

City Council Meeting  
April 6, 2009

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

Mayor Isley opened with the invocation and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Ordinance 2009-03, Sales Tax Exempt**

The first order of business was to consider Ordinance 2009-03 to exempt sales tax on certain items beginning the first full weekend in August, 2009. Mayor Isley explained certain items covered are school supplies, and other covered items identified in Act 2006-574 and the City of Springville has participated in the past.

Motion to suspend the rules and consider at this meeting was made by Brian Skinner, second by John Coyne. Mayor Isley called for voice votes; Skinner yea, Jones yea, Coyne yea, Hennings yea, Tucker yea, Marlin yea, Toles yea and Mayor Isley voting yea.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-03 as presented was made by John Coyne, second by Herbert Toles. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the City Council Meetings and Works Sessions were presented;

1. Work Session and Council Meeting for March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Work Session and Council Meeting for March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by David Jones, second by Herbert Toles. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion of VFW rental fees**

Mayor Isley asked the Council to decide what organizations would be exempt, if any, from paying rental fees when using the VFW facility. Council briefly discussed certain organizations they would like to see exempt. No action was taken.

**Sound System for Annex Building**

Larry Bonds, with ESB Group gave a brief presentation of the types of systems available and quotes of the types. After discussion, the Council agreed the best choice is system #2 at the cost of \$ 9, 978.37. Motion was made by John Coyne to approve the purchase of the sound system for the annex building. Wayne Tucker seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Renaming of Springville Station Blvd to Purple Heart Blvd.**

Council received a request from Commander Lonnie Wadsworth, Chapter # 2213 Military Order of the Purple Heart to consider changing the name of Springville Station Blvd to Purple Heart Blvd. Mr. Wadsworth was concerned, since these roads will connect at some point in years to come and would like to see the entire road to have the Purple Heart Blvd name. Council discussed and stated a service road may connect the two roads at some time, but felt it would be many years from now and after plans have been presented for construction of a road.

After discussion, motion was made by Wayne Tucker, second by John Coyne to approve changing the name of Springville Station Blvd to Purple Heart Blvd once a service road is built or the existing roads are connected. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

1. Mayor Isley encouraged the Council to attend the Waste Disposal (Plasma Waste Recycling) meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Jefferson State Community College in Pell City from 11:30 until 1:00.

2. Mayor Isley stated he has an application to apply for a stimulus grant supporting Wi-Fi internet service. City Department Heads have already provided letters showing their interest in Wi-Fi. If awarded the City could receive a 100% grant. This would make wireless internet service available to all municipal buildings free of charge, schools and emergency vehicles and buildings. The city can offer wireless service to citizens at a much lower cost than what is available now. He advised he will keep the Council informed on the status of the grant.

3. Mayor Isley made the following board appointments:

a. Industrial Development Board

Larry Richardson for a one year term April 2010

Chip Martin for a two year term April 2011

Motion to approve was made by David Jones, second by Herbert Toles. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Historical Commission to replace John Trotter and Jo Carole Dawkins whose terms have expired.

Amanda Hunt for a one year term April 2010

Lisa Marbutt for a one year term April 2010

John Coyne made a motion to appoint Faye Kinstler to fill a vacant seat on the Historical Commission. Mayor Isley said the by-laws set requirements and would like to review them before the vacant position is appointed. Mayor Isley also wanted to meet with Mrs. Kinstler before making the appointment. John Coyne withdrew his motion.

Mayor Isley called for a motion to appoint Amanda Hunt and Lisa Marbutt for a one year term on the Historical Commission who will replace John Trotter and Carole Dawkins whose terms have expired. Motion to approve was made by Katrina Hennings and second by Herbert Toles. Brian Skinner stated he would have liked John Trotter and Carole Dawkins to continue to serve. Mayor Isley advised John Trotter told him that he thinks it is a good idea to have new faces on the Commission. Motion carried with Wayne Tucker abstaining.

4. Mayor Isley presented the Council with a list of the following committees formed and appointed a Council liaison to serve on the committee.

a. Civic & Institutional Committee- Liaison Hugh Marlin

b. Downtown Design/Revitalization -Committee – Liaison Brian Skinner

c. Playground Equipment Committee – Liaison Katrina Hennings

d. Budget Analysis Committee formed of City Council members to meet with the department heads and review their budget through March 31, 2009 for a 6 month budget analysis. A list of these committees will be made part of these minutes.

In addition Mayor Isley asked the department heads were asked to provide a proposed budget for 2009-2010 by June 1, 2009. He advised if a councilor is unable to meet with the department head he will be glad to substitute on their behalf.

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5. He read a resolution on the spending of Federal Economic stimulus monies for Council's consideration. Herbert Toles made the motion to table, until the next meeting to allow the Council a chance to review. Hugh Marlin seconds the motion. Motion carried.

6. He received a list of streets provided by Earl Peoples, Public Works Superintendent, that has been submitted to the St. Clair County Highway Department for a cost estimate for paving and paid for with city revenues. Mayor Isley reminded the Council the condition of the road going to the VFW and the parking lot needing to be ADA approved, and the paving of Walker Drive.

7. He reminded everyone to submit their information to Mark Martin for the City Website and hopes it will be up soon.

8. He stated citizens have contacted him about the City Council meetings and has suggested meetings need to be more orderly.

9. Request to spruce up the downtown district. He appointed a committee, but reminded everyone that the City cannot spend city funds on private property.

10. He agrees the city does need a vision for growth and improvement.

**Katrina Hennings report;**

1. She received complaints about fireworks and requested a copy of the ordinance.
2. She asked the procedures for requiring citizens to clean up their property. Earl Peoples replied.
3. She asked Earl Peoples to repair the pavement at the corner of Spring & Grove Street.

**John Coyne report;**

1. He reminded everyone they have to call the Public Works if they need debris pickup and the company will not pickup any trees that are cut down by contractors.
2. He encouraged everyone to drop by the VFW building to see what an outstanding job the public works department did and made a recommendation to reward the employees for a job well done. Council discussion, but no action was taken.
3. He asked why the motorbike racetrack was still operating behind Local Color. Mayor Isley replied this is being addressed by the proper department.
4. He thanked the Public Works Department on the process of banners being approved and taken down.

**David Jones report;**

1. He advised a letter will be mailed to citizens of Springville to attend a city-wide meeting sponsored by the City Council on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm at Springville Middle School. Citizens were asked to list the concerns they would like addressed and return with their water payment. Mayor Isley suggested committees may need to be formed to address the concerns of the citizens.
2. He suggested Public Works and Police Department to consider mutual aid agreements with other municipalities. He also requested to meet with Chief Harvey to review the Fire Department mutual aid agreements.

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3. He said ADEM will have a State Inspector visit the proposed motorbike race track.
4. He suggested all ordinances, resolutions, or proposals **not** on the agenda and submitted to the Council during the meeting, which require expenditures shall not be voted on, but placed on the agenda at the next scheduled meeting. However; should it be deemed an emergency by a unanimous consent of the Council it shall be added to the agenda and action taken. This would also apply to expenditure requests made in individual reports. No action was taken by the Council.
5. He hopes the Industrial Development Board or City can look into what the best use would be for the property located behind "The Gardens". Mayor Isley suggested a committee be formed for citizens input.
6. He asked Inspector Mike Terry if the mobile home was removed from The Colony. Terry replied yes and the owner will have to provide papers that the home replacing it is a modular home.

**Brian Skinner report;**

1. He congratulated John Coyne on his granddaughter winning the Ms. Springville title.
2. He stated the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce was a success.
3. He reported the property at the corner of Robinson Street/Hwy 174 owned by Lew Windham was purchased by the animal clinic.
4. He reminded everyone that the comprehensive plan reported the need for city wide mobility and feels Elaine Street would help flow the traffic.

**Wayne Tucker report;**

He suggested the City revisit the tax abatement offered to the developers of the hotel to be located at Springville Station, since it has been two years and still no sign of construction. Mayor Isley asked Attorney James Hill to review the contract between the Commercial Development Authority and Sun, LLC, proposed Best Western and report at the next meeting.

**Hugh Marlin report;**

1. He asked Earl Peoples to give an update on Coosa Valley Water contract. Peoples replied the contract should be signed within the next few meetings of the board.
2. He asked if there has been any affect on building, since the Subdivison Regulations have been modified. Earl Peoples replied no, but no plans have been submitted lately.
3. He asked if the Planning & Zoning Commission needs to make a recommendation to the City Council requesting the approval of hiring someone to compare our current zoning map to the Comprehensive plan prepared by KPS. Attorney James Hill stated this could be handled by the Planning & Zoning Commission making the recommendation or just by Mayor Isley making the recommendation at a Council meeting and action taken by the Council.

**Herbert Toles report;**

1. He asked Attorney James Hill to clarify some questions he had concerning Elaine Street.

a. Elaine Street has never been accepted by the City or the County, but is on the map as a road inside the city limits. Mr. Hill replied, yes.

b. He advised the Comprehensive Plan prepared by KPS shows alternate roads that could be used as a bypass and thinks the City should pave Elaine Street as a bypass road. Motion was made by Toles to pave Elaine Street. Council expressed concerns and questioned if the City should decided to pave Elaine Street would set precedence? James Hill replied yes. Council discussed right-of-ways issues again. Motion was withdrawn to pave Elaine Street to resolve pending issues. Motion was made by Toles to table, second by Katrina Hennings. Motion carried unanimously.

2. He made a request to spend up to \$3, 688.00 for road repairs to Mountain Drive. No action was taken by the Council.

3. He reminded everyone that April 11<sup>th</sup> was the city wide cleanup day and asked if a dumpster could be placed in District One. Mayor Isley stated a total of four dumpsters will be delivered and will be placed at the fire station on Walker Drive; however if anyone would like to see a dumpster placed anywhere other than the fire station to make a motion. Toles made a motion to place a dumpster in district one, motion was second by Skinner. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Isley stated the remaining three will be placed at the fire station.

Department Head reports;

Earl Peoples, Chief Charles, Chief Harvey and Mike Terry had no report.

Mayor Isley said he was honored to accept an award on behalf of the City of Springville for the best Comprehensive Plan state wide in 2008.

Motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Tucker at 8:45pm. Herbert Toles second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Brenda Roberts, City Clerk

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Mayor William Isley, Jr.

