

City of Springdale Council

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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on November 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. McNear provided the Invocation.

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

President Vanover: Council, before we move on to the minutes, we have one addition; A1 will be Charter Revision Report.

The minutes of the November 4th, 2015 City Council meeting were considered. Mr. Squires made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Emerson seconded. Minutes were approved as published with six affirmative votes; Mrs. Harlow abstained.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission	Mr. Higgins	-	no report
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Charter Revision

Mrs. Matheny: I am the Chairperson of Charter Revision and as per the Charter, we are required to meet once a year; we completed that challenge tonight, prior to this meeting. We had three of our five members were present. Daniel Mastrello and myself and Rob Horrman and I have also been informed that Terri Pardieck is not going to be able to continue serving. I have had contact with Butch Hafer and he would be interested in serving in place of her. So I will be looking for somebody on the dais to please nominate Butch Hafer come December 2nd. I just want to have everybody keep in mind that we can look at anything at any time, so if anything comes up next year in 2016 that you would like us to look at, please feel free to let me know and I will be more than happy to schedule a meeting. That concludes my report

Rules and Laws	Mr. Hawkins	-	no report
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Finance Committee	Mr. Diehl	-	no report
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Planning Commission

Mrs. Harlow: Planning Commission met on November 10th; all members were present. Under New Business, we had Kemper Pond - it was a revision to an Approved Planned Development at 1329 East Kemper Road. They were looking to add a 200 plus square foot addition to a maintenance building or shed that they had there; that was approved with a 7-0 vote. Oak Hills Mausoleum and Garden were on the agenda for a Concept Plan Review; the Applicant was not in attendance and that was tabled until next month. The last item of business was Enson Mart - this is the new shopping center at 11360 Princeton Pike and I think Mr. Hawkins would agree that this was a little bit of a crazy meeting with Enson Mart. They were in for approval on sign and they wanted over, I think, 1100 s.f. for their signage and there was some confusion as to whether we had actually had that before us and Planning Commission did not believe that we had had the sign before us. We could not quickly locate that and Mr. Thamann tried to locate our Minutes on that and could not locate that. We addressed it that evening and we did get them down to 846.5 s.f. for their signage and it still enables them to have everything that they wanted. Some of the minor things that were taken off was a graphic that was on the building, which really did not have great meaning to the applicant; it was in Chinese language but it did not have meaning to them. They were willing to remove that. There are two of the signages that are there right now that are like columns that go up and they were counting that into their signage. Mr. Okum pointed out, and rightfully so, that one of those signs, because it is two-sided, one sign faces Kemper and the other pylon comes out and faces Princeton Pike - that really should be part and parcel for the Center. So that was taken off of the signage request and they got down to 846.5 s.f. and that was approved 7-0.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Knox: There were no applications for variances; therefore, there was no meeting for the Board of Zoning Appeals and no report.

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Board of Health

Mr. Squires: The Springdale Board of Health (BOH) met on November 12th, 2015. There was 100% attendance at that meeting. The minutes of October 8th meeting were read and approved. Normally under Old Business and New Business, they would be separate items but this new Commissioner that we have somewhat puts all of these together and they come under his report, so that is what I am going to do – I'm going to paraphrase his report for you. Under Nuisances, Animal Bites, and Foodborne Illnesses, this time there were eleven of them but we have a report on that that is addressed to residents of Silverwood Circle and Rosetta Court but that letter could have been sent to the entire City of Springdale. The letter was dated November 3rd, 2015 to residents of Silverwood Circle and Rosetta Court, from Matt Clayton Health Commissioner, City of Springdale, in regards to control of rabies. What is happening here is the Springdale Health Department has received several recent concerns about feeding, attracting and harboring wildlife on Silverwood Circle and Rosetta Court. The letter states "Please note that several nuisances, wild animals are potentially carriers of rabies, including raccoons and skunks." So they asked the residents to please review the attached flyer from the Ohio Department of Health entitled "Take a Bite Out of Rabies. So it was this pamphlet that was sent to these residents, in essence telling them to be careful about what you do. "The Springdale Health Department appreciates the opportunity to work with the residents of Silverwood Circle and Rosetta Court..." Again, I could amend that to say the City of Springdale, "to control the threat of rabies and to promote public health in our community". To wit, about, that it might do well to review a couple of items here, because back in 2010, as of January 1, 2010, the City of Springdale got out of the animal control business. We used to have funds to be able to do that ourselves but we don't do that anymore. What happens now is this, the nuisance animal control program will continue to be administered out of the Health Department on behalf of the City of Springdale. "Residents encountering nuisance animal issues will be directed to an animal control center and the City will have several Havahart animal traps that can be loaned to a resident if they want to trap the animal on their own; however, these traps will be loaned out after the resident has read and signed the waiver of liability form." It goes on to say "Residents borrowing traps must abide by the guidelines and rules set forth in the information provided to them. Residents that capture an animal on their own property may release that animal on their own property, if they so choose. However, if a resident traps anyone of the following six animals: a raccoon, skunk, opossum, beaver, coyote, or a fox and they want it removed from their property, they will have to call an animal control company to assist with the animal removal." Now the Board of Health stands ready to assist them in those calls and the idea of the pamphlet that was sent out to these residents basically advising them to be extremely careful with that and they give some pretty good ideas in there of what to do and what not to do about that. The Commissioner's letter, even though it is addressed to Rosetta Court and Silverwood Circle, could easily have been addressed to the entire City. The Health Commissioner's Report continued. He had the second reading of Resolution R12-2015, that is the resolution that comes up every year where the Board of Health establishes the cost for the retail establishment's food service operations – in other words, what it will cost them to stay in business. It is also reported the years of operation updates for you, in case you don't know it. The Waffle House was opened in October. Starbucks at the Tri-County Mall opened in early November. Chipotle at Tri-County Mall Outlot in final stages of the construction there. Our Father's Children's Daycare under Phase II is licensed to operate. Manor House at 157 Northland Boulevard is in the final stages of plan review there. Thorntons at Crescentville and Princeton, plans of approval are ongoing there. Regarding the Willows, I reported to you last time that the Willows Work Group had their first meeting on October 9th. It was well attended and, in fact, they had to go into the basement here because there were so many people involved. The second meeting of the Willows workgroup was held on Friday, November 13th that was the day after the Board of Health meeting so I don't have any notes with me at this time from the Health Commissioner to report to you on that meeting; that will be forthcoming. Carrying on, the Nurse Report - Nurse Jean always talks about Ebola. Ebola cases continued to be identified in New Guinea but at a low number of three per week as of October 25th. There are 364 contacts, 141 at high-risk being followed in New Guinea. The outbreak in Sierra Leone will be declared over by November 7th if no new cases occur. The outbreak in Liberia was declared over September 3rd; so it continues to give pretty good results about what is going on there. As of October 28th, 2015, the total number of Ebola cases is 28,514 with deaths of 11,313, which includes 500 health care workers in that number. It is there and still must be watched; it is not eradicated; please don't assume that it is.

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Mr. Squires (continued): The Annual Health Fair was held on October 13th; services that were offered included 46 flu vaccinations to those that were 65 years old, 60 flu vaccinations to those less than 65 years old, multiple blood pressure checks, 15 hearing screenings, five foot screenings plus a consultation with a registered podiatrist. The influenza activity in the United States is low as of week 42, October 18th, at 24. However, the Board of Health still urges those to get a flu shot and the Board of Health is still giving those although you must contact the Board of Health to make an arrangement for that to happen. The Healthy U Diabetes Self-Management Workshop began in October 15th and will continue through November 19th. So far they have seven to nine participants weekly. In summary that would conclude the report from the Board of Health but let me add to that, it has been my pleasure to be able to have done this for the past eight, ten years or so and I understand that my replacement is going to be quite adequate. It has been my pleasure to serve Council with being the liaison to that Board. It is a wonderful Board and I have enjoyed every minute of it and I thank you for the opportunity for allowing me to do that. If there are any questions, I'll be more than happy to answer them.

Mrs. Harlow: This is not in relationship to the Board of Health. I know the Mayor has his light on. I need to jump back to Planning Commission when you have a second.

Mayor Webster: I would like to elaborate a little bit more on the skunk report. The fact is we had a lady on Rosetta that was harboring skunks. As a matter of fact, we have had her give presentations at the Community Center under our wildlife program down there. She has or had pet skunks and feeding them and so skunks were all over the neighborhood and we got a lot of calls. What our Health Commissioner did was exactly as Mr. Squires explained to you - he went around the neighborhood and passed out these pamphlets. Well, the lady got concerned about her skunk population once she knew that all her neighbors had these pamphlets where all they had to do is call the Health Department and get a Havahart trap; once they captured the skunk, it would be euthanized. She did not want her skunk population wiped out. She went out very shortly after that one night and trapped, on her own, all the skunks and they are gone. Our Health Commissioner is to be commended for a well thought out plan. I am not sure whether he thought out the total resolve but anyway it worked out great and we no longer have, as far as we know, a skunk problem on Rosetta Court. I would just add a couple comments about Mr. Squires' involvement with the Board of Health - he has been an integral member, even though he hasn't been a voting member - he has been the Council liaison and we have enjoyed his presence so much there that it is my pleasure to appoint him to replace George Kellner, who is not coming back. So starting at the January meeting, Mr. Squires will still be in attendance but this time, he will be a voting member of the Board of Health. Jim, good job.

Mr. Squires: Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

Mrs. Emerson: Mr. Squires, on the removal of the animals - if one of the residents catch one of the seven animals that you listed, we can call the Health Department to get that animal removed, is that at the cost of the resident?

Mr. Squires: The resident bears that cost. The City is not involved in that.

Mrs. Emerson: They will make the phone call.

Mr. Squires: We'll help with the phone call and the administration of it but we are not going to be involved in the cost of it; that's my understanding of it. Mr. Parham, is that correct?

Mr. Parham: That is correct. In fact, what we will do is loan you the trap and you can trap the animal. We can also give you resources (names of trappers) that you may use but, we are not involved in the process of the removal. We simply loan you the cage to allow you to use the cage. You have to pay for getting rid of the animal, whether you use our cage process or not. That is not the City's involvement.

Mrs. Emerson: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: Regarding the skunks that the resident trapped or relocated - do we know where she relocated these skunks?

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Mayor Webster: We see no evil, we hear no evil.

Mr. Squires: We smell no evil.

Mr. Hawkins: It's all good unless they end up in some other part of Springdale.

Mayor Webster: No, I think they were released in one of the local parks, not Springdale's parks.

Mr. Hawkins: Maybe we should take them up to Liberty Township's new mall.

Mr. Parham: Just as we joke about it, if you are using our traps, if you will, you must follow the rules as Mr. Squires pointed out. Part of the rule is, there are those animals that are identified that if you capture them, you are required to euthanize those animals. The other part that really doesn't make a whole lot of sense is that you are to release the animal onto your own property. The reason you caught them in the first place is to get rid of them. But again, if you are going to use our traps, then you have to follow the rules and the rules are to euthanize the animal. So it may be best to use a trapper, someone else to take the animal and get rid of the animal for you, if you don't want to go through that process.

President Vanover: I know a few years back ODNR laid the dictum out, because I was on the Board of Health at that point in time, that if we trapped raccoons, possums, and skunks, that is the order - to euthanize them because of dysplasia, I think, was their excuse. Now does that also follow over onto private contractors, do we know?

Mr. Parham: I think that is a State rule that everybody must abide by. Unfortunately, not everybody does abide by it but we say if you use our tools, then you must abide by the rule.

President Vanover: Very good. We will go back to Mrs. Harlow.

Mrs. Harlow: Thank you, Mr. President. We did have another item that was discussed and I neglected to mention it because it wasn't on my list of items that we voted on, but it was Tri-County Commerce Park - as they were also before you with new verbiage, they were also before Planning Commission. Mr. Dragon went over the language and they are working with Staff; he is working with the financial institutions to see exactly what kind of language they are going to require. Staff will be working with them and they will be back to Planning Commission probably next month with that.

Public Utilities	Mrs. Emerson	-	no report
Public Relations	Mr. Hawkins	-	no report
Capital Improvements	Mrs. Emerson	-	no report
Public Welfare, Safety, & Education	Mr. Diehl	-	no report
Housing Board	Mr. Squires	-	no report
Public Works	Mr. Squires	-	no report

O-K-I

Mrs. Harlow: OKI met on November 12th. OKI has been given two recognitions by the Federal Highway Administration for their application process. Their application process, which I am sure Mr. Thamann and Mr. Parham are very familiar with, the app process that they have out there, allows the applicant to gather data needed for submitting requests for funding. I don't know if you guys have been out to OKI lately or not, but ever since I have been on this Committee, I have just been so impressed with them. One of the things that they are looking at is what they call a 2040 plan and it is a land use and transportation relationship, which is one part of the plan. They are looking at trends for housing for baby-boomers, transportation; the same thing for millennials - they are projecting this out into the future as to what the transportation and land use will need to be for the people who are living in our region in 2040. One of the things that they are asking us to do is to complete a survey. This survey is going to be launched on Monday, November 30th and it will close on January 8th. With your permission, I would like to give them all your City email addresses so that they can send you the survey.

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Mrs. Harlow (continued): It is nine questions so it is not a long, detailed survey, but they are trying to get it out to as many people as they can get it to, so that they will get the best response. If you go out and look at, for instance, one of the traffic studies, they can tell you exactly how many vehicles passed through certain sections of the highway during certain hours. They can tell you the number of accidents that are on that roadway. There is all types of data that can be had out there and can be used for the application process for the funding for different grants and things like that. It is really quite impressive what OKI is doing. They also reported that there is a long-term service transportation bill that is to be completed and signed by the end of the year. Sherrod Brown one of the players making this bill possible. You have heard me telling you before that they only had funding for the next six months or the next twelve months - this is something that is supposed to go for maybe three to five years if they can get it through. They say it is very hopeful. That is one of the things that we really need is a long-term transportation bill so that we can get some of our infrastructure corrected. The last item is that the December 10th Executive Committee meeting of OKI has been cancelled. Thank you.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Webster: I'd like to reference Derrick's report to you on the 13th, report on pending future legislation, just for clarification, we will need ordinances to confirm the appointment of Planning Commission Members - Mr. Don Darby, Joe Ramirez, and Mr. Tom Hall. We do not need an ordinance for BZA; we do not need an ordinance for Parks. So I have given you a letter informing you that those people will be serving. I will need an ordinance on the 16th, for the Board of Health - in addition to the aforementioned Mr. Squires, Scott Garrison, the local pharmacist here at CVS, and Mrs. Lynn Jones will both be reappointed to that position so I would ask for an ordinance on the 16th confirming their appointments. Also, on the 2nd, we have completed the process there and have engaged the services of Justin Bartlett as our Public Defender, Seth Teiger will be our new Prosecutor and Don White will once again be our Magistrate. We would need those contracts and those ordinances brought forth awarding those contracts on the 2nd.

I would like to talk a little bit about the SOS; we had a great meeting today. We are full swing with our Christmas program - to date, we have 51 families who have requested support. We have donors for all except 12 of those. Today, we need 12 donor families and I know for a fact that this list of 51 will grow so I am sure we will need more donor families. When we come up short there, we tap the treasury for SOS to make us whatever shortfall that we incur. Lots of activities taking place between now and Christmas starting with in concert with the Calvary Church Thanksgiving dinner, I think there are about 25 families involved there; Shop with a Cop is on December 2nd, 10 kids and they will also be treated to a meal at Chick-Fil-A. Also, we started a coat program a few years ago and this thing has grown and grown and to date this winter season we have supplied 93 coats and we have request for 10 more. I am sure this is going to continue to grow. The great thing about this coat program is that we started it as an SOS project. Fortunately, Mrs. Susan Wider is a regular attendee or SOS and so she has pledged the support of the Princeton Closet to help us with that; to date they have supplied I believe 77 of the 93 coats out of the Princeton Closet. SOS has paid for the other ones and they even indicated that they have gotten several huge donations and they may be able to reimburse us for some of the money there. It's a great program, and every one of these 93 kids not only got a coat but they also got a hat and I think most got gloves also, as I recall. It is one of those feel good programs. We're looking for the 51 families to not only have gifts for the children but food. John Morrell once again is going to help us with the turkeys and the meat and it's a community program, really, and we have reached out to several of our businesses to ask them to either help us with food or allow us to put our bins in their lobby so that their employees can contribute food to the cause. It is really gathering steam; you'll hear more about it at the next Council meeting. If you haven't signed up, we will take your name and address today. Thank you very much.

Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: I have a financial update October 31st. Receipts on a budget of \$16.153M, we have received \$16.213M, so we're \$60,000 to the good there. Our top five sources of revenue are Earnings Tax, Real Estate Tax, Paramedic Services, Local Government Funds, and Mayor's Court that totals \$15.259M, or 94%, of our revenue.

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Mrs. McNear (continued): For Expenditures, we have net expenditure budget of \$16.830M. We have spent \$13.372M, which is 78% of that budget. Our ending General Fund balance for the end of October is \$5.288M. That concludes the Financial Report. Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Parham: Council, I have two items for you and then Mr. Thamann has some information that he is going to share with you. I just want to update you on the GovDeals.com auction process. As you recall, this is our online auction process of auctioning off City property that was determined to no longer be needed for municipal purposes. Today, this evening, is the last day for those scheduled items (all of our items) to have gone online at some point and time. We have 86 items that have been posted on the site. Seventy-one (71) of those were sold. Thirteen (13) of those received no bids. We had one sale that canceled and unfortunately one bidder defaulted on the sale. We had a total amount of sales of \$21,042. Of that amount, we are going to pay GovDeals.com \$1,634 and then we have fees for PayPal and credit cards for another \$467. The net profit for the City was \$18,941. I think the process worked well for the community. At the same time, as we went through the initial list and we had Council to approve that list, shortly thereafter the departments found other items as the sale began to get better and better. So we will probably come to you early in 2016 with another list of things, so that we can rid ourselves of items that are just simply sitting around and need to be disposed of. There were four items that were remaining online as of today; those are going to go off tonight. Of the remaining items, the ones that received no bids, we are going to have to figure out a strategy on how to either repost those if we think there is a chance they are going to sell or maybe it simply comes down to they have zero value and then we will dispose of them in the trash process. If we decide to do that, and I think, according to Mrs. Morgan, our Senior Administrative Assistant, she indicated that there are two items that I think she has to repost and actually both should sell. One is a Dodge Charger and the other one is an old iPhone. We are going to post those two items, but when we post those items, we are going to post them probably during the first week of December and try to get through the upcoming holiday and then prior to the Christmas holiday.

Item #2, on November 6th, the City opened bids for the purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment. Unfortunately, we had one bidder. That bidder was Vogelpohl Fire Equipment. Their bid was in the amount of \$150,775.75. Before you allow that number to scare you, if you recall, at the September 16th meeting, the Fire Chief, the Assistant Chief, and Captain Williams, who provided the labor for this process, presented to Council that the City had been awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$146,572. Therefore, our cost, the City's out of pocket cost, for the equipment will be \$4,204. At the December 2nd meeting, I believe we have it scheduled that we will have legislation before you to authorize the purchase of the SCBA equipment. I am willing to answer any questions you may have.

Mr. Thamann: As Mr. Parham indicated in his Legislative Update report, requesting an ordinance at our next Council meeting with an emergency clause for the consideration of the SWORRE bid, I wanted to give you an update on the bid results that we received. As you may remember, SWORRE started in 2011 with Springdale, Loveland, Fairfax, and Greenhills. The 2015 SWORRE included those original partnering communities as well as the City of Mt. Healthy. Our current contract ends February 28th of 2016. So we went out for bids early and we have those bid results in. They were opened on November 4th, 2015. They have been reviewed by the SWORRE Committee as well as the attorney. Rumpke was the only bidder. Unfortunately we were looking for a competitive process but they were the only one that submitted a bid. They did provide, according to the bid documents, several opportunities for each community to look at. One of the options that we are considering, is again the proposal that includes a three-year term with the option to have two one-year extensions of that contract. That is what we did the last time and that is what we are considering again this time. With that option, I will go into a little bit of the pricing - on the solid waste end, we have 3,080 households in the program and our current price is \$9.88 per household per month; the new rate would be \$10.15. When you look at that for the first three years, it is a 2.74% increase over that or roughly \$9,979 a year in increase for just the solid waste collection for that program. You get into the first option, the monthly rate goes up to \$10.45; you get into the second option year, the monthly rate goes up to \$10.80. On the recycling end, we currently have 2,538 households that are participating in our subscription recycling program. They have to call and subscribe to it and then the City is paying that fee. We saw a substantial price increase in the recycling and it was expected. In the original SWORRE bid, Rumpke submitted a price of .75¢ per household per month. They were saying that they mistakenly misinterpreted the bid form; however they still honored the .75¢ per month fee.

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Mr. Thamann (continued): So the bid price came in at \$3.25 per household per month for the new SWORRE bid so that's basically a 333% increase just on the recycling end. I do want to throw this out - in 2010, before we got into the SWORRE bid, we were paying \$2.50 per household per month for our recycling, so it's .75¢ increase from 2010 to 2016's prices. With the new price at \$3.25, our annual cost in the first three years will go to \$98,982, where this past year, it was estimated to be \$22,818; so you can see it is a significant increase there. If we accept the option for the second year, it goes to \$3.35 per month, then the second year option is \$3.45 per month. In looking at all of this, we also looked at the proposal of a five-year term that was set with no option years but in looking at that and analyzing it, if I looked at the average cost of the three-3-year term with the two one-year options, if I analyze and look at the annual cost over that five years, it is actually cheaper than locking in at the five-year rate. So it was slightly cheaper for both the solid waste and the recycling. That is why we were looking at the three-year initial term with two year option because after three years, we can always go back out for a bid if we feel the recycle market got better and we can get better pricing, or we can go ahead and accept a one-year option. It gives us the opportunity again to maybe go out for bids in that fifth year if we so choose prior to that. After analyzing that, the recommendation is the term of a three-year agreement from 2016 through 2018 with two one-year options for 2019 and 2020. If it is accepted and the ordinance is passed, the new agreement will go into effect March 1st of 2016. I'll answer any questions if anybody has any.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Forbes - no report

Engineer Report

Mr. Shvezda: On the 2015 Street Improvement Program, this is a reminder that the contractor, JK Muerer, for the overall project will not be performing any work yet this year. He is waiting till the weather is adequate in 2016 and then he will begin on that work. As far as the other areas of the overall street program, the Public Works Staff has secured contracts for the various portions of that - that includes Tumlin for the Glensprings extension curb work, Adleta for the citywide pavement repair, Ford Development for both the Brookston collector line and the Greencastle collector line and also Prus Construction for the citywide sidewalk repair. In regards to the schedule for those aspects of the street program, for development we will be performing the collector line work in December; the sidewalk repair work will be taking place through the winter as weather permits; the Glensprings curb work and the citywide paving repair work will take place in the spring of 2016.

On the West Kemper Road Rehabilitation Project, the final inspection of the punch-list items was concluded and they were found to be acceptable and at that point, the retainage was released and the project is completed. Boggs Lane Rehabilitation, the project was substantially completed the week of October 26th. Inspection of the project took place and there were several minor punch-list items that will have to be addressed. We have received the final payment request and we are in the process of reviewing that. On the State Route 4 Southbound Lane Addition Project, the Stage 3 plans were submitted to ODOT this past Monday and the updated environmental documentation has been submitted to ODOT for their review. That concludes my report.

Communications

Mrs. McNear: Thank you, Mr. President. I do have two items this evening. The first is a letter from the Government Finance Officers Association in Chicago dated November 5th. It is from Steven Gauthier, who is the Director of Technical Service Center. The letter reads:

"Dear Mrs. McNear: We are pleased to notify you that your comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 2014 qualifies for a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting. The certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and as a team it represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. An award for the Certificate of Achievement has been mailed to Jeffrey T. Williams, Financial Officer/Tax Commissioner.

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We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of this certificate and award of financial reporting achievement and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release is enclosed to assist with this effort, in addition details of recent recipients of their certificate of achievement and other information about a certificate program results are available in the awards program area of our website, www.gfoa.org.

We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting. Sincerely Steven J. Gauthier, Director”.

The news release is:

“The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Springdale by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing an award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to the Finance Department, City of Springdale. The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the highest standards of program including demonstrating a constructive spirit of full disclosure to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals from offices in Chicago, Illinois and Washington D.C.”

The second item I have is from OKI, dated November 6th, addressed to:

“Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, the term of your current representative in the Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana Regional Council of Government Boards of Directors for 2015 will expire upon convening the Board of Directors of the Council on January 14th, 2016. In order for the new Board of Directors to be duly convened at the Board of Director’s meeting, it is requested that your agency submit the name of its appointment to the OKI Board of Directors. The OKI articles of agreement require that persons representing counties, cities, townships or planning agencies must be selected by the governing body of that organization. When your agency has taken official action to designate its representative, please return the enclosed form to the secretary. Your reply is needed as quickly as possible and no later than January 8th, 2016. Representation on the OKI Board of Directors is not a commitment to fund OKI. Non-federal monies to operate OKI are obtained mainly from participating counties through funding agreements. The purpose of the local representation of OKI is to insure that the work on behalf of this region is responsive to the local needs. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Mark R. Polinski, CEO/Executive Director.”

We will need to address this after Council is seated, after December 1st. Currently Mrs. Harlow does serve on this Board.

President Vanover: And just as a point of information, she has indicated that she would be willing to continue. Again, we will address this at our December 2nd meeting.

Mrs. McNear: That does conclude Communications this evening.

Communications from the Audience

President Vanover: At this point in time we will open up the floor for communications from the audience – is there anyone in the audience that would like to address Council for any reason?

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Ms. Latrell Gamble: I have been before you before. My name is Latrell Gamble and I am a resident of Springdale residing in the Willows. I have a question regarding the Chief of Police report on drug trafficking in Springdale. I want to know if there's a report that is available to the public or is it not available for public forums?

Mr. Parham: Where do you reference this report, Ms. Gamble?

Ms. Gamble: There is nothing here on the agenda that speaks to a report for the Chief of Police of Springdale. I was just inquiring as to whether or not there was a type of report or if it is not something that is discussed in the public forum?

Mr. Parham: There is no such report that I am familiar with.

Ms. Gamble: Okay, is there anything that is reported in this forum that has to do with drug trafficking in the area?

Mr. Parham: No, ma'am. If you have a question relative to drug trafficking, as you raised questions previously, I think we directed you at that point - you can make contact with the Police Chief. I am sure he would be more than happy to respond to your questions.

Ms. Gamble: I have made contact and filed several police reports. Their presence is there in the area but I have gotten no other feedback.

Mr. Parham: What feedback are you seeking?

Ms. Gamble: I would like to know if they're making any progress at all or are we just going to continue to watch the drug trafficking take place.

Mr. Parham: Well, I am sure that when a resident, yourself or any other resident, brings it to our attention, we investigate it. In fact, we have some that I am personally familiar with where a resident has filed a complaint. We have had the officers go out and investigate. These things do not happen overnight; it takes time. It takes cooperation on the part of those in the community to help identify the situation. There is no report necessarily that is put together, to my knowledge, but again, if you were to make contact with the Chief to ask those questions directly about a specific situation, I am sure he can respond to those.

Ms. Gamble: I don't know if I made myself clear but I did contact them and I talked to and filed several police reports but the police officers who patrol in the Willows more often than Sharonville Police officers that sometimes come through the Willows but I have personally witnessed a drug transaction, several drug transactions there and I have called out and they are a matter of record because they did come out and I talked to them about it but I was just seeking follow-up.

Mr. Parham: So there is a particular opportunity that you witnessed a transaction; was there an officer present at that time?

Ms. Gamble: I had an officer come to my home, yes.

Mr. Parham: He wasn't present to watch the event occur?

Ms. Gamble: He didn't see it, I saw it. I called and he came out.

Mr. Parham: And he took the report?

Ms. Gamble: He took the report.

Mr. Parham: If you have a specific time and date, I can check with him to see what the status of that situation is. But I guess I am not quite sure how to respond.

Ms. Gamble: I have the reports, I have copies of the reports I have filed.

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Mr. Parham: I am sure they have attempted to gather information but again these situations take time and sometimes we are not always too successful or successful in solving that particular situation. There are some successes but not each and every one.

Ms. Gamble: Okay. I guess all I can say at this point is I will continue to reach out to the Chief of Police and the Police Department.

Mr. Parham: Have you not received a response when you made contact with the Police Chief?

Ms. Gamble: I have gotten no response back.

Mr. Parham: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Squires: Because a report is not available doesn't mean that there won't be one. You heard the City Administrator tell you that they take time, so they investigate these before they actually put it in a report but the reports are made on various sections of our City from time to time and the residents can see those. If you witness something like this and you want response, you can deal with someone directly. I will point out to you, if you don't know it, that Officer Joe Ture is on that Willows Work Group. He attends all your meetings and he is our Community's Resource Office and he is available to you. So if you have concerns about that and you want to know, he will keep you informed. So contact him; I understand you attend these meetings and Officer Joe Ture is always there and if he isn't, a replacement for him will be there. He is an integral part of the work group, working with the Health Commissioner on that. That is a source for you right there, at those meetings and you don't need to delay anything. He will keep you informed about it. When those investigations are through, they will appear in a report and it will be made public. Does that help?

Ms. Gamble: That helps.

Mr. Squires: Thank you much.

Mr. Gamble: Thank you.

Mr. Hawkins: Ms. Gamble, first off, your vigilance in notifying the police of things that you are seeing is appreciated. So often you have individuals that don't notify the police when things like that are happening. In terms of the follow-up, and I am not going to speak for the police, but I will speak generally in terms of my knowledge of the criminal justice system - when those kind of things happen and someone sees a drug transaction take place and you are asking about the follow-up from that, usually there is not going to be a charge from that situation that you saw but your information going to the police will result in possibly the identification of some people that they can watch further to be able to see it. You have to have a really controlled situation to be able to make a criminal charge in most instances, off of that. But your information in terms of describing individuals, where that takes place, is helpful for law enforcement to be able to key on those people in those areas. I appreciate what you are doing but I am not going to speak for the police in terms of their investigation, but if you are looking for a charge coming out of the situation that you saw specifically, that is not as likely to happen as just it is going to help possibly their investigations in general.

Ms. Gamble: I understand what you are saying. I have written down every license plate, number of individuals that I have seen coming and going and turned that over to individuals. I have given them the addresses, specific addresses of places that these transactions take place.

Mr. Hawkins: Excellent; that is very valuable information for law enforcement.

President Vanover: Thank you. Second call for Communications from the Audience. Third and final call. We will close Communications from the Audience.

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Ordinances and Resolutions

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2015 Second Reading

TO AMEND CHAPTER 94 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

(Mr. Squires made a motion to adopt; Mr. Knox seconded.)

Ordinance No. 26-2015 passed with seven affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2015

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DONALD W. WHITE TO SERVE AS MAYOR'S COURT MAGISTRATE FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(Mrs. Harlow made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Emerson seconded.)

Mayor Webster: I apologize - in my report, I indicated that I would like to have these for the 2nd. You guys are good; you must have read my mind. There was some confusion at the outset as whether we were going to do this on the 2nd or the 18th. When I put my report together, I was thinking it was still going to be done on the 2nd, but anyway, the sooner, the better. I would appreciate your support in this one and the following piece of legislation. Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you. Any other discussion? (None)

Ordinance No. 27-2015 passed with seven affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2015

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SETH S. TIEGER FOR PROSECUTING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt; Mr. Knox seconded.)

Mayor Webster: Just a little background on Mr. Tieger - he is a prosecutor in Mr. Deter's office downtown Hamilton County Prosecutors and he has filled in on our Court many times for our present prosecutor, Mark Piepmeier, so he is very familiar with our Court system and Mr. Piepmeier, as all of you know, ran for Law Director for the City of Sharonville and their Law Director is also their Prosecutor and their court meets the same time our court meets so he had to resign the position here. Mr. Tieger will be taking his place and we feel very fortunate to be able to continue with a very high quality prosecutor and we look forward to working with Mr. Tieger. I failed to say also, on the previous one, Mr. Don White, the Magistrate has been with us several years, does an outstanding job and once again, I hear nothing but compliments on the way he handles our Mayor's Court. I thank you for that support and I appreciate your support on this one.

Ordinance No. 28-2015 passed with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business- none

President Vanover: I have been in contact with Mr. Okum and Mr. Bauer and they would be interested in continuing their position Planning Commission.

Mr. Thamann: At the last meeting, you requested that I get a hold of Mr. Coleman with Civil Service and he is definitely interested in serving again.

President Vanover: Okay. Again, we'll handle those on December 2nd, but I wanted to get that information out to everybody this evening.

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New Business

Mr. Hawkins: I just wanted to check and make sure that we have something set up with regard to notification to residents when we change meetings or when meetings get cancelled. We had one resident who came to the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting last night but we didn't have anything changed on our website, so she was unaware. She came up here and there wasn't anything that obviously was going on because there were no applications but I wanted to make sure that we have something in place and that someone is updating that; or, if we don't have something in place, then we can address that?

Mayor Webster: That was Mrs. Daniels. Last Thursday or whenever they cancelled the meeting, I immediately forwarded that to her email address - the email address that she has given to us. She serves on the Parks and Recreation and that is the email we have used to get in touch with her. So I was shocked that I got a phone message that she came up here to the Board of Zoning Appeals and no one was here. I made no attempt to reach her by phone but I used the same email address that we have used for years to get in touch with her. I don't know why she didn't get the message.

Mr. Hawkins: I know Mr. Higgins has come up for a BZA meeting before, a year or more ago, but I am just saying the only way the residents know is probably by looking at our website and our calendar. So if we don't update the calendar when something gets cancelled, if a resident just wanted to come through and see a meeting and they are expecting one, there is no way to let everybody else know. I am just saying I thought we did have some mechanism to say if something was cancelled by changing the calendar; if that is something that is easily done.

Mayor Webster: We could change the website, the calendar, the event page on our website but how many people before they get in their car and come here to the meeting are going to go to the calendar if they have already...in Mrs. Daniel's case, she is going to be my appointee to the BZA. So I suggested she come last night just to observe the meeting before she has to serve. She knew the date and everything else so I am sure she would not have looked, had we changed the event, and I don't know whether it was changed or not; I would have to go to the website and check it. Even if we changed that, I strongly doubt that Mrs. Daniels would check the event calendar before she came over here.

Mr. Hawkins: She indicated to me that she did check the calendar. This is beyond Mrs. Daniels, like I said Mr. Higgins had done this a year or so ago and he had contacted me when that happened and said there were a couple of residents that were outside for that meeting. If it is something that is able to be done, I think we usually have notice that there are not going to be Applicants a week or so in advance.

Mayor Webster: Is that easy to do - to change the event calendar when we cancel a meeting?

Mr. Parham: I could not say that it is easy because I don't do that function. I don't know that function but I think it is relatively easy. I am not one to offer excuses but I knew that there were no items scheduled for the meeting and we, unfortunately or fortunately, right now in our Building Department, since we are talking about the Board of Zoning Appeals in this instance or if it was the Planning Commission - we have a brand new staff. We have a new Building Official and a new Health Commissioner. We have two new Administrative Assistants. Because I was aware that there was nothing on the agenda, I then told them that day that the email went out, to make sure they notified the Board Members that there is no meeting and that the meeting is cancelled. So the one place I did not remember to suggest is that we go on to the website. So we have two mechanisms, three - we'll send out an email to the Board Members, we will make sure we can post something onto the website to let everyone know the meeting is cancelled; and we can also post something on our Facebook page. That is the reason why we have these instruments so that we can use them, so I think it will be an easy enough process. I will take the blame for that one.

Mr. Hawkins: I appreciate that. No need to take blame; nothing where anybody is at fault but just something we can do to help our residents out and it makes sense.

President Vanover: Any further New Business? (None)

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Meetings and Announcements

Mr. Diehl: At the last meeting, I informed everybody that we were going to have a Finance meeting on the 23rd. That meeting will not take place, but we will have our Finance meeting on the 24th, which is a Tuesday - same place same time - 6:00 p.m. in the Administration conference room. Thank you.

Mr. Knox: On December 15th at 7:00 p.m., in these chambers, the BZA will meet.

Mr. Thamann: Just wanted to remind everyone on the dais as well as in the audience, November 30th, at 7:30 p.m. here in the Municipal Building, we will have the Springdale Christmas tree lighting ceremony, which is a Monday evening. The Springdale Elementary first graders will be here singing several holiday carols to bring in the Christmas cheer. We will also have some treats available and I think we are expecting a visit from Santa Clause and it is open to the public and it is free. We encourage everyone to attend.

One item here from the Parks and Recreation Department is they are accepting registrations for adult winter racquetball leagues and also women's volleyball, if you are interested. Both programs or leagues start in January. Contact the Community Center for more information or to register. Thank you.

Mr. Squires: Thank you, Mr. President. The Springdale Board of Health will meet on December 10th, 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Harlow: Planning Commission will meet on December 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

Communications from the Audience

- None

Update on Legislation Still in Development

Mr. Hawkins: Item I in your internal memorandum was addressed with Ordinance 26-2015; that passed with a 7-0 vote. Item II, involved Ordinances 27-2015 and 28-2015, which also both passed with 7-0 votes. Items III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, and XII are all forthcoming. In terms of items for the next Council meeting, there is a request for an ordinance accepting the bid authorizing the Mayor, Clerk of Council/Finance Director to enter into a contract with Rumpke Ohio, Inc. for waste collection and recycling services and declaring an emergency. There is also a request for a resolution commending Kroger Springdale Ice Cream and Beverage Plant on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of existence and dedication to the betterment of the City of Springdale. We have a request for individual resolutions commending residents for their dedication and service to the City of Springdale for serving on the City Council and other Boards and Commissions. Several resolutions that will involve appointing members to Boards and Commissions for both Council as well as Mayoral appointments; an ordinance requesting accepting the bid and authorizing the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus equipment for Vogelpohl Fire Equipment in the amount of \$150,775.75 and declaring that emergency. Also requesting, I believe, the Mayor's request for Justin Bartlett as the City's Public Defender; we need an ordinance for that as well. I believe that covers everything in terms of ordinances that are requested.

President Vanover: Administration, are we clear on that? Alright, we have Item XVI before us.

Adjournment

(Mr. Hawkins moved to adjourn, Mr. Squires seconded and Council adjourned at 8:17 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

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Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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