

City of Springdale Council

December 19

2012

President of Council Marjorie Harlow called Council to order on December 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. Harlow asked for a moment of silence for the community of Newtown, Connecticut.

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

The minutes of December 5, 2012 were approved with five affirmative votes.

COMMITTEE AND OFFICIAL REPORTS

Civil Service Commission - Mr. Thamann reported the Commission established the test date of February 2, 2013 for the administrative secretary position in the Tax Department. Diana Nickley's last day will be at the end of this year. Jackie O'Connell has taken a job with Hamilton County's Park District and we need to replace that position. Instead of hiring another Assistant Recreation Director, we are examining the possibility of creating a Recreation Programmer position.

Rules and Laws	- no report
Finance Committee	- no report

Planning Commission - Mr. Vanover said we had a variance request from the Tree Preservation Ordinance at the Vineyard Community Church. They had taken some trees down and were to replace them. It is a very heavily wooded campus and a couple of areas are for future expansion. The variance was denied and a motion was made to bring it back in January. We had minor revisions to a PUD for McDonald's. There was partial plan approval. Signage and landscape are still to be worked out.

Board of Zoning Appeals	- no report
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Board of Health – Mayor Webster said we talked a great deal about the Viking School Based Health Center run by the Health Care Connection. They will be doing physicals, etc. The Health Department has been busy with school inspections and motel inspections. Beef O'Brady's opened this past weekend and YiHi Japanese Restaurant is coming to the food court. A diabetes management workshop is scheduled to begin in January. The Health Department has been giving a lot of vaccines to children since Hamilton County has closed a lot of their clinics. We had the second reading of the food fees regulation.

Public Utilities	- no report
Public Relations	- no report
Capital Improvements	- no report
Public Welfare, Safety & Education	- no report
Housing Board	- no report
Public Works	- no report
O-K-I	- no report

Mayor's Report – Mayor Webster said I received a letter from the Governor and he is in receipt of our resolution, R15-2012 passed by the Council on November 21, 2012. He said your view on this important matter is appreciated and duly noted. Mayor Webster said SOS helped 68 families, one with food only. The recipients received gifts, gift card, turkey and a box of food. Thirty-eight families and offices adopted families and SOS took care of the rest with cash contributions. It's been a huge success. Last year we had sixty-one families with about 140 children. I'm sure we'll exceed that this year. The outpouring from the community has been outstanding. I'd like to thank all of you on the dais who helped us out. I'd like to thank everyone for their efforts.

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Clerk of Council/Finance Director – Mrs. McNear said I'll give you a year-to-date report through November to give you a feel for where we stand. Our budget for 2012 is \$15.7 million for receipts. Through November we have collected \$16.297 million, 104 percent of the budget. Our earnings tax collected is \$12.7 million, 78 percent of the total. Our ending General Fund balance is \$5.6 million and expenditures are budgeted at 17.39 million. Year to date through November we have expended \$14 million, 87 percent.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Parham stated we were able to lock in rates for the City's Natural Gas Aggregate. We were extremely fortunate that gas rates were low enough that the consultant recommended locking-in our rates for the months of January through March at a rate \$4.63. Duke Energy's rate for January, only, will be \$5.32. We do not know Duke's rates for February and March, those will be determined at a later date.

Mr. Parham stated a few months ago Council authorized the sale of an ambulance and a number of other vehicles by using E-Bay. If we were not satisfied with the results on E-Bay, we could always sell them at the auto auction. We did experience success with E-Bay. The ambulance sold on E-Bay for \$3,150. After paying the E-Bay fees, we will bring home \$2,971. The individual who purchased the ambulance is from the Milford area and should be here to pay us tomorrow. The Honda motorcycle sold for \$5,215. After E-Bay fees as well as the required 20 percent payment to the County Prosecutor, because the motorcycles were confiscated, we netted \$4,052. The Yamaha sold for \$5,655 and after fees and the prosecutor's share, we netted \$4,273. Overall, we brought in roughly \$11,000. We will sell the police cruisers, electric car and other unmarked vehicles in 2013. The five police cruisers will be sold on E-Bay between January 11 through January 18, 2013. The dates for the electric car and three unmarked vehicles are scheduled to be on E-Bay March 8 through March 15. Captain Wells and Chief Mathis thought it would be better to auction the cars, especially the electric car which is a golf cart, during the spring months.

Law Director's Report

- no report

Engineer's Report – Mr. Shvegzda said we have received the final payment request for Century Circle North. Minor punch list items are being addressed on Merchant Street. The city-wide repairs for the 2012 street program are complete. They ran into some conflicts with the SR 4 sidewalk construction project, particularly with the gas main in that area. Duke has been in the process of relocating that so the storm sewer can be constructed and that should be completed this week. Then we'll get a revised schedule on the remainder of the sidewalk project.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. McNear said we received the Volunteer Firefighter's Dependence letter that we get every year. I gave it to Mr. Diehl this evening.

Mrs. McNear said we also received a letter from the Ohio Public Works Department notifying us that they have sent a check to Adleta Construction for Merchant Street repair and resurfacing for \$37,472.38.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 41-2012

SETTING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE ELECTED MAYOR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mayor Webster said this is a revenue neutral event for the City. The money that I generate from the nuptials is now turned over to the City. Once a quarter I make a claim against those funds as described by State law, then I get a 1099 at the end of the year for tax purposes. I am asking Council to allow this compensation to be included in my W-2 form so now I will make no claims on those funds. That will offset the increase in the W-2 and it allows me to use the compensation for pension purposes.

Ordinance 41-2012 passed with five affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 42-2012

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2-2012 TO PROVIDE FOR WAGE INCREASES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Ordinance 42-2012 passed with five affirmative votes.

Mayor Webster stated this is reflective of the 2 percent salary increase that was identified in this year's budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 43-2012

AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC., FOR THE PATROL OFFICERS BARGAINING UNIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mr. Parham said this reflects a 2 percent increase for the patrol officers. Ordinance 44-2012 reflects the same amount for the police supervisors (sergeants and lieutenants).

Ordinance 43-2012 passed with five affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2012

AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC., FOR THE POLICE SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS BARGAINING UNIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Ordinance 44-2012 passed with five affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 45-2012
APPROVING THE SPRINGDALE EXECUTIVE RE-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SERP) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Ordinance 45-2012 passed with five affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO.46-2012
ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION / ESTIMATED RECEIPTS ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES AND ADJUST ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

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

Mr. Parham said we adopt this ordinance each year in December balancing out the departmental funds within the General Fund as well as all other funds. We asked Mr. Williams to be here in case you have questions since he put such hard work into the ordinance.

Ordinance 46-2012 passed with five affirmative votes..

ORDINANCE NO. 47-2012
ADOPTING A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2013, UNTIL THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 APPROPRIATION PERMANENT ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

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

Mr. Parham said this too is an annual ordinance that we adopt in December. The first meeting of 2013 is scheduled for January 2nd. This will allow us to authorize and execute any expenditures on January 1, 2013.

Ordinance 47-2012 passed with five affirmative votes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Knox said last Saturday it was my pleasure to help out the Police Department with the Shop with a Cop activity. We had so many people from the Police Academy we had two escorting each one of the young people who were going shopping. It was a very edifying experience because those young people were not shopping for themselves. They were shopping for their siblings, cousins, parents, and the people at WalMart in Forest Park were just wonderful. I'm very glad to see the City and the Police Department supports this.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Webster said I would like to go back a little bit. I told you we would have some of the sponsors for SOS in at a February meeting. I was remiss in not recognizing the efforts of Barbara Thetford. Barbara stepped in this year and ran the SOS program. It's always been done in the past by Officer Marsha Bemmes who's off on maternity leave so Barbara had to step into the breach and did a marvelous job with that. Thank you on behalf of all of us.

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MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Commission - Jan 8
Board of Zoning Appeals - Jan 15

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE - none

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION STILL IN DEVELOPMENT

Annual appropriation/estimated receipts - Jan 2
Investment of Municipal Funds - Jan 2
Requesting advance payment from County Auditor - Jan 2
Agreement with ODOT – SR 4 paving - Jan 16

RECAP OF LEGISLATIVE ITEMS REQUESTED - none

Introduction of new maintenance employee - Jan 2
Introduction and swearing in of new police officers - Jan 2

Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Marjorie Harlow, President of Council

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