

CITY OF TRUSSVILLE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 2020

WORKSHOP :

The City Council of the City of Springville met in a workshop session on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Springville City Hall. Mayor Dave Thomas presided. Those members present were as follows:

Councilmember Herbert Toles
Councilmember David Vinson
Councilmember Wayne Tucker
Councilmember Katrina Hennings
Councilmember Tim Walker
Councilmember Marshall Parker
Councilmember Sherry Reaves
Mayor Dave Thomas

Mayor Thomas stated it will actually be two weeks until our next regular meeting as we will not meet on the fifth Monday. He asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda. Councilmember Vinson so moved, seconded by Councilmember Hennings, and the motion carried.

The Council received copies of a draft agenda for the Monday, December 7, 2020 meeting and supporting documents.

Councilmember Toles stated big trucks are using Purple Heart Drive and there is not room for them to turn around. He asked that "No Trucks except for local delivery" signs be erected.

Public Works Director Earl Peoples asked was a resolution needed to enforce this, and after discussion the Council determined an ordinance would be needed for enforcement.

Fire Chief Richard Harvey stated he has some hydraulic tools and equipment that need to be surplused. This will be added to the agenda.

Discussion followed on whether or not the police vehicles to be surplus could be used by another department.

Mayor Thomas stated he would like to move forward with establishing a CityScapes Department.

Councilmember Walker asked the status of the budget. He stated we are being asked to approve a lot of expenses without a budget.

Mayor Thomas stated he hoped to have a budget ready by the second meeting in December, and adopt it in January.

Councilmember Vinson stated he would rather see an employee for this, than he would a department that would need its own equipment. This person will need to have a herbicide license and a pesticide license and hold a license to set plants.

Councilmember Toles asked is a cost for this department or a salary known?

Mayor Thomas replied no, but it will need to be competitive.

Mayor Thomas stated he would also like to hire a Senior Executive Assistant as he would like to delegate certain things and minutia, where his time could be better spent on the bigger picture. He was asked the compensation for this position, and replied it will need to be competitive.

Councilmember Vinson stated he would like to background checks started on new employees.

Councilmember Walker asked why not use paragraph two in the assistant resolution on both positions?

Mayor Thomas stated he thought we needed more administrative help, and Earl needs help.

Councilmember Toles stated he thought the grant writing experience would be helpful.

Chief Walton stated a patrol car was totaled in April and we received \$15,877 from insurance. There is a 2021 Silverado, four-wheel drive truck on the lot, that he would like to purchase from the State Bid list at a cost of \$31,000. He stated he expected to get about \$10,000

for the vehicles to be surplus. Discussion followed on the need to purchase one vehicle now, and delay the purchase of two additional vehicles until we have a budget.

Chief Harvey stated they got a Charger from the police department, and they need to put emergency lights on it. A light bar with red lights will be \$3,341. It can be purchased from money from the surplus items or from the 2-mill ad valorem tax. Chief Harvey stated the State revenue dollars for COVID from the CARES Act total \$207,000 for Springville. He stated they can apply for reimbursement for 100% of their overtime. These funds expire in December. He stated he would like to put an AED in each patrol car, and renew CPR and first aid certifications. He would also like to add a sensor to the one at Big Springs park, so it can be checked remotely. He stated these funds expire the end of December. He also needs two new defibrillators for the fire department and an auto-pulse CPR device. This adds to \$152,000 plus stockpiling PPE.

Mayor Thomas confirmed all of this qualifies for CARES Act funds.

Earl Peoples asked about the City funds spent for petitions, walls, and glass.

Chief Harvey stated this will be applied under the FEMA funds which is an 80/20 match.

Councilmember Toles confirmed the Christmas Parade on December 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Chief Harvey stated this also includes an AV system for remote meetings. It will tie in the microphones and monitor and archive the meetings. The cost from Larry Bounds of ESB is \$14,942 for materials and labor.

Mayor Thomas stated under strategic planning, he talked with owner Steve Jones about the purchase of the Crown Binder building. He stated he would like to move his office to Main Street and make offices for the City Council and move the Library to the Crown Binder building. He stated he would like to explore partnering with a bottling company to build a treatment plant and uncover the spring.

No other business coming before the Council in this workshop, the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING:

The City Council of the City of Springville met in regular session on Monday, December 7, 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 in attendance were as follows:

Councilmember Herbert Toles

Councilmember David Vinson
Councilmember Wayne Tucker
Councilmember Katrina Hennings
Councilmember Tim Walker
Councilmember Marshall Parker
Councilmember Sherry Reaves
Mayor Dave Thomas

Mayor Thomas stated he would extend an invitation to the community to give invocations for the Council meetings. He called for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was presented and Councilmember Hennings moved Shannon Lee be added to the agenda representing Teen Leadership, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the motion carried.

The minutes of the November 9 workshop and November 16 meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Toles moved they be approved, seconded by Councilmember Vinson, and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Reaves moved the two items under old business to add a new CityScapes department and create an Executive Administrative Assistant position be tabled until a city budget is adopted, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Reaves moved Resolution 2020-35 authorizing the purchase of a 2021 Silverado from the State Bid list for the police department be approved. It was suggested the purchase price be added to the resolution provide by the City Attorney. Councilmember Reaves amended her motion to include the purchase price, seconded by Councilmember Tucker. The cost is \$31,675.10. Of this amount \$15,000 was received from insurance on a wrecked vehicle, and additional funds from the sale of surplus vehicles can be applied. The motion carried.

Councilmember Tucker moved Resolution 2020-36 to surplus three police vehicles be approved, seconded by Councilmember Hennings. Councilmember Reaves asked if we set the sales price when these are sold, and Chief Walton replied another agency wishes to purchase two of these and the third will be placed on GovDeals.com for bid.

Councilmember Tucker moved Gayle Hammonds be appointed to the Library Board through November 2023, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Vinson moved Resolution 2020-38 authorizing the Mayor to sign documents for the CARES Act reimbursement participation, seconded by Councilmember Reaves.

Attorney Waldrep pointed out that these funds expire on December 31, but they are now saying if equipment is ordered, it will qualify. The vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Vinson moved Resolution 2020-37 to repeal and replace the Longevity Resolution be approved, seconded by Councilmember Parker. This clarifies how employees who have separated from service and then return will be treated. The motion carried.

Councilmember Vinson stated he was glad to see this done for our employees at Christmas, and Councilmember Reaves agreed.

Mayor Thomas stated this resolution gives the Council flexibility to approve longevity from year to year in the event times are lean.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

Councilmember Henning moved Resolution 2020-39 to surplus a list of Fire Department Equipment no longer needed be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the motion carried.

Chief Harvey stated each municipality in the state was given a certain allocation of the State CARES Act funding based upon population. \$152,126 is reimbursable from the state. This includes defibrillators for police cars since they are often first on scene, upgrading AEDs with monitoring, two defibrillators for paramedics, one CPR device, and a video camera to tie into the audio system for this auditorium for remote meetings. The remaining funds will be a request for reimbursement for facilities upgrades, restocking personal protection equipment, and overtime. He stated there is a second pot of money from FEMA that has an 80/20 match that can be tapped. He stated he feels confident that all of our requests qualify for reimbursement.

Attorney Waldrep stated if there is any silver lining to COVID, it is equipment for first responders. He related a personal experience where his life was saved by the availability of an AED.

Councilmember Reaves moved the purchase of these items to be reimbursed by COVID funds be approved, seconded by Councilmember Henning and the motion carried.

Ms. Shannon Lee was recognized to speak to the City Council about establishing a local Teen Leadership Council. She stated she is a senior at Springville High School and has been active in the Argo Teen Council for several years. She stated they would need a staff person to oversee them, but there would be few costs. She stated the group she is currently affiliated with puts on the National Night Out with police and fire. She stated the group could fund raise to cover expenses for travel and meals if necessary.

Councilmember Walker asked would this just be students from Springville or any student at the school, and was told it would be what the Council wanted it to be.

Ms. Lee stated five to seven people have indicated an interest in doing this.

Mayor Thomas asked what their goals were and was told park clean up or other needed projects in the city.

Councilmember Henning stated she supported it being open to all students in or out of the city.

Councilmember Reaves said she would be glad to help.

Councilmember Henning moved a Teen Council be established, seconded by Councilmember Reaves, and the motion carried.

Mayor Thomas stated we need to go into an executive session. Attorney Waldrep stated this session is called to discuss a legal matter. Councilmember Vinson moved they go into executive session, 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

Mayor Thomas stated the Council will reconvene after the session. The Council adjourned to executive session at 6:45 and reconvened at 7:42.

Councilmember Toles moved a resolution relating to the matter discussed in executive session be added to the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Walker, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Tucker moved Resolution 2020-40 upholding the disciplinary action taken against three police officers for conduct unbecoming an officer be approved, seconded by Councilmember Toles, and the motion carried.

Chief Walton introduced two new officers hired to fill vacancies, Brian Scott and Brandon Cain. They both come to the department with years of police experience and will be assets.

Councilmember Toles asked about the ordinance to restrict truck traffic on Purple Heart drive mentioned at our last meeting. Attorney Waldrep stated he did not hear that, but would get it prepared for the next meeting or for a special meeting if needed. It was decided to post notice of a special meeting in conjunction with the workshop meeting on December 14, 2020.

Councilmember Vinson announced that Parks Director Ashley Hay won the Bo Beatty Outstanding New Professional Award at a recent recreation meeting.

Discussion followed on the Council approving checks before they are issued. This would not include utilities and contract and loan payments. Pros and cons were mentioned and Councilmember Walker stated he would at least like to see this until a budget is in place.

Earl Peoples said he understood where they were going, but sometimes a purchase cannot wait two weeks.

Jamie Twente of the Library stated sometimes they order books before publication to get a better price. She asked would they still need permission for purchases over \$500 and was told yes.

Maranda Nolen stated anything over \$500 is already looked at before it is bought, and if it is not in the budget, it does not have to be approved.

Councilmember Parker asked where we are on the budget?

Attorney Waldrep stated it is a challenge to get a budget and the second meeting in December date may be optimistic. We need real expenses to real revenues. Discussion followed on capital items, and how this has been handled.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Porter
City Clerk