

City of Springdale Council

April 7, 2021

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on April 7, 2021

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

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

President Vanover: Mr. Ramirez notified me that he wouldn't be here this evening. They are out of town, enjoying the sun someplace.

The minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting were considered. Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Emerson seconded. The minutes were approved with six affirmative votes.

Communications

Mrs. McNear: I do have one item this evening from the Government Finance Officers Association in Chicago, Illinois. This was addressed to me. The letter states,

"We are pleased to notify you that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 qualifies for GFOA's 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 its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. When a Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, AFRA is also presented to the individual or individuals, or Department designated by the government as primarily responsible for having earned this certificate. This award has been sent to the submitter as designated on the application. We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate of Award of Financial Reporting Achievement and give appropriate publicity to this notable achievement. A sample of the news release is attached to include with and assist with this effort. We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence, and financial reporting. Sincerely, Michelle Mark Levin, Director Technical Services."

I have shared this with Mr. Williams, and also gave him the congratulations for the 19th year in a row of achieving this certificate and he was not able to make it tonight, but when it's appropriate, we'll come in and make a little presentation to him and give him his congratulations for the achievement."

President Vanover: Okay. Excellent.

Mrs. McNear: Thank you.

Mayor Webster: Please bear with me; it's proclamation time again. So, for the next two or three meetings, we'll have several proclamations. We're going to recognize everybody in the City, except John. John wanted one, but I said, "No, we've got too many of them already." (Laughter). Here we go. The first one is National Public Health Week. It might be appropriate for your Health Commissioner to come up since I'm going to present this to him when I get through with it. It reads,

"WHEREAS, started in 1985, National Public Health Week takes place each year during the first week in April to recognize the important contributions public health has made to our nation. National Public Health Week also highlights issues that are important to creating a health future; and

WHEREAS, the Springdale Health Department works to prevent disease and promote good health within the City of Springdale, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, since 1974, the Springdale Health Department has created and supported a strong public health system that engages residents and community partners to foster a healthier community; and

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WHEREAS, a hallmark of the City of Springdale's Health Department is extensive collaboration among a wide range of public and private sector partners; and

WHEREAS, in April, the nation celebrates National Public Health Week to recognize the important role that public health departments play in sustaining and improving community health to create a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, over the last year, the Springdale Health Department has assisted the residents of the City of Springdale in their efforts to withstand and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Springdale Health Department is committed to ensuring that Springdale families are healthy and its collaborative efforts with individuals, families, community partners, and policy makers will promote good health among future Springdale generations.

NOW THEREFORE, I DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim April 5th through 11th, 2021 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

In the City of Springdale and commend this observance to our citizens"

Mayor Webster: I'm very pleased to present the proclamation to our much acclaimed Health Commissioner, Mr. Matthew Clayton (Applause). He has a report he'd like to give about the vaccination. Why don't you go ahead while you're doing that.

Mr. Clayton: Thank you Mayor. Actually, I'd like to just say a few words with regard to the vaccine. At this time, we have given over 4,750 shots. Now, of course, many of those have been second round shots, but we believe that by the end of this week, a clinic tomorrow, and a clinic on Friday, we'll pass 5,300 shots provided. The 2021 theme for National Public Health Week is "Building Bridges to Better Health". Amid the COVID pandemic, the Springdale Health Department has been diligently working to improve health in our community by providing the COVID vaccine. I think we would all agree there's probably no better way to build a bridge to better than to end the pandemic through vaccinations. Having given these number of vaccines, and approaching 5,000, we successfully vaccinated a number of our most vulnerable community members, including those who are advanced in age. As we all know, there's a significant number of our Springdale residents who are older, and we've provided this to our seniors as a first priority. Our residents who have one or more preventable diseases that may be considered as comorbidities for COVID-19, among these are diabetes, obesity, respiratory conditions, and some cardiovascular conditions. Of course, Springdale community members that are facing socioeconomic challenges, certainly for the families that are less fortunate, the stress can put their physical and their mental health at risk. We will continue to push our vaccination efforts until we successfully end the COVID-19 pandemic in our City and for that, I'd like to recognize the incredible efforts of our Director of Nursing, Amy Ellis, and her team. My personal feeling, and I think most of you have been to our clinics. I personally feel that the job they are doing is second to none. I've been very pleased and impressed with the work they've been doing and, quite frankly, I'm very proud of them. So, we take lessons learned from COVID, and we'll continue as we move forward with strategic planning, building a stronger department and healthy community with what we've learned. If anything, the COVID pandemic has demonstrated the need to focus on wellness, the importance of vaccination efforts in our community, and the importance of data analysis and planning. While we're a small health department, we're strong and resolved in our commitment to this community. We're a small community where health is a strength and we'll continue to grow and improve in strength in future years. On behalf of the Health Department, Mayor Webster, I'd like to thank you for this proclamation and it is an honor. Thank you sir.

Mayor Webster: Thank you Matt. Proclamation number two.

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“WHEREAS, in 1792, through overtures to the Presbyterian Church hierarchy by Reverend James A. Kemper, the Springfield Congregation was founded in 1792; and

WHEREAS, in 1796 the Presbyterian Society in the township of Springfield began raising funds for a meeting house and cemetery which were built between 1801 and 1803; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of that first meeting house remains today in the Old Presbyterian Church cemetery on Springfield Pike in Springdale; and

WHEREAS, in 1806 Jonathan Baldwin platted the streets in the area and christened it Springfield, later changed to Springdale, naming it after Springfield Township and the Springfield Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, the Springdale Presbyterian Church has had several meeting houses within Springdale, two of which are still standing: the meeting house dedicated in 1886 at Church and Walnut Streets, and the meeting house dedicated in 1962 at 425 W. Kemper Road; and

WHEREAS, on June 28th, 2020, members of the church unanimously voted to dissolve the congregation effective November 10th, 2020, with the final worship service held on July 26th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, to recognize the work of its saints – past and present; The Presbytery of Cincinnati and Springdale Presbytery church are formally dedicating the Springdale Presbyterian Church plaque to be installed on the 1801 church foundation in the Old Presbyterian Church cemetery on Springfield Pike in Springdale.

NOW THEREFORE, I DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 as

SPRINGDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DAY

In the City of Springdale and commend this observance to our citizens.”

Now, let me just qualify something here. You notice in all the references to the cemetery, it’s called the Presbyterian Cemetery. I think if you go down there and look at the plaque, it says, “St. Mary’s”, I believe. So, there’s a long history there and I won’t bore you with a history lesson tonight, but we are very proud of what’s left of the original Presbyterian Church and I look forward to dedicating that plaque on May 5th. Thank you very much.

President Vanover: Thank you. I just want to, since he’s still here, pass out accolades to Mr. Clayton and the Health Department. Because I’ve had a few of my neighbors come up and just rave about the way that the shots were handled and getting them in and getting it done. I witnessed it myself, as a matter of fact, my wife gets the pleasure of her second shot tomorrow. But, a tip of the hat and accolades are well deserved. Thank you.

Communications from the Audience - None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 06-2021
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE, DISPOSAL OR TRANSFER OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 06-2021; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Ordinance No. 06-2021 passes with six affirmative votes.

President Vanover: I was looking in our packet, if I read it right, this was originally going to have an emergency clause on this one?

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Mayor Webster: You know, we pass so many of these things. John (Jones), do you have any information on this?

Mr. Jones: I believe originally staff and the Law Director were talking about having at the end, an emergency clause, but I was out a couple of days last week, so Brian put together the pending and future legislation, and I'm looking at that and it does say that we're wanting the emergency clause set for April 7th. The preference is to get it passed as an emergency, and the staff will, not that you're asking us, but our commitment to that is \$155,741 dollars and there is still monies potentially available ought there to be sought, that we could actually get. Do you know anything different than that? (Addressing Mr. Shawn Riggs)

Mayor Webster: I just asked him and he says we could just do a first reading tonight. It's not going to hurt anything to hold this over until the next meeting. So, we can maybe just add the emergency clause on that so it will be into effect right away.

President Vanover: For the second reading?

Mayor Webster: At the next meeting?

Mr. Jones: Yes, that will be good. We can do that.

Ordinance No. 07-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY FOR APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION SEEKING FUNDING RELATED TO IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WEST KEMPER ROAD CSX BRIDGE

President Vanover: Council, that's the first reading. Do you have any discussion this evening? (None) We'll see this back on our next one.

Ordinance No. 08-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MID-MIAMI ROOFING FOR THE SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT – PHASE II AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08-2021. Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Mayor Webster: A little background, the original bid for Phase II was \$295,000; that was the Engineer's estimate. Now, in a pre-bid meeting with various potential bidders, they went up on the roof and looked at, and lo and behold right in the middle of this new roof area, there's two large skylights. They are the original skylights that were built in 1972. So, the question of the potential bidders was what are we going to do about those? Well, so we hadn't thought anything about that until it was brought to our attention. So, a couple of bidders, I understand, said, "We don't want any part of it. It we're going to put a new roof on here, and we're going to take this 50 year old skylights, there's two of them. One is like 60 feet long, I'm not sure how big the other one is, but, it's quite large also. So, anyway, we huddled our heads together and said it's sort of ridiculous to spend \$295,000 to put a new roof on there with two 50 year old skylights, and then, sometime in the near future we're probably going to have to replace those, and what's that going to do to this new roof we've got on there? So, why don't we just do the whole thing now so we can walk away and forget it for a number of years? So, we did that as an alternate, so, we unfortunately only had one bidder, and as you can tell, the bid is \$365,000, so it's \$70,000 over the original engineer's estimate, but, the original estimate did not include the skylights. Anything else Shawn (Riggs)? Nothing.

Mr. Jones: Mayor, I could not have said it better. That's exactly accurate and correct.

Ordinance No. 08-2021 passes with six affirmative votes.

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Old Business - None

New Business

Mrs. McNear: We do have a number of liquor license requests. The first couple that we have here, we have a TREX from MGB Tavern LLC. That's being transferred to Phoenix on Route 4 LLC at 12183 Springfield Pike. This is a D5, D6. A D5 is "spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only and beer, wine, and mixed beverages for on premises or off premises in original sealed containers until 2:30 a.m." A D6 is "the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. until midnight". I'm going to ask Mr. Kuchta here to step in if I confuse these as to which building is which, but I believe this one is the upstairs building next to Hooters.

President Vanover: The old Remington, Rib City.

Mrs. McNear: It's been a couple of things. Any issues with that one? (None) The next one is Art for Fun LLC being transferred to Culinary Innovations at 275 Pictoria. This is the same liquor permits as I just read for the previous entry. This one is for the former SMOQ building. Questions or concerns?

Mayor Webster: Just for the record, the person who is buying this license, and I guess operating the restaurant is someone named Liz Rogers. That may ring a bell with some of you. She's had some other restaurants in the area. Most notably, one down at The Banks that went "belly up", and also she's got one in Sharonville, and she's transferring that license over to Springdale.

President Vanover: Mrs. McNear do you still have some?

Mrs. McNear: Yes. Let's see. I also have, it's gotten a little confusing with liquor licenses. Typically, we would get a form from Liquor Control and that's the form that we would discuss. Now, it's changed a little bit and we're getting a transfer form that comes before this form. So, you may hear some of these names repeated from previous meetings. So, we do have Incept Boulevard LLC which is previously where The Boulevard was on Northland. We've previously seen this one as a request from the applicant, but, now we're actually getting the form from the State for the liquor license. So, I do have that one. I have signed off on it since it's already been approved, but I did want to let you all know that that one has come back through. Same thing for King Golf Academy. We had also mentioned this one several weeks ago, and we now have the official request from the Ohio Liquor Board and I've signed off on that one as well. Mr. Kuchta are there any other ones that we have pending that we need to be aware of?

Mr. Kuchta: We're all good.

Mrs. McNear: Okay. Perfect. That's all I have this evening. Thank you.

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet on April 13th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health will meet tomorrow, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

Mrs. McNear: Just a reminder to elected officials that the Ohio Ethics Commissions filing is Monday, May 17th. Don't be late. They will take more of your money than a \$35 filing fee.

Mayor Webster: I'd just like to remind everyone that our annual Arbor Day ceremony will be held on Friday, April 30th down at the Springdale Community Center. The Springdale Elementary School will not be participating. But, we're going to have it hopefully in conjunction with the Garden Club and our internal staff. We'll be planting a tree down at the Community Center. That's going to start at 1:00 p.m., I'm sorry, 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30th

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President Vanover: April 30th.

Mayor Webster: April 30th.

Mr. Anderson: This might be a question, if there should be an announcement, did we, I know the Federal tax deadline did move. We talked about that last time. Did ours change or did we stick with our April 15th date?

Mrs. McNear: It did change to May 17th to coordinate with the State.

Mr. Anderson: I just wanted to make sure that was out there. Thank you.

President Vanover: Sure.

Communications from the Audience - None

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 06-2021; An Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the City Administrator to Dispose of Said Surplus Property. That passed with a 6-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Ordinance No. 07-2021; 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. That was a first reading. Item Number III was addressed with Ordinance No. 08-2021; An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into an Agreement with Mid-Miami Roofing for the Springdale Community Center Roof Replacement – Phase II and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 6-0 vote. All other matters were forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There's a request for a second reading of Ordinance No. 07-2021; 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. There's also a request for An Ordinance Adopting Supplemental Appropriation/Estimated Receipts to Adjust Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures and Other Expenditures and Adjust Estimated Receipts for the City of Springdale, Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021. There is a request for An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Contract with Motorola Solutions for the Purchase of Twenty Replacement Portable Radios and Accessories and Declaring an Emergency. That would conclude the requests unless there's anything else from Council or the Administration. (Nothing)

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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