

City of Springdale Council

February 5

2014

President of Council Tom Vanover called Council to order on February 5, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Mrs. McNear gave the invocation. Mrs. McNear asked everyone to keep the family of Irv Turner in your thoughts and prayers this evening as well as Shirley McNear. Irv is a longtime resident of Springdale who passed away last evening.

Mrs. McNear took roll call. Present were Council members Diehl, Emerson, Harlow, Hawkins, Knox, Squires and Vanover.

The minutes of January 8, 2014 and January 15, 2014 were approved with seven affirmative votes.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. McNear said we have a notification from Ohio Public Works that assistance has been granted in the amount of \$515,856 for the West Kemper Road rehabilitation. This evening I handed out a filing reminder for 2013 financial disclosures. As usual, they are due on April 15. Please do not be late because you will be fined. We have online filing available. If you don't have access and you need a copy of the printed paper let me know and we'll get a printed copy to you. Also, we received a letter from the Government Financial Officers Association. Every February or so we receive a letter announcing that the City will be receiving a Certificate of Achievement plaque that will be sent to Jeff Williams, our Financial Officer and Tax Commissioner. This is for excellence in accounting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE - none

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Parham said we are continuing to fill vacant positions throughout the City. Most often the employees who are leaving our employment are retiring. Our recording secretary, Barbara Thetford, is with us for two more meetings. The staff has gone through a recruitment process and identified a new employee who began her work with us on Friday so I'm going to introduce our Health Commissioner, Cammie Mitrione who will introduce the new employee.

Mrs. Mitrione said good evening Mayor Webster, members of the Springdale City Council, Mr. Parham, Mr. Thamann, and distinguished guests and visitors. It is my pleasure to have the opportunity to introduce to you the new Administrative Assistant who will be taking over the position held by our very own Barbara Thetford when she retires at the end of this month.

Ms. Janis Oxendine graduated from Mt. Healthy High School. She has an impressive employment history beginning with six years of active duty in the US Air Force followed by three years of reserve duty. She performed various jobs as a Communications Analyst, Reporter, and German Linguist. She then began a career with Fluor Fernald for the Department of Energy, as a Program Management Assistant, Records Specialist, and Information and Administration Manager until the Fernald Project was completed. Since then she has held positions at Jewish Hospital, Sheakley UniComp located here in Springdale, and most recently, Children's Hospital. Ms. Oxendine received a Bachelor's of Arts (BA in Business Administration) from Wilmington College and a Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) at the College of Mount St. Joseph.

Ms. Oxendine has two adult daughters. The oldest lives in Indianapolis and works in Business Development for a large transportation company. She is also a 1st Lieutenant in the US Army. Her youngest daughter is a sophomore at Brown University in Rhode Island. Janis' hobbies include visiting the gym, reading, and bicycling, and she is a Colerain Township resident.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you Janis Oxendine.

Janis Oxendine said I thank you for the opportunity to work here and I look forward to serving you.

Mayor Webster said Janis, I'd just like to officially welcome you aboard to the City workforce, the City family. We think it's a great place to work and we hope you'll share that opinion. Mr. Knox stated welcome Janis. I had the pleasure of working with Janis, although I worked on what was known as the clean side and she worked most of the time over where the hard work was, and if anybody would glow, she might be the person.

Mr. Vanover also welcomed Janis.

Presentation – Infection Disease Control – Dr. Judith Feinberg

Mayor Webster opened by stating on June 19th, Dr. Feinberg was here to introduce a program that the Health Department recommended called an Infectious Disease Control program. Dr. Feinberg gave us a lot of information back on June 19th and at that point there was still a lot of missing links, and I know she's done a tremendous amount of work, six or seven months, to get this program ready to roll. Without stealing any of her thunder, I'd like to at this time for Dr. Judith Feinberg to bring us up to date on where we stand on introducing the Infectious Disease Program.

Dr. Feinberg stated thank you very much Mayor Webster. Thank you for having me here again members of City Council, Administrator Parham. My colleagues have been hard at work over the last several months to obtain the funding and support to bring this to fruition, so I'm pleased to say with the wonderful generosity of three non-profits in the area, we now have a large medical RV that will be the home for this program. It's very important to have some heat and indoor space starting in this season. We have written two grants that will provide the majority of the funding for this project. The first and largest grant comes from Interact for Health, formerly known as The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, and that is actually the seed money to get this project going. We'll support the salary of Elizabeth Harrison, who is the Project Manager. So we have that funding and I also applied to the Ohio Department of Health and got a second grant, a two-year grant, to support this endeavor. It is very specific to educate people and then hand out prescriptions for kits that include naloxone, which is the overdose antidote for people who are found unconscious from an overdose of either prescription drugs or heroin and that's a very significant thing because that's quite an expensive drug. Sadly, although it's generic and it's been around for 40 years, there's only one manufacturer and the demand for it is very high so the price keeps going up. So those are the two significant pieces of funding and then Interact for Health has also been generous enough to give us a challenge grant and if we can raise \$25,000 before the end of 2014, they'll match it with another \$25,000. If we can get our match and the donations we're hoping to get, then I think we'll be on solid footing. None of us wants to start this and then not have it be sustainable. I should introduce, you met him last time, Adam Reilly, who is the Program Director. I am the Medical Director, of the Cincinnati Exchange Project. That name was chosen a long time ago before the courage and generosity of Springdale allowed us to start, but it's generic enough for the area, I think. We've met with the manager of the Olde Gate Shopping Plaza, where we're going to be located, on Northland Boulevard, thanks to the efforts of Health Commissioner Mitrione, to secure a space and he was very helpful and welcoming. So we're really looking forward to getting this started. We will be here at Olde Gate Plaza; initial plans are Monday from 10 to 2 and Thursdays from 3 to 7. That gives people an opportunity to come on their lunch hour, or after they get kids off to school, or between work and going home. Not everyone who uses drugs, you know, people work and have families, unlike maybe a popular vision of what people who use drugs are like and we will extend those hours as needed. We don't know how many people will come, but Libby Harrison has done a good job of informing people in this community and other communities, so we'll see what happens. I think Monday is supposed to be one of those 20 degree days, but we'll see how that goes. Under Adam's direction is the rapid HIV and Hepatitis C and pregnancy testing, which is supported by grants also ultimately from ODH, so that's not something the syringe exchange itself has to be responsible for. So we've pulled together resources from many different places to make this happen. We had hoped of course, to have started in the fall, but then we had to wait for a contract to be signed for Interact for Health and the University of Cincinnati and

that just took a while. In terms of that funding, we were live by January 2, 2014, so we've hired Libby, we've trained volunteers, we have all kinds of information for resources for our clients, in Hamilton County, but the Alcohol and Drug and Substance Abuse Board just north of here in Butler County has expressed real interest in this, anticipating that people will come across the county line from Butler County; they also have a tremendous problem. So we also have resources to direct people to in Butler County and we're actually hoping to obtain some funds from the Alcohol and Drug Assistance Board there to help us with the expenses. We put two syringes of naloxone in a kit and those two syringes cost \$30. So it's a fairly expensive antidote but \$30 is nothing if you're looking at someone's life. I didn't bring any slides or anything fancy; I'd just thought I'd give you a verbal update on what's happening and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Mayor Webster stated thank you Doctor. How is the word getting circulated? If I were an addict, how would I know that you're there?

Dr. Feinberg stated we have flyers and postcards that have been distributed. We've tacked up flyers all over town. I think the word spreads pretty fast. If anything, I'm a little concerned that when we start on Monday, we'll be overwhelmed. I don't think there will be a shortage of people. These are services that people really want and need. So all the interactions we've had are that they see this as an important resource.

Mayor Webster stated that I've seen pictures of the exchange emblem that's going to be on the side of the RV; is that a symbol that's universal?

Dr. Feinberg replied it's not a universal symbol. We wanted something that visually conveyed the idea without having to use a lot of words and make people upset who don't need to be upset. There will be substantial press coverage. I think you all know of this problem from watching TV and reading newspapers and particularly since Mr. Hoffman overdosed in New York the other day it is more visible. We have a press release that has been seen by Commissioner Mitrione and we expect to have pictures this Friday where the van is actually stored, not on site. If people don't already know, when they pick up their newspaper and turn on the TV this weekend they will be aware.

Mrs. Harlow said you said the antidote medicine has been around for forty years. Was that used for a different problem?

Dr. Feinberg replied no, it has a very specific use. Opiates stick to something called a mu receptor in the brain and this medicine kicks the opiates off the mu receptor extremely rapidly. People who are barely breathing and turning blue when given this medicine immediately pink up, sit up and start breathing. The main way this has been used for many years is injection. Now you can take this liquid medicine across any bodily surface. You screw a nasal adapter onto it and squirt it up someone's nostrils so you don't have to be a medical person. You don't have to know how to use a needle. We are hoping that the parents, children, spouses and siblings of people who are suffering from this kind of addiction will come and be trained. You can't rescue yourself if you are unconscious but the people around you can do this and it takes no skill at all. We have a CD made by the Ohio Department of Health. We'll show it to people on the van and ask them questions and be sure they know how to do it and give them the prescription. The prescription is going to be dispensed by a pharmacy on Glenway because that's who we could find who would do this. To be a terminal distributor of anything controlled is a tremendous amount of paperwork and this pharmacy is already doing it for the other pilot project in town. People will have to get from here to the west side but I'm sure they'll find a way to do that.

Mrs. Harlow asked are there currently slots open for people wanting to go into rehab.

Dr. Feinberg replied this is always a moving target because a slot could be open and then filled immediately. The sad reality is that in this entire region there are inadequate drug treatment programs.

Mrs. Harlow asked do you see that changing.

Dr. Feinberg said the larger effort that we are all part of is trying to get more money, state and local to beef up the availability of drug treatment programs. There are an inadequate number of slots. The people we can get into treatment immediately are pregnant women because their unborn babies are at risk. For non-pregnant patients we've already executed memoranda of understandings with all of the local providers and we will attempt to get people in as soon as we can. I can't guarantee that to them or to you because the demand is high and the number of slots is small.

Mrs. Harlow stated I noticed on TV today that Kentucky has legislation regarding drug addiction and pregnant women.

Dr. Feinberg said the babies have to be weaned just like an adult would have to be weaned.

Mrs. Harlow said unfortunately it affects every family. You won't find many families that don't have some type of situation with drug abuse in their families. It affects all socio-economic groups.

Dr. Feinberg said as of September 1, 2013 all the large area health systems started offering toxicology testing to identify pregnant women who are taking narcotics. It is so important to identify them early and be prepared for the baby.

Mr. Hawkins asked is there any plan to give people the Vivitrol shot or get them set up with it. I know it's expensive.

Dr. Feinberg said Vivitrol is a pilot program in the drug court in Warren County. It is incredibly expensive and they have a pilot program from the Ohio Department of Health that is paying for it. There are substance abuse programs that can prescribe and use Vivitrol. This is a long acting medication that you need injected once a month. It's hard to foresee that we would be doing this from the medical RV. Part of the resources we have updated are all the places people can go. Vivitrol is unbelievably expensive, about \$1,000 a shot. At this point it's probably only available to people who have really good insurance.

Mr. Hawkins asked are you hoping for the whole Greater Cincinnati area. Are you hoping to go into Butler County?

Dr. Feinberg replied I know as a physician taking care of people from around this region who are then sent to University Hospital that this is everywhere. The majority of our mutually interactive referral services are in Hamilton County so I am hoping we largely serve people from Hamilton County. We are going to get support from Butler County and we are close to Butler County here. I don't have any sense that we're going to exclude people based on where they live. The important thing for us in terms of giving information back to Springdale, Sharonville, and Hamilton County is where are these people coming from. The key thing we are going to get from people is their zip codes and county of residence. Then we'll have data to know where they are coming from. To me it's a public health issue so I don't see excluding people who are not Hamilton County residents but I think the majority will be from Hamilton County. When we have the data we will show Butler County how many people are coming from Hamilton and Middletown, they've already talked to us about bringing the van up there. We have a meeting set up with Mayor Cranley next week. We've had the same emergency order you gave us for almost two years in the City of Cincinnati so we're hoping we finally get the law enforcement and government side to be as thoughtful and insightful as all of you have been. Then we'll really be moving to the hot spots around the area.

Mr. Knox asked is OxyContin an opiate?

Dr. Feinberg replied yes. One of the reasons we are in this is non-medical use of OxyContin sold on the street. It's a very powerful, long acting narcotic.

Mrs. Emerson said I'm hearing on the news that they are diluting the heroin with fentanyl. Is that the reason we're having more overdoses?

Dr. Feinberg responded that's a very good question. There have been 22 fatalities in Pittsburgh where heroin was laced with fentanyl. Fentanyl is another synthesized narcotic, much more powerful than heroin. It's usually used as part of an anesthesia in a very controlled environment in the operating room. We have had no cases of that here yet. I hope we don't because you would need a lot of naloxone to reverse the effects of a fentanyl overdose and it's quick. We are experiencing close to an overdose death a day in Hamilton County, 1.8 people every other day. Some of those are prescription narcotics and some are heroin.

Mrs. Emerson asked on the methadone and suboxone, are those cheaper drugs that could be used down the road to get people off of heroin?

Dr. Feinberg answered methadone is very rigidly controlled by federal law. You can't do it from our RV. You have to meet all kinds of federal criteria and it's not an easy thing to do. Any physician who spends eight hours of training and then takes a test can be licensed to prescribe suboxone which is a way to soften the symptoms of withdrawal and ease people out. The idea is not to have them on suboxone forever like people are on methadone. The idea is to wean them off and we are already doing this in our clinic.

Mrs. Emerson asked is the only pain clinic in Indiana? Do we have any in Ohio?

Dr. Feinberg replied those pill mills? There were eleven in Portsmouth and they were all shut down.

Mrs. Emerson responded no, where the patients can go to get methadone or suboxone.

Dr. Feinberg said there is a big substance abuse management clinic in Indiana but there are several in Cincinnati and outside of Cincinnati. Some are specifically methadone, some specifically suboxone and some abstinence.

Mrs. Emerson asked is that information you will give to the people who come in?

Dr. Feinberg replied yes, part of the information we have gathered is which programs offer what approaches, who to contact, etc. We will try to smooth that path for people; however, I can't guarantee that there is a spot for them.

Mrs. Emerson said I appreciate you coming. I think this is a long needed thing here and it's a start. Maybe it will catch on.

Dr. Feinberg stated Adam and I have been working on this since 2006. This is culmination of eight years of data gathering and talking and convincing people.

Mrs. Harlow asked in the data you have collected, will you be able to determine how many of the clients actually have the prescription filled?

Dr. Feinberg replied it's all a closed loop. Ohio Department of Health is only giving me enough money for 200 hits and they think it will take me two years to do this.

Mrs. Harlow asked does the patient have to pay for this?

Dr. Feinberg replied no, they just have to show up with a prescription signed by me. It's controlled at the State pharmacy level.

Mr. Parham said you talked about one of the drugs that have the ability to kick the opium off the brain. Does it permanently kick it off the brain or once an addict, always an addict?

Dr. Feinberg replied there is a range of human behaviors. There are abstinence only programs. The problem with a narcotic addiction is that first of all, it's a brain disease. It alters your brain chemistry and the possibility of relapse is very real. Some people will go through drug treatment four, five, six, eight, ten times before they clean up for good. Some people can come back to their lives. Other people can only be successful with lifelong methadone maintenance. I think anything that suits that individual to become a job holder, a parent, a spouse, that's a productive member of society, is fine. I can't sit in judgment of people who require methadone to stay off the heroin. But everybody, by no means, requires life-long prescription drug support. That's the ideal thing, to be a functional person again, without that. But some people can't make it. You try to wean them off the methadone; you drop the dose and then they have cravings again and they're really at risk for losing their sobriety. It's not a one size fits all.

Mr. Parham asked with the grants that you've been able to secure are any of these on a continuous basis, ongoing or is there a chance to have the same grant in 2015, 2016? What is the application process?

Dr. Feinberg stated the first grant is \$50,000; it's from Interact for Health; that's what is buying our supplies and Libby's salary, and that's one year, the whole calendar year of 2014. The second grant is from November 2013 to June 2015, and that's the two-year Ohio Department of Health grant; that's \$24,000 per year. But that is actually to educate and distribute and report back to them on the outcomes of 200 people being trained to use intranasal Naloxone and I frankly think we're going to do that in short order and I've talked to ODH about that and they said well, come back to us and we'll see what we can do. Then the money that the Alcohol, Drug Substance Abuse Board of Butler County is going to contribute to Interact for Health as a non-profit, will probably buy additional Naloxone. Of course they want to see that people who live in Butler County get access to that. It's not restricted. That is really the most expensive piece of everything we're doing. The other things that would otherwise cost a significant amount of money are already supported by ongoing Ohio Department of Health programs like the disease and pregnancy testing programs. That's all supported by money I didn't have to go get. We have a website www.cincyep.org, all one word. It doesn't matter if cincy is spelled with a "y" or an "i." The clever guy who put the website together for us got both names. We're going to try to publicize this because there's a way to donate money to us through Interact for Health so that we can continue to buy the supplies. We have this matching grant I mentioned so that if we raise \$25,000, we'll get an additional \$25,000 so that Interact for Health will have given us a \$100,000 by the end of 2014 if we do our part in raising the money (2015 is a whole new story). I've been writing grants like crazy, just sent one in January 23; I have another one going in February 16, looking for all kinds of support. It is difficult financially for individuals and governments, so we're trying to find what we can find to put this together. I will give statistics to the Health Commissioner here, and she will be able to share that with you on a regular basis. I'm sure you're interested in knowing how this works and who's using it and we'll be able to give you zip code data too, to see how many of the residents are from Springdale. I think that will be useful to everybody, to see what's going on.

Mr. Squires stated I think I can say with confidence, that since I'm liaison to the Board of Health, that the Board is very excited about this program. One of the members is in the audience, Mrs. Lynn Jones; behind you of course is our Health Commissioner, Cammie Mitrione, and of course the Mayor to my left, presides over that board. I am very proud to say that Springdale is honored to lead this, to offer you the opportunity to get this program going. I don't know how many we're going to save, but I think it will be more than a few. It's a step in the right direction and it's ably-led. You have your people over

here that I have confidence in by just looking at them; they're showing the enthusiasm that I think is desired; it's going to succeed. Thank you very much.

Dr. Feinberg stated after eight years of hard work, I can't tell you how grateful we are to the City of Springdale for this opportunity because I think it shows real leadership and I think the rest of the city and county is going to fall in line. This is everybody's problem. Actually it's sad how much dispersed and distributed this is. The other thing I'm going to try to do is leave you with this piece – I'm in conversation with the people at Freestore Foodbank; they apparently have the contract with the State of Ohio to do navigation to sign people up for the Affordable Care Act. I venture to say a lot of the people who are going to come to the exchange probably are not insured. It would be a really good idea if we could get them insured because they need medical care, mental health care. We may find out they have HIV or Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C, all of which are very expensive diseases to manage, so we have until March 31 to sign people up for 2014, so we're really going to try to have a patient navigator on the van for every session through the end of March and try to get people signed up for insurance. Then we'll find out how to do that again when it opens again in the fall for 2015. If we identify people as an infectious disease, then we should want to get them into care. It's not going to be helpful to them to find out they have Hepatitis C and then they can't see anybody. We've thought about that aspect of it too, trying to get people signed up. We're really excited about the opportunity; I can't really tell you how grateful we are. Thank you.

Mayor Webster stated we have with us this evening our Assistant Chief Stanley from our Fire Department and Chief Mathis from our Police Department. Do you gentlemen have anything you want to add or any questions you have for Dr. Feinberg or any comments you want to make?

Police Chief Mathis stated I don't have questions for Dr. Feinberg; she's been very good about communicating with us and we've openly discussed the issues. I've presented this to our supervisory staff yesterday at our Police Department staff meeting and the bottom line is, this is a medical health care facility on wheels. People go to medical health care facilities in this city for psychological counseling, for addictive counseling, already for medical health care. We're not going to sit outside of anybody's doctor's office or any place like that where they're going to try to get help for a very real problem and to try to interfere with their ability to get treatment. However, and Dr. Feinberg knows this, we're not going to tolerate lawlessness and it's been made very clear to our staff that if we catch people selling drugs or using drugs or coming out into the community causing problems, they're going to get arrested. The places where these other programs have been, in Portsmouth, I've spoke to, the newest program in Ohio, they've not had that issue because this is a golden opportunity for people who have drug problems, IV drug users, to get treatment and they pretty much know that so they don't try to kill the goose that lays the golden egg, so to speak. This continues to be a problem, it's here in Springdale. Again, I want to emphasize this is not just a Springdale problem, this is a regional, nation-wide problem. When Mr. Parham brought this up, I just looked over the past three months, and in one memorable week in Springdale from November 4 to November 11, 2013, we had four people that we responded to that were unresponsive from a heroin overdose; three of which live in the city. So we have residents who are abusing opiates and paying the consequences and I want to commend our Fire Department because they are very quick to respond; they're very professional. These people wouldn't be alive probably, if it weren't for the response of the Fire Department and the narcan that they use, Naloxone, whatever you want to call it. We just had a person at one of our local businesses, at the gas pumps, a little over a week ago, that we found unresponsive with a syringe sticking out of their arm.

Assistant Chief Stanley added as I came here, the Fire Department responded to a run in Sharonville. All their squads were out so they called us for mutual aid at one of their hotels, for a 40-year old, non-breather, apparent overdose; so they're probably still at the hospital with that guy now. The last update that I had is that they were not able to revive him but they were still in the process of attempting to do that. That's why it's a great idea to equip them with the Narcan, so they can administer it themselves, just like she said. It doesn't take much skill to be able to atomize it and put it up their nose. As long as their families are aware the product is there and they are familiar with how to use it; they very well could have saved the guy's life in Sharonville tonight, if they would've had that. There

is going to be a little bit of lag time from someone identifying that there's a problem until the time that we're actually dispatched and then we respond, and that's if it is in Springdale. We actually had to go to Sharonville so there's going to be some lag time with that and that's if there's someone there to discover that they had an overdose. A lot of the addicts do it in private. We're finding that a lot; where they're meeting up in parking lots to purchase the drugs, and the desire to take it is just so great they can't wait so they just take it right there in their car and sometimes it takes a while before someone is observant enough to discover that and know they're having a problem and dial 911. I think it's a great opportunity for people to get educated, a great opportunity for the families that are struggling to deal with these family members that are using drugs.

Dr. Feinberg said in the material we are putting out describing the program; it says very clearly, don't bring drugs to this site. Don't use drugs at this site. Don't bring anything that could get you in trouble with the law. We will not continue people as clients who don't abide by that.

Chief Mathis said it's in our community. It's in every community. I look at some of the people we have dealt with, Hamilton County, Warren County. This is not a get soft on crime program. This is a multi-disciplinary approach to a serious problem. In addition to the public health care tax dollar savings if we can keep people from getting HIV or Hepatitis C or cardiac infection from using a dirty needle, it's no different than having a DARE officer in school trying to teach people not to use drugs. We have public service announcements about drinking and driving, OVI checkpoints. We have people assigned to drug enforcement as we will continue to do. We need public health to come in also and deal with people to refer people for counseling and medical treatment. There has to be a multi-discipline approach. I don't think law enforcement has ever arrested themselves out of a problem. You may find a very specific location we can do that at, but if you are talking about a major crime issue, to try to reduce the problem you can't just use enforcement. You have to use education, health care, and a broad based array of services. We'll do our part and I know they're going to do their part. I don't think we're going to butt heads.

Mr. Vanover said it's my understanding that even with the administration of Narcan they still need medical attention.

Dr. Feinberg said the training and the booklet they get says the first thing you do is call 911 because if someone has taken a very large dose of opiates, the two syringes aren't going to be enough. If it's laced with fentanyl two syringes are not going to be enough. Also, as people get revived, they vomit, they suck the vomit into their lungs and they need medical attention. The first thing we do is train people to call 911. The rest of their training is rescue breathing. There are many aspects to reviving someone who is not breathing. If you are interested, I will give a DVD and pamphlet to Cammie and she can share it with you

Mayor Webster said I'd like to follow up on what Mr. Squires said. We first brought this subject up in early June and we had Dr. Feinberg come in. It was presented to the Board of Health before that and we enthusiastically endorsed it. However, we did not want to proceed without the support of City Council. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for helping us and supporting this. It is sad that any community has to do this but at the same time I'm very proud that this community has stepped forward and said yes we will show some leadership here as one of five Health Departments in the county that could do this and the other four at this point elected not to do it, so I'm very proud of our Health Commission and also the support we've received from City Council to move this thing forward and I commend Dr. Feinberg and her cohorts on all the effort they've put into this thing so hopefully this will come to fruition here in a very fruitful way for a lot of people and provide some help and guidance and be something a lot more than just a needle exchange program. Thank you very much Doctor.

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2014

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR THE PROPERTY AT 135 NORTHLAND BOULEVARD, CONSISTING OF 6.837 ACRES, AND CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM SUPPORT SERVICE (SS) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (GB)

Mr. Vanover stated Council, this is our first reading of this ordinance and we do have a Public Hearing scheduled for February 19, 2014. Is there any discussion at this point?

Ms Harlow stated she's in favor of this when it comes up for vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-2014

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN ADDENDUM TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL INSPECTION SERVICES WITH INSPECTION BUREAU, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Vanover stated Council I want to fully disclose I will be abstaining on this vote just from the standpoint that I interact with IBI on a regular basis as part of my normal subsistence. That said, we have had the reading and it does include an emergency clause.

Mr. Squires made a motion to adopt and Mrs. Emerson seconded.

Mr. Parham stated Council, as pointed out in the pending legislation report, the Ohio Board of Building Standards has, over the last few years, had discussions with jurisdictions that use IBI for their electrical inspections and plan reviews. Discussions seem to be centered more around who has the final sign-off on those approvals. There has been some discussions with the Building Officials in the State and the Board of Building Standards to address the Board's concerns. The Building Officials were able to craft language that as you see in the attached agreement or addendum that would allow, as long as IBI hires it owns Building Official, the Board would then would permit IBI's Building Official to sign off on these final approvals. Absent this addendum, the documents would have to go to IBI, they'd have to come back to staff, and before they can be signed off, staff would have to sign off on the documentation, which slows the process up and make it a very inefficient process for those we try to serve. Therefore, through this addendum and this language, the State has agreed this will suffice and meet their requirements.

Ordinance 4-2014 passed, with five affirmative votes. Mr. Knox voted no, and Mr. Vanover abstained.

RESOLUTION NO. R3 -2014

SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF EPISCOPAL RETIREMENT HOME AFFORDABLE LIVING, LLC, FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS FROM THE OHIO HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY TO HELP REFINANCE AND RENOVATE THE MEADOWS ADJACENT TO THE MAPLE KNOLL VILLAGE CAMPUS

Mr. Knox made a motion to adopt and Mr. Squires seconded.

Mr. Parham stated Council, at the last meeting I mentioned to you that we'd had contact from Maple Knoll Village that was seeking assistance from the City. At that time, it was not clear exactly what assistance they were seeking. Since then the Mayor and I had a meeting with Mr. Ken Huff, who is the Finance Officer with Maple Knoll Village and Mr. Jay Kittenbrink who is with Episcopal Retirement Homes Affordable Living. The project as identified in the resolution is one which they're intending to renovate the Meadows, that is located on the campus of Maple Knoll Village. There are 149 rental units at the Meadows. Episcopal Retirement Homes will serve as the developer for this project as well as the manager of the Meadows. They will also be handling the reconstruction. What they are seeking from Council through this resolution is support from the City with their application with the Ohio Housing Financing Agency. Hopefully they will be successful and the grant will provide for the low income tax credits to help pay for the renovation. With that I would offer the opportunity for Mr. Huff and Mr. Kittenbrink to come forward and add something to what I've attempted to not mess up.

Mr. Huff stated I'm Ken Huff, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Maple Knoll Communities that operates Maple Knoll Village. I'm

also Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for The Meadows, so we're closely aligned. We're talking about a five and a half million dollar renovation plan that will update every unit. The idea of using low income housing tax credits is because it doesn't create any debt for us. The tax credits pay for the renovation. We have roughly a 15-year period to satisfy the requirements of the tax credits and that's basically the project. Jay Kittenbrink with Episcopal Retirement Homes has gone through this four or five times using housing tax credits. The state agency will give points for having an experienced developer. I have no experience with this kind of a project. We partner with Episcopal Retirement Homes; we're both policy holders and owners of an insurance company, we participate in group purchasing operations, so Episcopal Retirement Homes is well known to us. We have over a ten-year relationship, so we're thinking it's the ideal partner. As far as some of the specifics, if there are questions, I have to defer to Jay. Happy to answer any questions you have.

Mayor Webster states needless to say, there's no financial commitment on part of the city, no obligation for us to pay anything; it's just supporting a good corporate citizen and the work they've been doing over the years and we're going to continue that.

Jay Kittenbrink states just so the Council is aware, and I thank you for allowing us to be here, there will be about 100 applications, about 30 will get funded. So your support helps boost the chance of that happening, as well as the Mayor's support and the letter. That's just one piece of that and I just wanted you to be aware of how competitive and how difficult it would be so we need everything we can get.

Resolution R3-2014 passed, with seven affirmative votes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Harlow stated I want to thank the City for allowing Mr. Diehl, Mr. Knox and me to attend the planning workshop that was held out in Anderson on January 31, 2014. It was very informative and I'm glad I had an opportunity to go. Thank you.

Mayor Webster stated a couple of people before the meeting asked me about the salt supply. Believe it or not, these are the numbers before this latest storm last night, our inventory on hand is just about where it was at the start of the season. Our dome holds 2700 tons of salt. At the beginning of the season we had 1479 tons, and as of Sunday night, we had 1454 tons. So what we've used up to this point is what we've received here in the season. I think we've got some more on its way. I'm sure we're not getting much more snow.

Mr. Thamann said the City remains in negotiations with the FOP unions, our two bargaining units, both supervisors and patrol officers. Back in November, there was a request made of Council to sign off on an extension of the Ohio Revised Code Section 4117.14(G)(11) which is referred to a G11 agreement, that allows, if we go to conciliation, a conciliator to make any awards that might have cost implications or wages retroactive back to January 1st of 2014. We've remained in negotiations; we still have another meeting scheduled later this month and both parties are asking for another extension of this agreement. The original one expires the end of this month, February 28, and we're asking that Council extend this to June 30th, 2014. Last time we did this, we did a roll call of Council's vote for approval.

Mr. Diehl made a motion to allow an extension until June 30, 2014 and Mrs. Harlow second. The motion passed with seven affirmative votes.

Mr. Parham stated at our last meeting, I presented to you the opportunity for us to replace two of our dump trucks and we're in the process of putting that in place. In fact at our next meeting, we have scheduled legislation authorizing us to finance the purchase of the two dump trucks. Again, we've been able to secure and lock in a rate with US Bank at 1.38 % over a three-year period. We've said to them give us something (a rate) if we were to borrow between \$225,000 and \$270,000. This is in case we were to order a large truck

and a smaller truck. That is scheduled for the February 19th meeting. Today was a very interesting day. Probably around 7:40 a.m. this morning I received a call from our Public Works Director, Mr. Jeff Agricola, indicating that one of Parks vehicles caught on fire and burned up. We've not yet determined the actual cause of the fire, but the vehicle was essentially destroyed.

Mr. Parham displayed a number of photos of the fire event on the projection screen and provided some narrative of the photos. He stated that both Mr. Agricola and Fire Department were taking pictures of the event. One picture showed the Fire Department had arrived and was working on putting the vehicle out. You can see the plow located in the front of the vehicle. This vehicle was one of our smaller units. I believe this was our largest vehicle in the Parks Department. This event occurred on Centron, off of Progress and Crescentville. A number of these photographs were taken by Fire Captain Scott Williams as he arrived on the scene, as they were fighting the fire. The employee that was driving the unit at the time escaped, no injuries, no harm. He's doing fine. He indicated that all of the sudden the cabin began to fill with smoke from the bottom and as soon as he saw the smoke, then immediately to his right he began to see fire. The initial assessment by the Fire Department says it probably began somewhere in the radio/air conditioning dashboard electrical unit area. These were taken from a distance, then getting closer to the vehicle (continues to review slides). I think we've shared with you previously that a number of years back we reduced our number of snow routes from seven to six routes. We have talked repeatedly about our equipment and the age of the equipment and of course unfortunately we've had this incident. Later on in the afternoon, as Mr. Agricola was out working, and trying to address the snow issues, he stopped in my office and shared with me the latest – there was a second one of our units, unit number 3, a large dump truck, that is used to plow the Sharon Road snow route, and as the employee was driving west on Sharon plowing, he got to the corp line, raise the blade, turned around and begin to come back east. As he made the turn, and lowered the blade back down, it bounced a couple of times and then simply popped off the unit and wrapped around the vehicle. There's a very large pin that holds the blade to the truck. The pin sheared off. The good thing is right now we do not believe there is any damage to the blade. The only other damage was finding a new pin. As I spoke to Mr. Agricola about 6:30 this evening, we had not yet found the pin but we believe we should be able to get it because it's a standard size pin. At the same time, a couple of hydraulics lines that handle the salt and the calcium were sheared off as well. Those can also be replaced as well, and some other cosmetic or minor damage to the vehicle but nothing too serious. So we think we'll be able to get that vehicle back up and running. That now puts us, at the end of today, with five vehicles that are operable. I think at the last meeting we talked about Units 2 and 20; Unit number 2 was the one that we believe had a crack in the head gasket. Once we sent it in for repairs, we thought the price would be about \$6000 to get it back on the road. Instead, they found other items that took the price to \$20,000. At that point we said we're not going to fix Unit number 2. Unit number 20 on the other hand was the one that had the power issue where the guy could jump out and beat it up the hill; we think we're able to solve that problem. We're simply waiting for parts to be delivered. Once the parts are delivered, hopefully those will come in the next day or so, because they are forecasting snow for this upcoming weekend, hopefully we'll have Unit 20 back up and running. The cost to fix Unit 20 increased to \$12,000. We've decided to get Unit number 20 repaired because we need to have that sixth vehicle and this was before the fire this morning and the plow issue later on today. And so we believe we'll get unit 20 back up and running, but at the same time, we're operating with older equipment and we need to make it through the season.

We have tried other options such as finding units to rent; we've had no success. The unit that burned today, we've had contact with our insurance group, and we think the number we'll be reimbursed for the damage will be about \$45,000. Mr. Karle had placed into his five-year budget dollars to replace either this unit or his other unit. About \$58,000 I believe in 2015 or 2016. Of course we can't wait for 2015 or 2016. We need another unit now. That \$58,000 was based on a 2013 State bid price. The state bids have expired and so we find ourselves without a state bid list to pull from. Absent that, because the amount, or costs for these units exceed \$50,000, which is our threshold, we would have to go out to bid. I had a discussion with the Law Director earlier this afternoon about the purchase of a new truck. If you think back about what we've mentioned in the past about potential natural disasters that we may have to address, part of that speaks to the fact that

Council has the ability to determine an emergency and allow us to waive the requirement to bid. Well, we think we're in an emergency situation right now. We need to find a vehicle and replace the damaged vehicle. So what we would ask tonight is that Council entertains a motion to determine or declare this an emergency and give us the authority to identify and purchase a vehicle that's probably going to exceed the \$50,000 threshold. Of course we're going to do our due diligence. We are going to find a vehicle at the least cost possible. We've already had the Parks Department making telephone contacts with the vendor, Walt Sweeney, who was the 2014 low bidder; however it has been a challenge because no one seems to have any 2014's in stock and the 2015's may not have been built yet. If Sweeney had a 2014, we could buy that and base it off the state bid as long as the contract period has not expired but I believe it has expired. So where we find ourselves now is whether we can find a 2014 or 2015, we need to find a unit, to get it up and operating, and get it back on the road so that we will be able to care for the streets. So with that, I'm willing to answer any questions you may have relative to this issue.

Mr. Hawkins stated knowing that the driver is okay, a shrewd question is was the salt salvageable?

Mr. Parham replied I've had that question asked a few times today. I even thought it when I saw the photographs, so yes, we were able to secure the salt; it's a valued commodity.

Mr. Forbes stated I was just going to mention, in talking with Mr. Parham about this earlier, this situation is provided for exactly in your Charter: Article 7, Section F, specifically provides Council with the ability to waive the bidding requirement and also to waive any further approval from Council by declaring this to be an emergency situation so it's not something we just came up with today; it's right in your Charter, that would allow this to happen.

Mayor Webster indicates that it is very important that this is clearly spelled out on this issue in the council minutes because if the State Auditor wants to come in and get us for not getting competitive bids, we can rely on referencing the minutes and the fact that it is spelled out in our Charter, giving us the authority to do this. We would certainly like to ask Council's support to proceed.

Mr. Diehl stated I would like to make a motion to declare an emergency exists relative to the City's ability to effectively clear snow from the public right-of-way and to preserve the public peace, health, and safety immediately and we waive the \$50,000 requirement for bid on this occasion to purchase a new replacement truck. Mr. Squires seconded the motion.

The motion was passed with seven affirmative votes.

Mr. Parham thanked City Council for their support. He continued on stating we've talked previously, I believe, it was at the January 15th meeting, in which we discussed the possibility or potential of the installation of sidewalks on the north side of West Kemper Road. At that meeting, we indicated we would gather information on installing the sidewalk and report back to Council during a Public Meeting on the issue. Now that we have gathered the information, we would like to schedule the Public Meeting for the February 19th Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. A Notice is scheduled to go out to the residents on both sides of Kemper Road, between Walnut to Lawnview. We will send that notice out next Wednesday, February 12th, inviting the residents to attend that meeting and share with you their insight and their opinions.

Additionally, we've talked before about updating the City's Zoning Code. We've received a proposal from McBride Dale Clarion to update the code. We are scheduled to meet with them to go over the proposal next week. Hopefully following that meeting, we can say we have an agreement in place and have it ready for the March 5th meeting. Although the cost of their proposal has not reached the \$50,000 threshold, if you would like to have it as an ordinance, then we can very well have that or we can move forward, however you choose.

Ms. Harlow stated I think that would be nice to have that in the minutes as an ordinance. That way when someone is reviewing the minutes, when you're looking for some documentation, it will be readily available to you.

Mr. Diehl stated I totally agree.

Mr. Vanover asked if anyone else want to add their opinion (no additional response). I would echo that, I think it's good, keeps everyone free and clear. Hopefully then we can proceed in that direction.

Mr. Parham stated thanks again for your support. We will make sure we have an ordinance for the Zoning Code Update ready for the March 5th meeting.

Finally, so that everyone understands why we are attempting to have the Public Meeting on the Kemper Road sidewalk project at such a fast pace, there is a deadline to meet for the funding application. If you recall, if we want an opportunity to receive the financial assistance and have a third party to help pay to construct the sidewalk, (I believe it is an 80/20 split - 20% responsibility of the community, 80% responsibility of the grant), we need to hold the meeting as soon as possible. Our intent would be that this project would not be a financial cost for the residents. It would be paid for by the City and possible grants.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Knox stated I would like to add to what Mrs. Harlow said about the meeting we went to last Friday. It was excellent; none of us went to the same things, so we actually saw about everything they had there. I should mention that Ann McBride, our City Planner, was one of the driving forces behind this, and did an excellent job. Then I went to another meeting, the Ohio Municipal League (OML) and we had two excellent speakers. One was from the OML, talking about House Bill 5, and the other was none other than Mr. Jeff Forbes, who was speaking about the dangers of social media. It was very informative and worthwhile. The third thing, on my way here, on Cedarhill, I found two of our residents who had figured out an easy way to get rid of their snow – they threw it into the street, on curves, no less. It wasn't a very good thing. I don't think we have anything in our ordinances that say you can't do that, do we?

Mr. Parham replies yes, you can not create a safety hazard in the public right-of-way. Throwing snow onto the roadway leads to the potential of icing on the road, thereby it creates a safety hazard. So you're unable to do that.

Mr. Knox states it was a curve and there were cars parked on either side and it was rather deep snow there for a little bit; it was a hazard.

Mr. Hawkins states along the lines of hazards, I want to see if Administration's heard anything about a water leak coming out by a utility pole on Bridgeport. My understanding is one resident had contacted Water Works. It does sit on the side of the grass that is not closest to the house property; it's toward the street side. I guess it's been going for a couple of days. There's some concern that that ground is eroding away as well as concern that the water, with the weather the way it is, may cause an icy hazard. Apparently a Water Works truck came out and left.

Mr. Parham said I have not heard of this leak. Do you have an address? I'll check with the Public Works Department and see if they are aware of it.

Mr. Thamann said the Community Center will be open President's Day, February 17 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the holiday hours.

February is National Wild Bird Feeding Month and Springdale's Gone Wild is going to present a program titled Attracting Birds. This will take place Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. It is open to the public and it's free.

Mr. Thamann said the Springdale Youth Boosters will have their cinema horse racing event Saturday, February 22 at the Community Center. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the first race is at 8 p.m. They will also have other Monte Carlo games. Tickets are \$6 available at the Community Center.

Mr. Parham said we've had some concern, curiosity and even confusion relative to snow emergencies. Fortunately over the last several years we haven't had a need for snow emergencies but this year we've had at least three snow emergencies. So we'd like to point out the guidelines which are the same as those followed by the County Sheriffs throughout Ohio.

Level 1:

Snow Alert: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow;

Level II:

Snow Advisory: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roadways. We suggest you contact your employer to see if you should report to work;

Mr. Parham said a Level II Snow Emergency does not prohibit an individual from being on the roadway. It simply advises you that there is a potential danger and if you do not need to be on the road, perhaps you should not be on the road. If you have to go to work, maybe you should contact your employer to determine whether or not you truly need to report to work. I was watching Channel 9 last night where they were showing the snow reports throughout the region and one of the reporters talked about how she noticed around 9 p.m. a lot of stores, gas stations and shops were closing so their employees could get home safely.

Level III:

Snow Emergency: All Municipal, Township, County, and State roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be out during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel. Essential government employees should contact their employers. Those traveling on the roadways may subject themselves to arrest. The essential government employees in this case are police, fire and those out cleaning the roadways. During a Level III snow emergency no one should be on the road except those individuals.

There may be broadcasts that say all of Hamilton County is on a Level I or Level II snow emergency. Even though Springdale is located in Hamilton County we may not have declared a snow emergency. Conditions may not warrant that we have a snow emergency consistent with some other parts of Hamilton County. We get the phone call from the Police Department who has talked to the Public Works Department and they agree that conditions warrant us considering whether we should go to Level I or Level II Snow Emergency. When we go into a Level II snow emergency, we ask the general public to remove their vehicles from the roads so

the crews can make an easier pass to clean the roads. Hopefully this will clarify things. The other thing we have taken advantage of this year because it's been a very odd year, is that we've used the Code Red system. At Level I or even Level II we don't think we need to use the Code Red system every time. I got a call on the previous Saturday, when we had a snow emergency and during the conversation I asked do we need to engage Code Red. At that time, the officer said we don't really think we need to because the residents have done a pretty good job of removing their vehicles. The Public Works staff is able to clear the streets, plus we have a number of officers who are making door-to-door notifications. Probably about thirty minutes later, I received a call back from the same sergeant who says we've had an incident on the interstate that requires that we have our officers go to the interstate. Can we engage the Code Red in order to assist with moving the vehicles? At that time, we put out the Code Red. We don't want to use Code Red on such a regular basis that people become immune to it and begin to ignore it.

Mr. Parham said in order to receive a Code Red announcement you must give them the information where you want to receive the message, home phone, cell phone, e-mail, text, however you want to receive it.

Mr. Diehl asked how do you get on the list?

Mr. Parham replied I think you can go to our website and there is a place where you can log on. You should be able to register through there. If not, contact the Police Department and they will direct you.

Mr. Diehl asked Mr. Forbes, could you sometime give us the Reader's Digest version of your presentation?

Mr. Forbes replied yes, I'm happy to. I gave the power point version to the Municipal League and they were going to post it on their website. I'll give it to you right now. Be careful if you want to use a Facebook page for the City. You can get yourself in more trouble than it might be worth.

Mr. Vanover said we had a glacier that was building up on Ledro that actually projected out beyond the middle of the road. Public Works had been over there and they got right on it.

Mayor Webster said I want to compliment Public Works on a job well done. They are on 12 hour shifts. I think once winter is over we should have them in and give them a big thank you at Council.

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Commission	-	Feb 11
Board of Health	-	Feb 13
Board of Zoning Appeals	-	Feb 18

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE	-	none
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Mrs. Emerson made a motion that Council go into executive session as a committee of the whole to discuss land acquisition. Mr. Hawkins seconded. The motion passed with seven affirmative votes.

Council went into executive session at 8:51 and reconvened at 9:30.

City of Springdale Council

February 5

2014

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION STILL IN DEVELOPMENT

Amending Zoning Map 135 Northland Boulevard	-	Feb 19
Purchase Dump Trucks	-	Feb 19
Amending sections 153.246 & 153.014 of the Zoning Code	-	Feb 19
Amending section 153.218 of the Zoning Code	-	Feb 19

RECAP OF LEGISLATIVE ITEMS REQUESTED	-	none
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Public Meeting on West Kemper Road Sidewalk	-	Feb 19
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Council adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:

Tom Vanover, President of Council

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