

City of Springdale Council

December 1

2007

President of Council Kathy McNear called Council to order on December 1, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Knox gave the invocation.

Council was dismissed.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Judge Melba Marsh swore in Mayor Doyle Webster, Clerk of Council/Finance Director Kathy McNear, and Councilpersons Jim Squires and Bob Diehl.

Mrs. McNear called roll. Present were Danbury, Diehl, Squires, Vanover, Wilson and Harlow. Mr. Galster was absent.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Squires nominated Mrs. Harlow to be president and Mr. Diehl seconded.

Mr. Diehl nominated Mr. Wilson and Mr. Danbury seconded.

Mrs. Harlow was elected president by a 4-2 vote.

Mrs. Harlow said I am very honored to serve this Council and this community. I have a great mentor and I know Mrs. McNear and the Mayor will guide me through this process.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Squires nominated Mr. Vanover and Mr. Diehl seconded.

Mr. Danbury nominated Mr. Wilson. There was no second.

Mr. Vanover was appointed by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Webster said I'd like to congratulate all the people who worked so hard at the last election including the one who did not get elected. I thank the residents for returning me to office. This is my thirteenth year as Mayor and thirty-seventh year as an elected official in this City. I'd like to thank the residents for having faith and trust in me and returning me to office all those times. I'd also like to thank my family for the sacrifices they have had to make over the years to enable me to do this.

This past Council has been a delight to work with and we've accomplished much. I'm looking forward to working with the new Council. I'd like to thank Mr. Knox for the past twelve years. He did a marvelous job in that office and he will be sorely missed. From the bottom of my heart, I can't think of anyone in the City that I was more comfortable in turning that office over to than you. We will have a resolution on the December 5th meeting formally acknowledging your contributions.

We have had a very productive Council. We celebrated our bicentennial and today we broke ground on the Veteran's Memorial.

Mayor Webster continued we are really at a crossroads with the housing stock. We have to maintain it and turn it around where possible. We once had the premier shopping area. It has slid some but it is not in as bad shape as people might think. We also want to make sure we maintain the sound financial situation we are in.

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Mayor Webster stated one of my goals when I took office as Mayor was that I wanted a homogenous group. I think with Council's help we have been able to do that. With your cooperation and God's help we will continue to make this a great place to live.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Harlow said Council will appoint board members at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE - none

Mrs. Harlow said I want to thank Mr. Knox for his years of service. I know that you'll always be a big supporter of city activities. I also want to thank Judge Melba Marsh for giving us the honor of swearing us in.

Council adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:

Marjorie Harlow, President of Council

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