann responded I don't think we have resolution yet but we do have Eagle Energy, our consultant, looking into it. I've had several e-mail conversations with Don Marshall from Eagle. He is contacting both Duke and IGS to find out why that letter is going out like that. He doesn't have an answer yet but he's going to get it for me. Hopefully, we'll have that before the next Council meeting.

Mrs. McNear said it's not that it's a tremendous amount of money but I know we had not had any discussions about fees.

Mr. Thamann said that's why we were puzzled because we were told there were no switching fees.

Mr. Knox said at the Hamilton County Municipal League the Rumpke representative addressed us and he said that when they open their new facility, they will be able to take twice as much as they were taking in the old facility that had the fire. They

will be trying to get people to take 34 gallon containers. Have they approached the City about that yet?

Mr. Thamann replied I don't know what size the red bin is. I know when we did the specification with the consortium with Springdale and the three other communities, we looked at that as an option for our residents to either purchase or rent, but I don't think we went with it. That renewal extension will be coming up and we can ask that that be amended to include the larger containers if it is not in the contract. In talking with Mr. Agricola of Public Works, those communities that have gone to the larger roll off recycle containers, even though they may look more cumbersome, he said that the recycling percentage has increased drastically in those communities that are now using them.

Mr. Vanover said I want to pass on a tip of the hat to our chipper crew. They do a good job and you don't see any residuals.

Mrs. Emerson said I did call the recycling people six weeks ago because I wanted to go to the larger container and there is an extra charge for that.

Mr. Thamann said I don't know if there is a monthly charge but I know there is a charge for the container to either purchase or rent. I'll look at the specifications.

Mr. Diehl stated I have a large bin and we pay \$4.50 every six months.

Mr. Thamann said we want to purchase a 2013 model ambulance. We would order it this year and not receive it until mid summer 2013. Mr. Parham mentioned at the last meeting that we could save \$8,000 to \$12,000. We have a revised total on that quote and it is for purchasing the ambulance on the State purchasing program. The cost will be \$139,645. This would be replacing the 2006 ambulance that is experiencing severe engine problems. We would hold onto the 2001 because it is a better running unit. We would like an ordinance at the next Council meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE - none

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION STILL IN DEVELOPMENT

Ordinance 32 - Oct 17
Call existing bonds on Community Center - Oct 17
Ambulance - Oct 17

RECAP OF LEGISLATIVE ITEMS REQUESTED - none

Council adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:

Marjorie Harlow, President of Council

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