

**CITY OF SPRINGVILLE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 7, 2011**

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

Public Hearing-Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

On Home Occupations, Places of Worship, & Public Notification of Rezoning

David Jones motioned to open a public hearing at 5:40 PM on amendments to the *Zoning Ordinance* regarding additional and revised locations of home occupations as permitted uses, additional and revised locations of places of worship, and changes in notifications to the public and surrounding property owners of rezoning applications. Wayne Tucker seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Richard Harvey explained that there are issues with the current ordinance that could not wait on the total rewrite. Some zones did not have provisions for home occupations and others allowed them as special exception uses. He stated there are instances that some people are being denied a business license, due to these issues. Another revision is the publication requirement on rezoning applications, causing an unnecessary financial burden to the department on such applications. Another issue addressed is the locations where places of worship are allowed, which were not addressed in the current ordinance. Brian Skinner asked if contractors could currently obtain a home occupation license. Richard Harvey stated they currently could not, but they would be able to with this amendment. Mayor Isley called for public comments or questions. Being none, David Jones motioned to close the public hearing at 5:50 PM, seconded by Herbert Toles. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Isley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and gave the invocation. John Coyne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors

Mayor Isley introduced visitor Katie Bryan. She stated she was chairman of the Library Foundation and wanted to announce a fundraiser. They will be selling tickets to a spaghetti dinner for \$5 each. The plates will be ready on April 9th at the Springville United Methodist Church from 11:00 until 3:00. She also said they would take donations and that those plates would be given to the Girls Ranch. She also asked about a status on a proposal. Mayor Isley stated he would check on it.

Next, Mayor Isley turned the floor over to Dr. Priscilla Wilson. She stated she is the project coordinator and counselor for the St. Clair County School Based Student Drug Testing Program. She explained that they would be holding Community Town Hall meetings to educate people on what they do and what is going on in the community in relation to drugs. There is one of these meetings tentatively scheduled for April 5th at 5:30 at Ashville City Hall. She also announced an Evaluation Committee meeting tomorrow at 10:00 in the conference room of the Board of Education building. She explained the random testing and discussed some common drugs that were not showing up on drug tests. Mayor Isley asked if this year would be the last year the program would be in place. Dr. Wilson stated that funding from the federal Department of Education has stopped, but efforts are being made to acquire funding from other sources.

Mayor Isley also stated that since there is not a county drug task force, the Springville police department had do the duties relating to recently banned bath salts. Police Chief, Greg Charles, explained that Springville police officers handed out letters to all affected businesses about the ban. Katrina Hennings asked why only children involved in extra curricular activities are tested. Dr. Wilson explained that it is based on a court ruling relating to reasonable cause, and the children involved in extracurricular activities are the only students that qualify. Brian Skinner asked what percentage of tests were positive. Dr. Wilson stated that it is very low. She stated that out of 300 tests administered in January, only 2 resulted in a positive result. Herbert Toles asked if random meant the tests were given more than once a month. Dr. Wilson explained that there are times when there might be more than one test in a month, depending on if the previous test were done on schedule.

Minutes of February 21, 2011 Regular Meeting

Mayor Isley stated the first order of business was the consideration of the minutes from the regular meeting of February 21, 2011. David Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Herbert Toles seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2011-03 Amending Zoning Ordinance

Mayor Isley stated that the next consideration was an ordinance to amend the *Zoning Ordinance* regarding home occupations, places of worship, and public notification on rezoning applications. He stated that a public hearing was held earlier on the matter. Hugh Marlin motioned to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance at this meeting. John Coyne seconded the motion. Mayor Isley called for voice votes: Toles, aye; Marlin, aye; Tucker, aye; Isley, aye; Hennings, aye; Coyne, aye; Jones, aye; Skinner, aye. Motion carried.

Wayne Tucker motioned to approve Ordinance 2011-03 amending the *Zoning Ordinance*. Herbert Toles seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Resolution 2011-06 to Award Architectural Service Contract on Senior Center Project

Mayor Isley stated that the next agenda item was the consideration of Resolution 2011-06, to award the contract for architectural services on the Senior Center project. Mayor Isley explained that a Committee of three individuals had ranked the proposals and recommended the contract be awarded to Lathan Associates. He stated that this was the lowest bid at \$22, 752. Brian Skinner asked if the proposal included someone overseeing the project. Mayor Isley said that it was for the drawings only. David Jones motioned to approve Resolution 2011-06, seconded by Hugh Marlin. Motion carried, with all voting aye.

Chief Greg Charles-Cameras for Big Springs Park

Chief Charles explained that he had obtained estimates from three places on cameras for Big Springs Park. These estimates would be for identical equipment and includes 6 cameras. David Jones asked if the software included could handle additional cameras. Larry Bounds, with ESB Group, answered that the software was expandable. David Jones asked about the recording capabilities. Mr. Bounds stated that it would record for 23 continuous days, then would automatically record over the first day previously recorded. Herbert Toles asked if this would cover the entire park. Mr. Bounds said it would not, and explained it would probably not cover beyond the play area. Katrina Hennings asked if the locations that the cameras were focused on could be changed. Mr. Bounds stated probably not. John Coyne asked if this would cover the new park. Mr. Bounds stated that it would not. Brian Skinner asked if the new Senior Center,

located adjacent to the park, could be added with a simple DSL line. Mr. Bounds said that it would depend on some technical factors, but there may be a little more involved than just a DSL line. David Jones asked if the cameras would have to have someone manually zoom in at the time an event was occurring. Mr. Bounds said that the zoom could be done from the recording at a later time. John Coyne asked if the cameras would be protected from rocks and such. Mr. Bound said they are in a secure housing. Katrina Hennings asked if there would be a monthly fee. Mr. Bounds said that there would have to be an internet connection maintained and electricity. Mayor Isley asked where the cameras would be mounted. Mr. Bounds said he planned to mount the cameras exactly where there are existing cameras on poles and one on each side of the bathroom facilities. City Attorney, James Hill, asked if this was an estimate or a quote. Mr. Bounds said this is a firm quote. Herbert Toles asked if there is a warranty included. Mr. Bounds said there is a one year warranty. Mr. Toles said he would like to have this in writing. James Hill stated that there needs to be a proposal with the included warranty. Mr. Bounds will provide this to James Hill, and Mr. Hill will review it before the next Council meeting.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Isley stated that he had visited the Girl's Ranch and encouraged all who had not done so, to make a visit. He also said that the Girl's Ranch owner wanted more interaction with the City and was interested in invited all to a fundraiser soon.

Mayor Isley said that the 5K Run is scheduled for April 2nd from 7:00 until 11:00. He stated David Jones is trying to get sponsors for the event. He said BB&T Bank wants to assist again this year.

Mayor Isley discussed the City taking charge of the Springfest event this year, at the request of the Chamber of Commerce. He said there are some funds available, but there might be a shortfall that the Council may have to address later. He also asked for Council volunteers to work in the Coca-cola booths.

Mayor Isley announced that a Clean-up Day is scheduled for April 16th from 8:00 until 12:00. He asked Herbert Toles to spearhead the event.

Mayor Isley stated that he is proud of the Public Works department for the work they have done. He stated that the turf at Big Springs Park looks good. He said these guys still have to maintain the day-to-day operations they normally do, in addition to the projects the City has asked of them.

Mayor Isley announced Springfest is scheduled for May 14, from 2:00 until 9:00. Brian Skinner asked if the fireworks could be done around 9:00, instead of being later. Mayor Isley said that this was already being considered. Herbert Toles asked if the high school band could still set up a booth. Mayor Isley said yes, there will still be placed for booths to set up.

David Jones motioned to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Motion was seconded by Wayne Tucker, and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Kelli Lee, City Clerk

William Isley, Mayor