

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE

CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

WORKSHOP 5:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a workshop session at 5:00 p.m. on Monday February 1, 2021. Mayor Dave Thomas presided. Those members answering present to roll call were as follows:

District 1	Councilmember Herbert Toles
District 2	Councilmember David Vinson
District 3	Councilmember Wayne Tucker
District 4	Councilmember Katrina Hennings
District 5	Councilmember Tim Walker
District 6	Councilmember Marshall Parker
District 7	Councilmember Sherry Reaves
Mayor	Dave Thomas

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order and stated we will hold an executive session at the end of this meeting to discuss matters that may involve litigation. Mayor Thomas stated we had a lot of input on the budget last week, and we have a better product as the result.

He stated this draft includes a 2.5% increase in employee salaries and a 2.5% increase in employee insurance coverage. Discussion followed that 2.5% of the insurance is only \$10-\$12 more per month.

Councilmember Walker asked how many new positions did this budget include and how many vehicles?

Mayor Thomas stated two vehicles will be moved from the Police Department to Parks and Recreation, and two new police vehicles will be purchased. The Fire Department has asked for a down payment on a fire truck. In the administrative department, the court needs a part-time clerk, there is a deputy city clerk, and an administrative assistant to the Mayor. The Building Department has a full-time person, and the Fire Department has a full-time person. Parks has a full-time and a part-time laborer. The Police Department has a part-time and a full-time position.

Councilmember Vinson questioned the \$128,000 increase in police salaries for one full-time and one part time position.

Mayor Thomas corrected that this is for two full-time and one part-time position.

Councilmember Hennings asked why the numbers in the 2020 actual column were so different than before. Mayor Thomas replied that some departments have adjusted their budget requests since last week.

Councilmember Vinson asked about the increased budget in Courts, and Mayor Thomas replied this is for court officials when we go to two courts a month rather than the current one court per month. This will pay for additional time for the judge, prosecutor and interpreter.

Attorney Waldrep stated \$16 of every ticket goes to the public defender and he recommended we use that to pay our public defender instead of sending it to the State. He continued that \$18 goes to the County District Attorney.

Councilmember Reaves stated we do not make much money on court, and this is a big cost increase.

There is \$300,000 in the paving line item.

Mayor Thomas stated this budget includes paying 50% of employee family insurance. The revenue estimates have been reduced .99%.

Councilmember Vinson questioned the \$90,000 increase in Street salaries. Mayor Thomas stated this is for two full-time employees for StreetScapes.

Councilmember Toles stated he felt those positions should be under parks, and Councilmember Reaves agreed.

Mayor Thomas stated the Street Department cuts the rights-of-way downtown.

Councilmember Toles stated we are trying to take this off of Earl. This will put it back on him.

Mayor Thomas stated this will be his assistant and will be in charge of all of that.

Councilmember Vinson stated he appreciated the Mayor listening to the Council's concerns. He stated he does not want to see people brought in at a higher salary than an employee who has been here twenty years.

Councilmember Reaves stated she thought we needed to move Nick Washington to that position.

Mayor Thomas stated this is not an entry level position and we need a qualified person.

Councilmember Hennings asked was Forever Wild in conjunction with the State or on our own, and was told Springville will have to come up with matching funds.

Councilmember Reaves asked was this increased from \$25,000 and was told yes.

Councilmember Toles asked did we have a grant for water lines.

Earl Peoples responded no. He stated we applied for \$1.5 million for sewer, but were turned down. We have applied for a streets grant, but have not heard back yet.

Mayor Thomas stated that last year the reserve amount in the budget was spent on projects. He stated Code Section 11-43-56 says the Council holds the purse strings. He stated it is his hope to adjust how we do budgeting, and base it on the prior year.

City Clerk Lynn Porter stated she found that the bond payment for the 2020 warrants was left out of the budget, and this will have to be added in.

Mayor Thomas stated since it was not in last year's budget, he did not pick up on that.

City Clerk Porter stated our auditor met with the Mayor and her and recommended that the City purchase governmental financial software. She had made inquiries and got a budget figure of \$25,000 for software and \$5,000 for a server to house the programs. This will have to be bid competitively.

Councilmember Reaves stated the Park and Recreation budget has been cut and there are no salaries included for the splash pad, none for the VFW, and none for volleyball. Poles have been purchased for the volleyball program. She also stated the Parks Director's salary needs to be increased.

Mayor Thomas stated other departments would be happy to share employee time.

Councilmember Reaves said the seasonal salaries in the part are just for the splash pad.

Councilmember Vinson stated we need to look at some of our employees' salaries.

Mayor Thomas stated the assistant to the Mayor is equal to a department head, but will not have the responsibility to supervise.

Councilmember Hennings asked would we post these jobs, and was told yes.

Mayor Thomas stated, when the decision is made, he hoped not to be the smartest guy in the room.

Councilmember Reaves asked if the Mayor was still open to input on the budget, and he replied yes.

Councilmember Toles stated we need to find out about the insurance costs?

Mayor Thomas stated he would like to see the budget approved as we are rapidly approaching mid-budget year. The City Clerk, Fire Chief, Librarian, and Councilmembers Reaves and Henning were suggested and the Mayor stated he felt this was a good group.

Mayor Thomas stated he would like to make some Council assignments. Councilmember Toles was asked to the Commissioner over Senior Citizens and to assist with Police and Fire. Councilmember Tucker was asked to oversee Streets and Police and Fire. Councilmember Vinson will oversee Parks and Recreation and the Chamber. Councilmember Hennings will cover Planning and Zoning and will share Economic Development with Councilmember Walker. Councilmember Reaves will cover Schools and will share Parks and Recreation.

Councilmember Toles stated Councilmember Tucker does a good job as Pro-tem.

Councilmember Vinson stated we have done a lot of paving in the parks. We have spent \$38,640 and he has been talking to Earl about another area that needs to be addressed.

No other business coming before the Council in this workshop session, a motion was made to adjourn.

#### MEETING –

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a regular session on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Springville City Hall. Those members in attendance were as follows:

District 1	Councilmember Herbert Toles
District 2	Councilmember David Vinson
District 3	Councilmember Wayne Tucker
District 4	Councilmember Katrina Hennings
District 5	Councilmember Tim Walker
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Mayor	Dave Thomas

Councilmember Hennings called upon Rev. Mike Ennis to lead in prayer, followed by the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Councilman Tucker moved they be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Reaves moved that the agenda be amended to add the approval of unpaid invoices distributed by the City Clerk and to hear from the people in Archer's Cove.

Mayor Thomas stated he did not think it was necessary to add the discussion with the residents to the agenda. He said he was willing to stay as long as needed to talk to the Archer Cove people after the meeting.

Councilmember Vinson seconded the motion to add the accounts payable to the agenda, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Reaves moved the accounts payable be approved, seconded by Councilmember Parker, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas stated he is formally introducing the budget for consideration. We will not adopt it tonight, but hopes it can be adopted in two weeks. We will address Archers Cove at the conclusion of this meeting. He announced we will get back on schedule holding work sessions on second and fourth Mondays. Our next work session will be February 8 for the February 15 meeting. He urged the Council to go forward with the budget. We will get it updated and send it back out.

Mayor Thomas stated we need to go into an executive session to discuss five legal matters and return to regular session at 7:00 p.m. Attorney Charlie Waldrep certified this as a valid reason under the Open Meetings Act. Councilmember Tucker moved the Council go into an executive session to discuss legal matters, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

Yeas: Councilmembers Toles, Vinson, Tucker, Hennings, Walker, Parker, and Reaves,  
and Mayor Thomas

Nays: None

Attorney Waldrep stated he would need the City Clerk, the Building Official, Public Works Director, Fire Chief and Police Chief on particular matters.

The Council adjourned to executive session at 6:15 p.m.

The Council reconvened the regular meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Councilmember Reaves moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilmember Henning, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter  
City Clerk