

CITY OF SPRINGVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2020

The City Council of the City of Springville met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Springville City Hall. Mayor Dave Thomas presided, and City Clerk Lynn Porter served as recording secretary.

Those members present were as follows:

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

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order, and asked Ms. Linda Tucker, Chaplain of the Josiah Brunson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, to give the invocation. Mayor Thomas led the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting were presented. Mayor Thomas asked Ashley Hay if she was able to get an extension on the park grant request? Ms. Hay replied that she was able to get the extension, but after discussion with Councilman Toles, they decided the money required for matching funds could be better utilized for current parks projects, and to delay the grant application to the next year. Councilmember Toles moved these minutes be approved, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and the motion carried with Councilmember Parker abstaining as he was not yet a member of the council on that date.

The minutes of the November 2, 2020 organizational meeting were presented. Councilmember Tucker moved these minutes be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thomas stated Chief Walton has asked to add some items to the agenda. Chief Walton stated he currently has only five full-time officers of his allotted twelve full-time officers, plus an additional two part-time officers, making it difficult to cover all shifts. Chief Walton stated he would like to hire two full-time officers, those being Brian Scott, currently employed in Pell City, and Brandon Cain, currently employed in Birmingham. Chief Walton stated he would also like to buy new uniforms for his seven officers, assuming he is allowed to hire the extra two. The cost for a full complement of uniforms for all of them will be \$5442.68.

Councilmember Reaves asked are these open position and was told yes, one is a position that was vacant and the other is an officer who resigned for personal reasons.

Chief Walton stated he would like to surplus four vehicles, each with more than 100,000 miles on them, that are not suitable for patrol.

He stated the department has not purchased new vehicles in two years. He asked to be allowed to purchase one 2021 Silverado pickup truck for \$31,000.00 and two Patrol Tahoes.

Councilmember Toles stated he met with Chief Walton last Friday and went over the needs in his department. He stated he hoped we can get this in the budget.

City Attorney Charlie Waldrop stated if this is in the budget, it can be done. If not, the budget could be amended to allow it. He asked were the trucks to be purchased on the State Bid list, and was told yes.

Chief Walton stated he had the funding for the uniforms, in his budget. He has \$9,000 in the Safe Streets Fund and \$16,000 in his seizure fund.

Attorney Waldrop asked if the Council receives a list of accounts payable for review before payments are made, and was told this has not been the practice. He suggested this might be something the Council could consider.

The first agenda item was an alcohol application for Kiwis Mexican Cuisine. Councilman Tucker moved we depart from the agenda to allow a public hearing, seconded by Councilperson Reaves, 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

Mr. Jorge Rodriquez, owner, was recognized. Councilmember Vinson asked him if he was a member of the Responsible Vendor Program and he replied he was certified both to serve and to train employees. Councilmember Vinson asked if he had ever had any problems with alcohol service, and was told no.

Councilmember Reaves moved the Council return to the regular order of business, 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

Councilmember Vinson moved this alcohol application for Kiwis Mexican Cuisine be approved, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, and vote was unanimous.

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

Nays: None

Councilmember Reaves moved Martha Black be appointed to the Library Board through November 2024, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the vote was unanimous.

A resolution to award the bid on a cleaning service was presented. Mayor Thomas pointed out the wide disparity in the bid amounts. Councilmember Toles asked was cleaning twice a week frequently enough considering COVID concerns and how often the Council Chambers are used for meetings?

Chief Richard Harvey stated the city purchased several disinfection machines for city buildings and vehicles that can be used if needed.

Ashley Hays stated the bid documents say the City may add or delete items from time to time and includes sanitizing hard surfaces and seats.

Councilmember Parker commented that the difference in the bid prices raise questions in his mind. While one is very high, can the low bidder actually do the work at this price?

Councilmember Walker asked how much the previous contract was, and was told just over \$1,000.

Ms. Hays stated the low bidder actually came and toured the facilities prior to bidding. The other bidder did not.

Councilmember Reaves moved Resolution 2020-34 awarding the bid to Southern Cleaning Service at \$2447.42 Per month be approved, seconded by Councilmember Hennings. Councilmember Walker asked the length of the contract, and was told three years. The vote was unanimous.

A resolution to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on a Forever Wild project was presented.

Councilmember Vinson stated he was excited to get started.

Mayor Thomas stated the potential is amazing. He stated this project has beautiful vistas, water running through it, and will be a tremendous asset. Councilmember Tucker moved Resolution 2020-35 be approved, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the vote was unanimous.

The representative on the matter of a Teen Council was not in attendance. Councilmember Walker stated this representative previously wanted only Springville residents to be a part of this, but since we are a County school drawing students from a larger area, he would not favor this limitation. Councilmember Reaves moved this matter be carried over until our next meeting or until a representative can be here, seconded by Councilmember Parker and the motion carried.

Mayor Thomas stated he would like to explore internships for students, and find opportunities for them to work with our departments. He stated he had talked to some of the school principals.

Mayor Thomas reported preliminary work has begun on the budget. Our employee handbook needs revisions. He stated he hopes it will included a personnel board for appeals with some of the members to be appointed by employees and some by the City Council. He stated he had reviewed our 2008 Comprehensive Plan and did not see significant changes needed, but a few items seemed far out.

Councilmember Toles moved Joe Cox be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Adjustment through July of 2023, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and the vote was unanimous.

No other business coming before the City Council, a motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Porter
City Clerk

Mayor Dave Thomas