

City of Springdale Council

August 11, 2021

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on August 11, 2021

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

Mr. Hawkins took roll call. Council members Anderson, Emerson, Ghantous, Hawkins, Sullivan-Wisecup, and Vanover were present. Mr. Ramirez was absent.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 32-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY LAW DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT WITH MCKESSON CORPORATION, CARDINAL HEALTH, INC., AND AMERISOURCEBERGEN CORPORATION PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE PURSUIT AND USE OF POTENTIAL OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID DISTRIBUTOR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 32-2021; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Mr. Jones: Law Director (Joe) Braun had an emergency and he needed to be away. He will be available by phone. As you all know, he covers other jurisdictions, and he had a very pressing matter he had to attend to. So, he asked that I read this statement and I'll do so briefly. I think it will answer some questions for you. Included within this are some things that come up from other jurisdictions that he works in and a couple of the questions they have asked, we've put into this. So, he asked that we say that the class-wide settlement is estimated to be worth \$26 billion dollars of which \$804 million (dollars) will be distributed in Ohio. Springdale's share of that settlement is estimated to be approximately \$98,000 (dollars). The settlement funds would be paid to the City in annual installments over 18 years and can be used for opioid remediation. Joe (Braun) said, "Obviously, that's subject to change." And, he's hoping that they realize that 18 payments is going to be kind of ridiculous. So, he's hoping that changes and some of this will be subject to change he believes, but that's what they're saying right now. We don't know exactly what all is involved here, but we assume that the funds will most likely benefit our Police and Fire departments as they are the front lines fighting the epidemic. The legislation being presented to you this evening authorizes the City Law Director to commit the City to participating in the settlement, should it be approved by the Court, a majority of the local governments involved must vote to participate in the settlement. As indicated within, it is being passed as an emergency, and we've had to have a special meeting because the Court is requiring that all local governments weigh in, whether they want to participate, and they gave us the August 13<sup>th</sup> deadline. So, hence the fact why we're having a special meeting this evening. We appreciate you being here. So, Attorney General, David Yost is recommending approval of the settlement, and the Court still, as Joe indicated, more than once, still revised the settlement, and we could be required to hold a public hearing and consider whether there are other things that warrant our approval, but this is what he knows to this point, and this is what has gone on in other jurisdictions.

Ordinance No. 32-2021 passes with six affirmative votes. (Mr. Ramirez was absent)

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Hawkins III  
Acting Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:  
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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