

City of Springdale Council

February 2, 2022

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on February 2, 2022.

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

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

The minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting were considered. Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Hawkins seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

The minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting were considered. Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Hawkins seconded. The minutes were approved with six affirmative votes, and one abstention (Ramirez).

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience

Ms. Matheny: Hello. Julie Matheny. I'm here on behalf of Springdale Offering Support tonight. I'm here to promote our first ever scholarship opportunity that we're offering this year. Just wanted to get this out to the public. The only requirements are this is for a college or a trade school, and you have to be a Springdale resident. And a graduating senior and with a 3.0 grade point average. The application and information is on the City of Springdale website under "Springdale Offering Support". Applications must be submitted by no later than March 1st, and we will make the winner announcement in May. There are a few different things the applicant would have to do. They would have to submit their transcripts, a couple of references, as well as, a one thousand word essay on their community service and so forth. So, to keep the appearance of fairness, the committee, S.O.S., has voted that no Springdale employees, relatives, or City officials' relatives would be eligible for this opportunity, but, that only deletes a couple of people up here, so, we're trying to get this announcement out to all the other Springdale seniors that we have so, I just wanted to get that out to the public. Does anyone have any questions? (None) Thank you very much.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 04-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES NECESSARY FOR THE STATE ROUTE 747 SOUTH URBAN PAVING PROJECT – P1D110406 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 04-2022; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Mr. Hawkins: So, the \$37,200 is it, in terms of the engineering initial services?

Mr. Riggs: Yes sir.

Mr. Hawkins: So, we're significantly under what we budgeted for.

Mr. Riggs nodded in agreement.

Mr. Hawkins: Excellent. Thank you.

Ordinance No. 04-2022 passes with seven affirmative votes.

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Resolution No. R04-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADMINISTER THE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION GRANT AWARD TO REPAIR AND REHABILITATE OUTDOOR TENNIS AND BASKETBALL COURTS AT 11999 LAWNVIEW AVENUE

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R04-2022; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Jones: I don't if Mr. (Brian) Uhl wants to talk briefly about this, but, he worked with Charlie Wilson, and, actually made an application for this particular grant, and I didn't know if he'd want to say something about that.

Mr. Uhl: Thank you. This was part of a plan to kind of apply for some grant funding that was becoming available both by way of Hamilton County, and also the State Capital Bill Funds. We needed to have some type of a "shovel-ready" project. We didn't really have any. We know there's some things in the future that we can apply for State Capital funds for in the State budget, but, this was one that we had kind of looming with our Parks and Recreation Department and knew we could apply for funding to hopefully revitalize these cracked courts. And, in the process of the tennis courts, making some additional pickle ball courts. So, we would take the four existing tennis courts, and rehabilitate the whole surface, keep two tennis courts, and create four pickle ball courts. And then, also move over and rehabilitate the entire basketball courts as well to include new basketball rims and backboards, and everything. So, that's part of the bigger project. A lot of this information has to get forwarded on to those folks by the end of this week as well. But, the Hamilton County grant was one portion of this grant opportunity.

Mr. Ramirez: I have a question about the use of those courts from my days on the Rec Commission and working at the Rec Center. I was led to believe since we use funds from the State and from Hamilton County that those facilities are open to anyone; not just people that may reside in Springdale, or may have a recreation membership. Is that true?

Mr. Uhl: That's correct.

Mr. Ramirez: Thank you.

Resolution No. R04-2022 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business

Mayor Webster: I was a little slow with the "Old Business". I can't imagine all of you aren't aware of the fact that we have sold the property. There's a big red "sold" sign up there. (Applause), and I'd almost given up hope. They just kept pushing it back and back and back. Anyway, it's done. The money's in the bank, and we no longer own the Sheraton property. So, we're anxious to see the cranes arrive on the site and something come up out of the ground. And, hopefully, it will happen this year sometime.

President Vanover: I was going to volunteer my chainsaw to take the interstate sign down.

Mayor Webster: I'm not sure what's going to happen with that big sign. Some crazy explosion.

President Vanover: There you go.

New Business

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None

Meetings and Announcements

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Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will be meeting next Tuesday, the 8th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

Mr. Uhl: I just wanted to make everyone aware to the general viewing public that we had to cancel the public open house for the Comprehensive Plan. We did select a new date, and that will be Tuesday, February 14th; same times, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Additionally, the Civil Service Commission has elected to cancel their February 3rd meeting as well. So, they will meet at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 3rd at 2:00 p.m. I'm sorry, February 15th. I apologize.

Mr. Anderson: By way of announcement, I promised to pass along this from some residents that talked to me that they really appreciated the Public Works the way they handled the last snow/ice storm that we had. Even though it seems like it's going to pale in comparison. The comment that came back to me that was most telling was you could really tell when you got to Springdale streets, and that included not just Kemper Road, but also the residential, and that's appreciated. So, I say that. I'd heard that feedback before the next storm was forecasted, so I hope they can maintain that as we come up, but I'd promised that I would pass on the thanks. So, "thank you" to Public Works.

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. 04-2022; An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with CT Consultants for Design Engineering Services for the State Route 747 South Urban Paving Program and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 7-0 vote. Item Number II was addressed with Resolution No. R04-2022; A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners to Administer the Community Revitalization Grant Award to Repair and Rehabilitate Outdoor Tennis and Basketball Courts at 11999 Lawnview Avenue. 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 Execution of an Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. Related to the Construction of Improvements to be Made to the East Kemper Road CSX Bridge and Declaring an Emergency. There's a request for An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with the Lowest and Best Bidder for the State Route 747 Curb Replacement Project and Declaring an Emergency. There's a request for A Resolution Declaring the Necessity of Improving Drive Aprons in the Public Right-of-Way as a Part of the State Route 747 Curb Replacement Project. And, that would be it in terms of the next meeting, unless there's anything else from Council or the Administration.

Mrs. Ghantous: I missed my cue a little bit ago. I was supposed to let you know that the Rules and Laws Committee met today to discuss the peer-to-peer car situation. And, Mr. Braun presented the final draft, and the Committee voted in favor of that. And, it will be on the agenda next time for the first reading. Thank you.

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Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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