

City of Springdale Council

June 5, 2019

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on June 5, 2019.

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

Mrs. McNear took roll call. Council members Anderson, Emerson, Ghantous, Hawkins, Shroyer, Sullivan-Wisecup, and Vanover were present.

The minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting were considered. Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Emerson seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience - None

Ordinance and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 12-2019

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO AND THE GLENVIEW HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SIGN

Mr. Anderson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2019; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Ordinance No. 12-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 13-2019

DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO DISPOSE OF SAID SURPLUS PROPERTY

President Vanover: You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 13-2019. It is a second reading. We can act this evening.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2019; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Two things of note with this Ordinance. One, the emergency declaration was taken off. Two, there was one item added to the disposal list which was a cot from the Fire Department. We received the second Stryker cot, the power cot. So, the cot that was in the medic, is now on this list. You will need to make a motion to accept the changes; as amended.

President Vanover: I'll entertain a motion to ...

Mrs. McNear: Undo this.

President Vanover: I guess, technically, we should take away the motion and second.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I'll take away mine.

Mrs. Emerson: Second removed.

President Vanover: I'll entertain a motion to accept the addition to the list as published now.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to accept the addition to the list as published now; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Motion to accept the addition to the list as published now passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2019; Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Mr. Shroyer: I had had some conversation with the Administration regarding the Tasers that are on the disposal list. I'm a little uncomfortable with disposing of Police Department Tasers to basically anybody that bids on them. Do we have any indication that those may go to a Police Department or may they go to anybody?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: They're going to be destroyed.

Mr. Shroyer: They're going to be destroyed. Great. Thank you.

Ordinance No. 13-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 17-2019

ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRAWSER CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2019 STREET PROGRAM (MAINTENANCE WORK) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Shroyer made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-2019; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Mr. Anderson: Just one question. I noticed on the bid sheet there was only one firm that bid this project. Is that correct and do we feel that the amount that they bid is appropriate, not seeing a secondary bid?

Mr. Shveg zda: That is correct. In this area, they're probably one of the few contractors that perform that particular type of maintenance work. Consequently, it's rare that we see a second bid for that kind of work.

Mr. Anderson: From your experience, do you feel that this bid is appropriate for the work?

Mr. Shveg zda: Yes. For this type of work, they've been very satisfactory in past experience with them.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Just as a matter of full disclosure, we've used this contractor before on other projects. We've had good success with them. However, one of the projects that they did last year for us, we were not happy with and so you will be probably hearing their name mentioned going forward, but, the type of work that they did, and that project is totally different from this. We feel quite comfortable with awarding them with this contract, even though we were unhappy with some other work that they've done.

Ordinance No. 17-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 18-2019

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR THE EAST CRESCENTVILLE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-2019; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

Mr. Anderson: Just a question on the emergency clause. This is a piece of roadwork that had questions asked about it in Planning Commission meetings and I think in other communications to the City. Is there a reason that we're doing an emergency clause tonight as opposed to letting people get their questions answered through two readings?

President Vanover: It's at our option. We can do the emergency clause tonight or we can treat it as a first reading and act within the second.

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Mayor Webster: Mr. Anderson, are you referring to the email that all of us (Council) got this morning from the lady over on Crescentville Road?

Mr. Anderson: There are actually multiple (letters). The owner of Amy's Hair Boutique had sent an email and a letter to Council and to the (Planning Commission) Committee and then also this had come up in discussions during the Planning Commission meetings during resident questions when we were considering the warehouse; the work there. There were questions about since the roads are being expanded or changed there, there were questions there and concerns as it going back forward. For the record, I understand that this is an opportunity for us to do paving along with our friends to the north, but I just wanted to make sure that those residents had had their concerns answered, which is why I'm asking about the emergency clause. But, it's that letter, but also there was testimony during Planning Commission meetings about those two.

Mayor Webster: Have you seen Mr. Shvegza's response to that inquiry this morning? I know it was very comprehensive and I know that didn't reach everybody, that just reached the lady that reached out to us. President Vanover, we can put this off, but we need to keep this project moving and we are the lead City on this thing.

Mr. Anderson: I appreciate that we want to keep it moving, it's just the question of is there a reason like a contract or a bid, or is it just to continue it if the work isn't schedule to start until 2022, is it an emergency tonight?

Mrs. Zimmerlin: We're about a month behind on the engineering right now. So, that's why we need to get it going. That's what the emergency clause is for. We're already behind.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you. That's what I was looking for. Is there a reason. Being a month behind schedule that is what I just wanted to make sure it is known and I think it is relevant. Thank you.

President Vanover: Well, we threw out the question do you want to continue and act on it this evening? (Council members nodded in agreement)

Ordinance No. 18-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Ordinance No. 19-2019

ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CLEAN AIR CONCEPTS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-2019; Mr. Anderson seconded.

Ordinance No. 19-2019 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business - None

New Business

Mrs. Zimmerlin: If you'll look at Item III in your Pending Legislation Report, that has to do with the 2019 Street Rehabilitation Program. We had actually hoped to have an ordinance for you this evening to award that contract, but the bids all came in 38% over our engineer's estimate, so we would request that the Council would reject the bids by motion and we can move forward from there.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to reject the bids regarding an agreement with the contractor for the 2019 Street Rehabilitation Program; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Anderson: Just a question on that. I understand that the bids came in higher than expected, but they were all three in line. Was this a question of timing; being busy. Do we expect the bids to be lower if we wait? Is that the concern?

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Mrs. Zimmerlin: Yes. If you remember, two years ago, we moved our bidding date back to late fall, early winter and we're getting better rates and now we're here in May getting bids and that's why they are so high.

Mr. Anderson: So we believe it's because of the date.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Yes, it's timing.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you.

Motion to reject the bids regarding an agreement with the contractor for the 2019 Street Rehabilitation Program passes with seven affirmative votes.

Mr. Shroyer: If we could back up to Old Business for a second. I had indicated at the last meeting that we would likely have an ordinance regarding the discharge of water from sump pumps and swimming pools and those things. My understanding is that that ordinance is actually ready, but as the Administration looked at that entire section of the code, there were some other issues that they wanted to address. That will still be forthcoming, but not tonight. Thank you.

Mr. Braun: Just to expand on that a little bit. Like the Councilman (Shroyer) said, we did go ahead and draft it as it related to swimming pools. The Building Department is looking at it not only for sump pumps, but any other areas of drainage that we're going to do a kind of "omnibus" drainage ordinance and after it's been reviewed, that will be back to you at the next meeting for sure.

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet next Tuesday, the 11th in these chambers.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Civil Service will meet tomorrow in the Administrative Conference Room at 5:30 p.m. I also have a couple of announcements from the Police Department and Parks and Rec. June 26th is the Special Olympic Torch Run. It leaves from Cincinnati around 9:00 a.m. and it will get to our Rec Center around 12:00 or 12:30 p.m. and then also, just so you know, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office helicopter will land at the Rec Center on July 9th around 6:30 p.m. for the neighborhood watch meeting. That will be something interesting if people want to come out for that. The Family Fun Day at the pool will be on Father's Day. It will be Sunday, June 16th at 2:00 p.m. There will be rubber duck races, balloon launch, master splasher, deck art, and more. The event is free of charge for pool members and guest fees apply to non-pool members. Our first Concert in the Park will be Thursday, June 20th, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Community Center Amphitheatre and it will be "Lt. Dan's New Legs", which I think was pretty popular last year. They have country, dance, pop, hip hop, R & B, soul, and rock music. You can bring a lawn chair or blanket and the youth boosters will be there selling concessions. Just a reminder, fall sports sign-ups are still underway for soccer and volleyball.

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, June 25th at 7:00 in the chambers here.

Communications from the Audience

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None

Mayor Webster: Mr. President, is this the place in the agenda where new residents get to stand up and make comments?

President Vanover: Sure (laughter)

Mayor Webster: We have no new residents in the City? (laughter) Okay. Just checking.

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Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 12-2019; An Ordinance Approving a License Agreement Between the City of Springdale, Ohio and the Glenview Homeowner's Association, Inc. for the Installation of a Sign. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 13-2010; An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the City Administrator to Dispose of Said Surplus Property. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number III was addressing An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with the Contractor with the Best Bid for the 2019 Street Program (Rehabilitation) and Declaring an Emergency. There was a motion to reject the bids and that motion passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number IV was addressed with Ordinance No. 17-2019; An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with Strawser Construction for the 2019 Street Program (Maintenance) and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number V was addressed with Ordinance No. 19-2019; An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with Clean Air Concepts for the Fire Department Vehicle Exhaust Removal System and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number VI was addressed with Ordinance No. 18-2019; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council Finance Director to Enter into an Agreement with CT Consultants to Provide Engineering and Design Work for the East Crescentville Road Improvement Project and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. All other matters were forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There is a request for A Resolution Adopting the 2020 Tax Budget of the City of Springdale for the Year January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: There will be an ordinance requesting to amend the pay table and to increase the part-time staffing at the Fire Department, and the QRT Agreement. Thank you.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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