

City of Springdale Council

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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on February 17, 2021.

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

Mrs. McNear provided the Invocation.

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

The minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting were considered.

Mr. Hawkins: Just one correction as to the third page, sixth paragraph down, where it is "PRS", it should be "PERS". That's all I have.

President Vanover: It's in your discussion note?

Mr. Hawkins: Yes.

President Vanover: Okay.

Mr. Hawkins: I probably wasn't enunciating.

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Hawkins seconded. The minutes were approved with the correction with seven affirmative votes.

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: Springdale Civil Service Commission did meet on February 4, 2021 here at the Administration building at 2:00 in the afternoon. All the members were present, along with Mr. Brian Uhl, and Ms. Christina Ingle from Administration. Following the deposition of the minutes from our previous meeting, there were reports that were topics of discussion and most of the discussion surrounded those individuals who were recently hired. And, for the Police Department, there were three hires as patrol officers. One, was Mr. Steve Garren, the other was Mr. Ezell Leonard, and the third was Mr. Onam Williams. So, all three of these individuals have started with the Springdale Police Department as Patrol Officers. In addition, there was a Richard Borgman who was hired for the position of Crew Leader in the Springdale Public Works Department. We certainly appreciate that as we're needing all the help we can get for this inclement weather to keep our streets nice and safe. Mr. Richard Ellison was hired to the position of Property Maintenance Inspector in the Building Department. We also have Mr. Steven Jordan who was hired for the position of Maintenance Worker in the Public Works Department. Next, was Mr. Daniel Blaylock for the position of Property Maintenance Worker and Zoning Inspector in the Building Department, and there were two individuals that were promoted in the Springdale Fire Department. One, was Mr. Greg Kuhman who was promoted to the position of Fire Lieutenant, and the other one was Mr. Ronald Lang, who was promoted in a position within the Fire Department as well. There was a request from the State personnel board for our annual report, which is due April 2nd, so we're right on time to get that completed. The last item for our discussion, was we are embarking on a new hiring process that will involve the National Testing Network. If you've seen any ads in the newspapers, or on-line, you'll notice that this particular service is starting to be utilized quite a bit for the positions within the Police Department, and Fire Department. What it does is allow individuals to take tests in various parts of the City, State, Country, and have their scores submitted, which will give us a bigger pool of candidates. So, we're looking at that particular venue in order to increase our pool of candidates as it has become very competitive and we certainly want to make sure that we have a good pool of candidates. As that moves forward, we think it will be a big plus for the City of Springdale, and for those departments. That completes my report.

Mayor Webster: Mr. Coleman, that national testing approach; that would also eliminate our local civil service commissions from having to administer those tests and everything, right?

Mr. Coleman: Absolutely.

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Mr. Clayton (continued): remainder of December and into January. The first death was logged on November 15th. The majority of deaths were in the mid-later part of December. Looking at deaths, one in November, six between December 1st and December 15th, seven between December 16th and December 31st. One in early January. We had no deaths past that. The average age of death was 89.3 years old. We don't know yet, but given the lack of data provided post mid-January, I think there could be another round of numbers. So, stand by to see if this happens again. Certainly hope that this will not be the case. To put this into context; at the time that this happened, we did have sprawling numbers in the community. We had outbreaks in the schools, in medical facilities, in daycares, within City Departments, at several of our retail outlets, and in businesses across Springdale. So, we truly regret that this occurred, and that this information wasn't provided to us, and I certainly regret that this was not provided to our community partners and to our leaders. It is true that, at this point, Maple Knoll has increased their testing, and they're testing people as they're walking into the door in terms of their employees. They do have an extensive list of employees and contractors that they use. Another complicating factor is a lot of the people that work at Maple Knoll actually also work at other medical care facilities, and with home healthcare groups, so, that brought up the risk of COVID-19 being introduced to the population. So, there was a COVID-19 wing set up in Maple Knoll because the numbers are down to a very manageable number at this point, although the outbreak has not effectively been contained, it is true that the number of positive tests among employees in February was two and the number of positive tests in February among residents was zero, so we certainly hope that it's going to be listed as a contained outbreak very soon, by the definitions. We are encouraged that the residents who are positive would stay in the COVID-19 unit until they met all the CDC requirements for isolation. All the staff are now wearing the N95 masks, and are requiring residents to wear masks if someone else comes into their room if they are physically able to do so, and then the infection preventionist is now reporting all positive cases with 24 hours to the Public Health Nurse. We did have a discussion within the Health Department as to what went wrong and how we could have been provided this information. I cannot fault Maple Knoll because they were following the federal guidance. But, we've asked them now to please keep us informed as well of deaths. And, I've asked the Nurse to make sure that I'm aware as if I were trying to meet a timeframe for sending flowers to the families. That was the guidance that I gave her. We, as I mentioned, do regret that this occurred, but I'm open for questions with regard to COVID-19 numbers. I did want to mention, as we have trended to vaccinations, we're up to having administered 1,746 vaccines as of today. The majority of those were, I think we had about 300 to 350 that were second round, so, the majority of those were first round vaccines. We have clinics prepared to operate to vaccinate 400 to 500 people per clinic. Right now, we have three clinics scheduled per week. They're limited on what they can do because we're only getting a certain amount of vaccine from the State. When we start getting more vaccine from the State, we do look forward to being able to make a bigger splash on the number of vaccines we can provide. It's also true that our partner, Sterling Research is set up at Tri-County Mall. As soon as the vaccine becomes readily available, we look forward to them being able to administer quite a bit of vaccine as they plan to operate for 12 hours a day, seven days a week with over 20 stations set up. With that, I'll open it up for questions.

Mrs. Emerson: On the Maple Knoll, I believe it's Walgreens that is giving the vaccinations there. Have they received their first round?

Mr. Clayton: Actually, that's a great question. It is was one I asked myself where we were with regard to vaccinations. We have been calling residents to schedule and when we called Maple Knoll, we found that virtually everyone at Maple Knoll had already received their first round of vaccine when we called them. As far as when that began, Walgreens began administering the vaccine at Maple Knoll on the week of December 16th. So, at this point, I've got to assume that they've gotten through. Now, there are different aspects of it. There's Maple Knoll, and there are the independent living facilities. We're providing vaccinations to the independent living facilities and we've already begun that process, but, we've done some, not all and the limitation is the lack of vaccine from the State.

Mrs. Emerson: But, looking at the timeline, anybody who got the first one, should have already had the second one at this point at Maple Knoll. Correct?

Mr. Clayton: That would be correct.

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Mrs. Emerson: Okay. Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: Matt, can you tell us about the backlog that Springdale currently has for people who have already put in a reservation.

Mr. Clayton: Yes. So, the number of people on our waiting list grows daily. My understanding, and Debi (Boggs) knows more about this than I do, she's literally taking the calls. The last number I heard was close to 2,000. Debi, have we exceed 2,000?

Mrs. Boggs: Yes.

Mr. Clayton: And is that 2,000 people that are on our waiting list, or 2,000 people total that we've registered?

Mrs. Boggs: It is over 2,000 people total that we've registered. I was just looking at the number as far as where we are before today. It is about 2,100.

Mr. Clayton: So, let's look at that 2,100 number. And let's look at the 1,746 doses that have been administered. About 300 to 350 of those were second round doses. That brings us down to 1,400 doses. Of that 1,400 doses, 500 to 600, I can't remember which one, were Phase 1A. So, that takes us from the 1,400, let's just say 600, we've got about 800 people that have been served. Now, we have probably 1,200 people left to serve. And, that list is growing daily. What's complicating it is that by the virtue of trying to protect the most vulnerable people, we're trying to vaccinate the people who are oldest first. Those people call in. If someone calls in who is 102, we're going to give them the first appointment, even if we have someone who is on the list who's 68 and has been on the list for a month. It's just a matter of practically trying to make sure we limit risk among our residents.

Mrs. McNear: And people can still call to make reservations? Because I had heard that we had stopped taking reservations. Is that correct?

Mr. Clayton: Anyone who is a Springdale resident can call at any age and can get on the list. Now, again, if they're advanced in age, we're going to be calling them first.

Mrs. McNear: Okay.

Mr. Clayton: But it absolutely is true. The State is rolling out something called the Vaccine Management Solution (VMS) which we're very interested in. We're supposed to have the opportunity to sign up for that this week. But, we've talked about that within the (Springdale) Health Department and still, we're going to insist when people call us, even if we're signing them up for the Vaccine Management Solution (VMS), that they're getting served by the Springdale Health Department. It's also imperative for us that when people who are residents get the vaccine, we want them to be able to come to our center to get the vaccine. We don't want them to have to travel to another location. Even though we're excited about the rollout of the Vaccine Management Solution, we're very focused still on service for our residents.

Mayor Webster: There was an article in this morning's (Cincinnati) Enquirer about the State had discovered 4,000 unreported deaths and I think Hamilton County had 721 or 741 of those and so 15 or 16 came from Springdale of that 721. That's pretty unfortunate.

President Vanover: Yes. Well, and I talked to Mr. Clayton yesterday as I was in picking stuff up. And, this just really this weekend struck the gravity of our decision a few years back of maintaining our own Health Department. Sharonville was one of the sister cities that dropped theirs and this just speaks well to the forethought that we hung with it when others were essentially doing it for a cost-cutting measure. So, I guess a pat on the back to the powers that were there when this occurred. But, it definitely is nice that we have some control over our population and our destiny.

Mrs. Emerson: Mr. Clayton, on the updated numbers for Maple Knoll. On the other retirement facilities throughout Springdale, do we have current numbers on them also?

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Mrs. McNear (continued): Net Budget of \$21.372 million dollars, we have spent \$1.441 million dollars, which is 9%. Our ending General Fund balance is \$3.750 million dollars. That concludes my report. Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Jones: Mr. Uhl will also have a report. Two things this evening. First of all, I'd like to thank Mr. Clayton for coming in and providing a detailed report. I think as the Mayor indicated, with some of the numbers jumbled around, it was a big jump compared to what we've been seeing. The explanation was helpful. The Police Department wanted me to report that, between December 13th and February 5th, a southbound on Ledro speed set at 25 mph. The average vehicle was recorded at 17.3 mph, and there was a total volume of vehicles at 9,596 recorded. Also, they worked on East Crescentville, and that exceed slightly over 90 days. The speed limit was 35 mph. The total volume was 2,180 cars per day, and that average speed was 29.9 mph. So, back to the days of Chief Mathis and our current Chief both tell me the same thing since I've started here that we're always told that the speed is way higher than it is, but, when we actually do the speed radar, what we find is the speed is generally under the posted speed. So, they've told me that since I've been here, and it continues to be true. Going to the hand out, I'm going to have Joe (Braun) pass around a flyer here. There's some annual elected officials training coming up March 16th through March 19th. You can attend one or all four of the trainings, or any part thereof. It's \$15; the City does absorb that cost for you. It's all done via zoom. March 16th Ohio Ethics Records and Sunshine Laws, March 17th, Local Government Finance, March 18th Elected Officials Staff Relations, and, March 19th Looking Forward to 2021 and Ohio Local Government Issues. So, if you want, desire, or need the training, it's a good chance for some training for you. The only other thing I had before I turn it over to Mr. Uhl is Mr. Wilson of the Parks and Recreation would like to remind folks that sign-up are going on for spring sports and you should contact the Community Center and somebody will assist you in getting your child signed up. Thank you.

Mr. Uhl: Just one quick announcement. At our Department Directors meeting last month, Fire Chief Mike Hoffman made his retirement announcement. He will be officially retiring May 28th of this year. So, after 30 years and a little over 40 total in the fire service. We are extremely appreciative to have him as part of our team for so many years. With that, the search has now begun for a new Fire Chief, so we have posted in various media outlets, and the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association, all the local southwest Ohio Fire Chiefs Associations as well to try and recruit our new Fire Chief. So, we do have a few qualified internal applicants as well and, as of today, I believe we have seven applications and resumes returned and the deadline to apply is March 12th at 4:00 p.m. Thank you.

Mrs. Emerson: Quick question to Administration. With the inclement weather, how are we doing with our salt supply right now?

Mr. Jones: Mrs. Emerson, it's funny you should ask that. Jeff Agricola called me today and said, "Hey, in case this comes up at Council..." We're in really good shape right now, but, you can imagine with the storm that we just had across the region, folks are now having trouble with getting salt. We have a very large order in. It has been in for a week or two. But, Jeff was telling me that there's folks that have had orders for in excess to a month and are having trouble getting it in because it's being utilized a lot. That said, not to worry, we have more than an adequate amount of salt in our salt bin and he said we will have no problem making it through the season, but we'll get it refilled as quickly as possible.

Mrs. Emerson: Thank you.

Mr. Jones: You're welcome.

President Vanover: Mr. Jones, just on that is it the problem that the supply is not coming in to the distributor, or it's just getting it out of the distributor's hands to the municipalities?

Mr. Jones: He didn't say that exactly. But, he made a couple of comments about the trucking of it getting delivered, and I didn't know on which end and how he meant that exactly. And, I happened to be with a couple of Directors at the time, so I didn't get to spend much

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Mr. Jones (continued): time with him, but he said that they're hoping to get some of the problems worked out and get it out to folks.

President Vanover: Alright. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Having said, that, that we've got an ample supply that doesn't mean that we have salt for sale.

President Vanover: Right.

Mr. Jones: That's correct. We're not looking to sell it.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun: I just wanted to report I'm working on a variety of matters with Administration and I know he left, but I've also been working with Mr. Clayton recently on interpreting some of the ODH regulations to help streamline the vaccination program we have in place for some of our residents. But, other than that, no formal report.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: We had a few new projects this month. We'll start with the Community Center Reroofing, Phase one. As you probably know, or heard, we've had several leaks since the final inspection, so we submitted a letter to the contractor stating that they are in default of their contract to maintain a watertight condition. We're still working on that. They did respond and they actually visited the site today to take a look at it, but, conditions wouldn't allow them to look at much, so they're going to come back next week. We'll have a response soon. Again, on the Community Center, we're looking at masonry wall restoration. It's going to be on the south and west walls of the auxiliary gym. Plans are complete. In fact, we're having a pre-vid meeting with some potential contractors and we're just soliciting quotes. It's underneath the threshold so it doesn't have to be publically bid, so we're trying to get that completed before the Phase two roof construction that occurs immediately following the masonry repairs, so, we believe that construction should be completed no later than April 2nd. That's what is in our contract now. Hopefully, it will be done sooner than later. We also have the reroofing Phase two on the Community Center. That's going to be on the mid and lower levels. Phase one was the upper level of the Community Center. We're looking to wrap up plans on March 8th, and complete construction by June 7th. So, we're trying to stay ahead of the pool season. We also have the Public Works Salt Dome replacement roof project. We're looking to get plans wrapped up in April and doing the construction this late spring or early summer right after snow season. The East Crescentville Road Improvement Project; State three plans were submitted to ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) on Friday last week, February 12th, and are looking to wrap up plans by mid-July of this year. The Northland Boulevard Reconstruction Project; we're holding a kickoff meeting with Public Works tomorrow morning. The base mapping is complete. We're going to begin Stage 1 design very soon, and we're looking to submit Stage 1 design plans on June 25th of this year. We also have the 747 curb replacement catch basin repair project and the limits are from just Kemper Road to Coral Avenue in Glendale, basically at the corporation line. It's going to be constructed ahead of ODOT Urban Paving Project for spring of 2023. So, we're looking to get plans wrapped up this fall about September of this year and go into construction next year in spring of 2022. We also have the East Kemper Road CSX Railroad Bridge Repair Project and it includes structural repairs as well as replacing the asphalt pavement on the bridge deck, and the project schedule for that is to have basically plans complete by the end of the year, and go into construction early next year. That concludes my report.

Mayor Webster: Sean, do you know once we finish this Phase two roofing, will that be all of it and will all the building be reroofed?

Mr. Riggs: I believe all but the auxiliary gym and the racquetball courts. I think those were completed prior to phase one.

Mayor Webster: So, it's a smaller section that still isn't done?

Mr. Riggs: Yes.

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Mayor Webster: Okay. Just for the record, as Sean has indicated, we're having trouble with the phase one with the leakage, but we have not paid that contractor a penny is that?

Mr. Jones: Correct. Paid them nothing.

Mayor Webster: So, either they get it fixed, or they won't get paid period.

President Vanover: It's a big carrot.

Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Kuchta: The first meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for next Tuesday, February 23rd. It's going to be an introductory meeting to review the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan, review the initial survey results, and dive deeper into one or two of the main focus areas. That's also going to be continued in the next meeting of that group to be scheduled. Right now, they're very deep into the research phase and producing some of the base data that everybody's going to be looking at for our main focus areas. That's all I have.

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Coleman: I would, even though this isn't necessarily related to Council activities, but I didn't want to miss this opportunity to publically thank Mrs. Meghan Sullivan-Wisecup for what she is doing with the work of these young girls that are part of the cheerleading group that comes to the Recreation Center. I have been there on numerous occasions and witnessed what work she is doing with these young girls who will be the future Princeton Viking cheerleaders. They're all in uniform, and they come in and they start cheerleading and doing the chants and I said, "Wow! That's just absolutely phenomenal!" The hard work, the dedication, and the patience that you have with these young girls and these young girls are probably eight, ten.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: They're from five years old to fifth grade.

Mr. Coleman: To see them there at the Recreation Center cheering these basketball teams, and they're all in line. It's just absolutely amazing and so I said, "I have got to publically thank her." She said to me, the team that I coach, which is a group of eight year olds, "That is the first time we've coached a team, I mean cheered for a team, and they won the game." (Laughter) Again, as I said, that was something that struck me and as I said, I just wanted to thank you for hard work, your dedication to those young girls and to the City of Springdale.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Thank you so much. This is probably my last year coaching. I've been coaching since 1994 in total between coaching at Princeton Middle School, and at Springdale, and I think this will be my last group, and I love my group of girls, and this season, we haven't had the powerhouse that we usually do in basketball, because usually, we're awesome, but, because of COVID-19 and everything else, you can attest, being a coach during COVID-19 is a challenge. We've had a lot of kids in quarantine, a lot of families, and things like that. So, we hadn't had a lot of wins, and the girls are like, "We're winning!" They were so excited that your team won. So, congratulations on a great team and thank you so much for coming and saying stuff.

Mr. Coleman: Thank you so much. Thank you.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 03-2021

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC., FOR WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 03-2021; Mr. Hawkins seconded.

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Ordinance No. 03-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Mrs. McNear: If I could just make a comment about Rumpke. It doesn't really pertain to this contract, but you know, as people have been home for almost a year now cleaning up because there's nothing else to do, and there's nothing on television, a lot of people are cleaning up around their houses, doing improvements, things of that nature, and that's one thing that I've been working on as well. But, I will tell you that I just learned something about Rumpke in the last couple of days. A service that they provide that the resident might be interested in. As you all know, you can rent a truck from the City for cleaning out your garage or basement, or things of that nature. But, there's some things that the City won't allow in the trucks. But, I will tell you that Rumpke has a service that the residents would have to pay for, but, I think it's fantastic and I wanted to share this with everyone that let's say, we've got an old refrigerator in the basement, we don't want to haul it out, so, I said, "Will you take a refrigerator?" They said, "Yes, we have a service. We'll come get it for you." I said, "What do you mean 'Come get it for me.' It's in the basement." They said, "We'll come to your basement and drag that thing out of your house for you." It's for a fee, but, I'm just so excited about it that we don't have to haul this heavy thing out of the basement, but, if you have interest in it, call Rumpke and they'll give you the details on it. Thank you.

Ordinance No. 04-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FYDA FREIGHTLINER CINCINNATI FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FREIGHTLINER M2 106 TRUCK CAB AND CHASSIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 03-2021; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

President Vanover: Administration, Mayor, if I remember right, this is the second of the three that we had tagged to replace. The next one would be the aerial?

Mrs. Emerson: This is a truck.

President Vanover: You're right. I'm thinking FYDA, never mind. I'm fighting a fire that hasn't happened yet.

Mr. Anderson: It'd be the cheapest fire truck of all time though at \$80,000. I think we should take it.

Ordinance No. 04-2021 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business

Mr. Ramirez: I believe we were going to discuss the review of the Boards and Commissions salaries. I don't know if everybody has a copy, if not, we have copies here.

President Vanover: I have copies here.

Mr. Ramirez: If you want to review and discuss this. I think at this point though, Mr. Vanover, we should turn it over to Administration since they are the ones that put this together and did a phenomenal job of reviewing the other communities and their compensation for these Boards and Committees.

Mr. Jones: Really all we did is at the request of Council, is to contact the Center for Local Government. Actually, Brian (Uhl) did that, and ask if they could look at comparable; told them what we were looking for, what our Council was looking for and ask if they could provide the information. I don't have that in front of me right this second, but, at the bottom, the very bottom, you'll see it denotes it basically indicates that for the jurisdictions that responded to the survey, again through the Center for Local Government, if there's no response; where there's no response indicated throughout the report we provided, it simply means that they do not pay for their service. So, in other words, the Board and Commission is not compensated for that. So, you'll see if you're looking down, I believe there were 17 jurisdictions that responded that were

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Mr. Jones (continued): included in this. And, there were a total of three jurisdictions that pay something. Springdale you can clearly see, near the bottom in the bold print, and then a couple of other jurisdictions that also pay something. So, we were simply trying to adhere to what Council asked us, and, I hope this of assistance. But, I'd like to thank Brian (Uhl) for working with the Center for Local Government to get this together.

Mr. Anderson: Just one question on the chart. A number of these are listed as per meeting. All of ours are listed per month. I just wanted to make sure that's correct that, in cases where like BZA hasn't had a meeting for two months, are those board members getting paid even if the meetings are cancelled?

Mr. Jones: What we've been told is if they do not meet, they are not paid. So, in those cases, those are not a "per month", it's "per meeting".

Mr. Anderson: So, that's true for all of these where it says, "per month" for Springdale, it's really "per meeting" when there's a valid meeting?

Mr. Jones: Yes. We pay a monthly fee, however, if they do not meet, in cases like that, they would not be paid.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you.

Mr. Ramirez: I believe also the Board of Health does not meet in the summer months, is that correct? So, there is a nine month...

Mayor Webster: Parks and the Board of Health do not meet in the summer months.

Mr. Ramirez: Correct. That's what I was going to say. So, those two are actually compensated for nine months, and they are not compensated if they do not meet. And, you know, on a side note, looking at these numbers, the one that stands out to me that is not quite equal with the other Boards would be the Board of Health, at \$80 per month when the other Boards are between \$100 and \$125. Taking into consideration that those people tend to be more on the professional side; RN's, doctors, certainly they don't need the money, but I'm thinking to get qualified people to volunteer for these boards, we should at least be equal with some of the other Boards and Commissions. I yield back.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I was on Boards before I was elected, and we got paid when there was no meeting. So, I don't know if that's something that's changed after I was already off of there.

Mayor Webster: We were never paid for Parks in the summer months.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: When I was on BZA, I was paid when we didn't have meetings. I should clarify that. On BZA, I was paid when we didn't have meetings. I don't know if it is because they usually cancelled the week before, or if it has changed when I wasn't on there anymore. But, with Board of Health, I know that of these other places, are we the only one that actually has our own Health Department to have a Board of Health? Do these people even have a Board of Health?

Mayor Webster: For years, we did not pay the Board of Health. As a matter of fact, my memory is a little fuzzy on this, but, I think that maybe there was a change in the State legislature or something?

President Vanover: You're right.

Mayor Webster: But, there's something, Joe (Braun), could you maybe help us here. Maybe we can only pay them because of maybe a home rule charter or something? But, I think that there's something in the State statute that limits what we can do with the Board of Health.

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Mr. Braun: I can check for that, but, I have an answer to the question, which is I know Middletown has their own health department. On this list, that's the only one. I can check for you.

Mayor Webster: Okay. But, I hear what you're saying Joe (Ramirez), but I think with our Board of Health, those people would serve if the compensation was zero. We've got a retired veterinarian on there, we've got a retired school nurse, we've got Mrs. Emerson, and, we've got, well, I think they're all retired, with that exception, I think we've got a pharmacist that used to be down here at the CVS, Mr. Scott Garrison, is the only working member that we've got. Everybody else is retired on there. I would not be in favor of increasing the pay. I really wouldn't. I just don't think there's the workload is that heavy. Meetings don't last that long. Unlike Planning (Commission), which you (Mr. Ramirez) presently serve on Planning, but you know from Planning that you might be here until midnight. I don't think we've ever had a Board of Health meeting go longer than two hours, and that's very unusual. Usually, we're out of here within an hour. So, I don't think that board is underpaid.

Mrs. Emerson: I also agree with Mayor Webster. I believe we'd have competent people serving on these boards. I don't think they serve on the boards for the purpose of the money. I think they do it to serve the community. Looking through these other municipalities that, the 17, most of them don't pay them anything. I think this is a bonus for Springdale, and I think it's a good thing, but, I don't think we need to adjust the rates at all. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: If I might continue. The one that really stands out here, I guess, is the Civil Service Commission. I think that's what brought us to this point in talking about these. As you see, Sharonville has \$2,000 a year I believe? That is more than we pay or civil service, but you have to bear in mind that by State law, Sharonville has to provide civil service to the Princeton school district and so, we talked to the Safety Service Director over there, on Friday, just to see how much of their work load was Princeton related and how much was Sharonville related. He said it was probably about 50/50. So, if you took out half the workload, and half their salary, then that would put their salary right about where our salary level is.

Mr. Braun: I have an answer for you. Actually I can "short-circuit" your conversation. We're paying \$80 per month and under the Ohio Revised Code, it reads, "Each member of the board shall be paid a sum NOT to exceed \$80 a day for the member's attendance at any meeting of the board, and no member shall receive compensation for attendance at more than 18 meetings in any given year." So, we're already at the top that the ORC allows, whether we're a charter city or not.

Mayor Webster: I knew there was some regulation.

Mr. Braun: You're correct.

Mr. Hawkins: Obviously, and the public is not looking at this document, but the vast majority of the cities and villages, what have you, that are listed on here do not compensate residents for serving on these boards and commissions. So, whether it's something the Administration puts in folks packets, or that maybe a little overbearing on the nose, but I would encourage, if not, members of Council that serve on these boards and commissions that when they do their Council reports, indicate that there was discussion with regard to this situation, and that the City of Springdale compensates folks for a lot of boards and commissions where others do not. Just so folks have some idea and understanding of what the circumstances are and I know that our residents that sit on these boards and commissions would do it for nothing, but, I think it's good to have that perspective because they probably would not otherwise know what other folks earn, or getting or not getting. Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Lawrence (Hawkins), I'd like to see maybe the Council members take it one step further and share this report with your committee members so they'll know exactly what everybody else is getting.

Mr. Hawkins: I think that's a great idea so everybody has more perspective.

President Vanover: Council, where or what?

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Mr. Ramirez: After hearing the discussion, I'm going to rescind my comment on the \$80. It sounds like we're not allowed to compensate more than \$80 anyhow for the Board of Health. That being said, I think the other boards are in line with one another, and with other communities. So, I think we should stay "as-is".

President Vanover: Council, do you concur? Okay, then we will let this sit "as-is", and I agree with the Mayor, just for public knowledge. It really threw me back when, for example, the City of Fairfield didn't compensate across (the board), and that kind of took me back. The Board of Health did, once I started thinking about it, I did remember that. As a matter of fact, there are two boards, standing boards and commissions, that we have no control over compensation, the Board of Health was one of them, and Charter Revision is the other by design and spelled out in the charter that they cannot be compensated. So, with that then, we will put this to bed for the time being, and we'll move on from there.

New Business

Mrs. McNear: Council, you have a copy of a transfer request for a liquor license from Fuzzy's Nightclub LLC to Incept Boulevard LLC at 328 Northland Boulevard, Suite B. This is the same location as The Boulevard Bar that currently exists at Northland Boulevard. This is for a D5 license which is, "spirituous liquor for on-premises consumption – only beer, wine, and mixed beverages for on-premises or off-premises in original sealed containers until 2:30 a.m." Are there any issues or concerns? (None) Mr. Kuchta, did you have anything else to add? (Nothing) So, no concerns and we'll go ahead and get the paperwork filed.

President Vanover: Just a question. I think that, at some point, a while back, there had been some issues, but, the (Springdale) Police Department and the Chief has no comment, no statement on this?

Mrs. McNear: I don't have anything to that effect. Mr. Jones?

Mr. Jones: I have not had any communications with regard to this.

Mrs. McNear: I did communicate with Mr. Kuchta last week regarding this one.

Mr. Kuchta: Mr. President, I did specifically ask Chief Wells about this application, and he replied that there were no concerns or issues from his viewpoint.

Mrs. McNear: And, I did double check too, because I was concerned that we would have two bars there versus it just being a new name going in to the current facility.

President Vanover: Then, carry on with the paperwork.

Mrs. McNear: Alright. Will do. I'll take care of getting that filed. Thank you.

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health will meet on March 11th, at 7:00 in these chambers.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet in these chambers at 7:00 p.m. on March 9th.

Mrs. McNear: A reminder to all elected officials for the Ohio Ethics Commission annual filing reminder. This is due Monday, May 17th. Please be on time, because they will get more of your money than just your \$35 filing fee. Thank you.

Communications from the Audience

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None

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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. 3-2021; An Ordinance Accepting A Bid and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc., for Waste Collection and Recycling Services and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No.4-2021; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Contract with FYDA Freightliner Cincinnati for the Purchase of a 2022 Freightliner M2 106 Truck Cab and Chassis 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's a request for An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Cooperative Agreement with Hamilton County for the East Kemper Road/CSX Bridge Repair and Declaring an Emergency. There's also a request for a resolution commending Springdale Elementary School for its award of distinction. That concludes requests unless there's anything else from Council or Administration.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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