

City Council Meeting
January 20, 2009
7:00p.m.

Present: Mayor William Isley, Jr., Herbert Toles, Hugh Marlin, Wayne Tucker, Katrina Hennings, John Coyne, David Jones and Brian Skinner

Mayor Isley opened with the invocation. John Coyne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agreement - Grant Services

The first order of business was to consider an agreement with Louise Campbell for grant service from February 2009 until February 2010. Mayor Isley introduced Mrs. Campbell as our grant writer and asked her to advise the council of pending grants as well as approved grants.

Mrs. Campbell presented a status report showing the different type of grants pending and those already approved. She advised the Hazard Mitigation grant for drainage improvements on downtown Hwy 11 is pending; however it looks like we have a chance that the city maybe rewarded this grant and should know soon.

She also mentioned the Congressional grant for drainage improvements on Hwy 11 at the Middle School has been awarded and waiting on the agreements to be signed by the City before the preliminary engineering and utility construction can start. Mayor Isley advised the agreements will be presented at the next city council meeting.

Council discussed if there were any grant money available for the following:

1. Purchase land for new library or renovations to make ADA approval, design structure
2. Renovations to Senior citizens building.
3. Commercial playground equipment for Big Springs Park
4. Mayor Sports Complex – amended 2/2/09

After discussion a motion was made by David Jones, second by John Coyne to approve entering in to the agreement with Louise Campbell for grant services at the annual yearly fee of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

Agreement - City Website

An agreement was presented from Mark Martin for his services to build a city website for the City of Springville. The cost is \$3,500.00 plus a \$280.00 hosting fee due the completion of the website. Once completed a monthly maintenance fee of \$20.00 per hour for any changes or additions to the website, annual hosting charge of \$280.00 per year plus \$15.00 per year for domain name renewal charge.

Mayor Isley suggested that Department Heads forward what they would like to see posted to the website to the City Clerk who will be the contact person to furnish information to Mr. Martin. Once this information is given to Mr. Martin he will start to build the website. He plans to have the website online in 45 day after the information is provided by the department heads. Motion to approve entering into the agreement as presented by Mark Martin was made by Herbert Toles, second by Wayne Tucker. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Report

Council reviewed the Library activity report for the month of December 2008. Mayor Isley advised the library received a grant that allows families to talk online with family members serving in the military free of charge.

Approval of the City Council Minutes

The following City Council minutes were presented for approval.

1. Minutes of the City Council meeting held on December 15th
2. Minutes of the City Council work session held on January 5th
3. Minutes of the City Council meeting held on January 5th
4. Minutes of the City Council work session held on January 12th

David Jones made a motion to approve with the following corrections, which he made before the meeting.

1. Replace January 8th with December 8th in reference to VFW work session.
2. Add Pawnee Street to David Jones report on January 5th in reference to road repairs.

Motion was second by John Coyne. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider changes to Sign Ordinance

Mayor Isley requested the council to review the copy of the Sign Ordinance addressing banners and feels the city spend too much time discussing and approving banners. He recommends banner applications be filed with a department head, reviewed and approved for up to a certain number of days. If the applicant does not remove the banners then consider charging a fine. Council discussed reviewing requirements in the historical district requirements as well.

Mayor Isley suggested the Council make recommendations of any changes to discuss at a work session.

Resolutions & Agreements between ALDOT

Mayor Isley advised there will be two resolutions and agreements to be considered at the February 2nd Council meeting. He reminded the Council the City has been awarded a Congressional Grant for the drainage improvements on Hwy 11 at the Middle School, this requires the city to adopt the resolution to enter into agreements with ADLOT, before ALDOT can start the project.

Security Cameras for Big Springs Park

Earl Peoples provided quotes for security cameras at Big Springs Park. Mayor Isley advised if the Council wishes to take action to approve the expenditure the agenda needs to be amended. Earl Peoples explained the cost and how the cameras work. Council discussed, and agreed the security cameras be placed on the February 2nd agenda for approval. This will allow Mr. Peoples to find out more information concerning the operations of the cameras. Mayor Isley requested the department heads please notify the city clerk prior to Wednesday before the city council meeting of what they would like to have placed on the agenda. This will allow the Council to review prior to considering the adoption or expenditure.

Mayor Isley discussed the following:

1. He said he would like to see a more orderly city council meeting and made the following recommendations to the council to consider when it applies to minor issues that could be handled without bringing before the City Council.

(a) Determine if the topic needs discussion at a meeting or if it is something that you could call, email or meet with the department head for discussion prior to the meeting. If no action is taken, then report to the Mayor about the situation.

(b) Please try to limit reports to five minutes so the City Council meetings can be more concise.

2. He mentioned a group of citizens have agreed to meet and clean off the hill at the corner of Academy and Pine Street, due to the complaints received by residents in this area.

3. He advised Police Chief interviews have started today and hopes to hire by next month.

4. He needs to fill the vacant position on the Industrial Development Board and Commercial Development Authority and plans to appoint a person at the February 2nd meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by David Jones at approx 8:20pm. Motion was second by Hugh Marlin. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Brenda Roberts, City Clerk

Mayor William Isley, Jr.