

**CITY OF SPRINGVILLE
CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of the City of Springville (the "Council") held its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 P.M. on June 7, 2010.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Members: Mayor William Isley, Wayne Tucker, Herbert Toles, Hugh Marlin, Katrina Hennings, John Coyne, David Jones, and Brian Skinner.
Absent: None

Public Hearing

David Jones made a motion to open a public hearing regarding issuance of a Retail Beer (off premises only) and Retail Table Wine (off premises only) license for KimHoa Inc dba HandyMart located at 6201 US Highway 11. John Coyne seconded the motion. All voted aye. Mayor William Isley asked for public comment regarding issuance of the license. No comments were heard. Mayor William Isley asked Chief Charles if the appropriate investigation had been conducted. Chief Charles said that the investigation was complete. Hoa Huynh, the new owner of the business, was introduced and answered questions from council members regarding his background and issues regarding sale of alcohol to minors. Wayne Tucker made a motion to close the public hearing. Herbert Toles seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Mayor William Isley called the regular council meeting to order. Gresh Harbuck gave the invocation and John Coyne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors

Gerry Miller was recognized and asked that Amanda Hunt be allowed to speak for her. Ms. Hunt said that they had requested to be on the agenda to discuss the installation of speed breakers on Spring Street but that stop signs have since been installed which have reduced the traffic problem on the street and they wanted to thank the city officials for their efforts to correct the problem. Mayor William Isley said that he had studied the pros and cons of speed breakers and felt that a better alternative is to use signage and increased law enforcement when possible.

John Woody, Jr. was on the agenda but not present. Herbert Toles said that he could speak for Mr. Woody regarding the need for traffic control in the area of Mountain Drive and Purple Heart Boulevard. Mr. Toles said that the area needs stop signs and speed limit signs and may need speed breakers as a last resort.

Ordinance 2010-06

Ordinance 2010-06 was presented setting the speed limit on Spring Street at 15 miles per hour. David Jones made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of the ordinance. Hugh Marlin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Skinner voted aye, Jones voted aye, Coyne voted aye, Hennings voted aye, Isley voted aye, Tucker voted aye, Marlin voted aye and Toles voted aye. Motion carried.

Katrina Hennings made a motion to adopt ordinance 2010-06. Wayne Tucker seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Approval of retail beer and retail wine license

Wayne Tucker made a motion to approve a Retail Beer (off premises only) and Retail Table Wine (off premises only) license for KimHoa Inc dba HandyMart. Katrina Hennings seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Open Air Permit Request

Gresh Harbuck, pastor of One Eighty Church, was recognized and requested an open air permit for a concert to be held at the church on July 2, 2010 as part of a 4th of July celebration. Herbert Toles made a motion to approve the permit. David Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Resolution 2010-20 authorizing self-collection of taxes and entering into agreement with RDS

Pete Yonce and Randy Godeke with RDS were recognized and presented information regarding the services offered by RDS including collection of sales/use, rental/lease, lodging, tobacco, and liquor taxes; business license discovery/recovery; and business license administration. Mr. Yonce answered questions from the council regarding the services and the contracts. City Clerk Kelli Lee and Finance Director Mollie Lyle spoke in favor of the services and James Hill said that he had reviewed the agreements, which have a 90 day termination clause.

David Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-20 authorizing self-collection of sales/use, rental/leasing, lodging, tobacco, and other taxes and entering into an agreement with RDS to administer and collect those taxes. Herbert Toles seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Agreement with RDS for Business License Discovery/Recovery

Hugh Marlin made a motion to enter into an agreement with RDS for Business License Discovery/Recovery. Wayne Tucker seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Agreement with RDS for Business License Administration

David Jones made a motion to enter into an agreement with RDS for administration of business licensing. Hugh Marlin seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Resolution 2010-21 appointing Richard Harvey as Building Official

Herbert Toles made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-21 appointing Richard Harvey as Building Official effective June 12, 2010, due to the termination of the current Building Official due to budget cutbacks. Wayne Tucker seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Resolution 2010-22 entering into agreement with ALDOT

David Jones made a motion to adopt resolution 2010-22 entering into an agreement with ALDOT for preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, utility, and construction for Project TCSP-10AL (002), project reference number 100055162 for drainage improvements on US-11 from Robinson Street to near Terry Street and Downtown Springville Street. Katrina Hennings seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Resolution 2010-23 entering into agreement with ALDOT

Wayne Tucker made a motion to enter into an agreement with ALDOT regarding the resurfacing of US 11 from the Jefferson County line to SR-23. Herbert Toles seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Update Zoning Maps

Hugh Marlin made a motion to have the zoning maps updated to coincide with the new zoning ordinance with the work being completed by Chester Harris at a cost of \$1,200.00 to \$1,400.00. Katrina Hennings seconded the motion. All voted aye except John Coyne who voted no. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes of May 17, 2010 regular meeting

Katrina Hennings made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 17, 2010. John Coyne seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Katrina Hennings-Water problem in White Oaks Subdivision

Katrina Hennings said that she had received complaints from residents in White Oak Subdivision about water crossing Highway 11 into the entrance of the subdivision causing ditches to overflow and water to get close to houses. Public Works Superintendent Earl Peoples said that he has identified the problem with a ditch in the area and is getting prices and preliminary work done to install pipe in the ditch to alleviate the problem. Katrina Hennings asked that the matter be tabled until Earl completes his study on the pricing and utility work.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Isley read a letter of appreciation to the fire department from the owners of a property that had recently burned.

Mayor Isley thanked Katrina Hennings for her attendance at the St. Clair County Commission meeting to request funding for the playground area at Big Springs Park. The commission has agreed to pay for half of the cost of fencing and landscaping up to \$5,000.00. Mayor William Isley said that there is a total of \$43,000.00 in the playground fund that has been specifically earmarked for playground improvements.

Mayor Isley recognized Wayne Walton for his work with the Alabama State Fraternal Order of Police Honor Guard to assist the families of police officers killed on duty. Officer Walton reported on his trip to Washington DC to escort the family members as they received their Medal of Valor.

Mayor Isley discussed the budget reduction measures taken recently due to an anticipated \$250,000.00 to \$275,000.00 shortfall. Mayor Isley said that he had individual meetings with all of the council members to discuss the actions to be taken and to plan for the upcoming budget year. Mayor Isley said that the actions taken include across the board reduction of hours for employees and the termination of the building official due to a lack of revenue in that department. Mayor Isley said that while he knew that the affected employees were unhappy with the measures, the actions taken were done to prevent the loss of jobs for more employees. Mayor Isley said that additional cuts may be required in the upcoming budget year.

David Jones – Report from Police and Fire Chiefs

David Jones requested that Chief Harvey and Chief Charles give the council reports on the effects of the budget cuts on their departments.

Fire Chief Richard Harvey reported that minimum staffing levels have been reduced to two personnel per shift with volunteers being used to increase staffing levels when possible. Chief Harvey also detailed other procedural changes including removal of the medication box from Station #2, changes in uniform requirements, reduction of non-essential driving, approval of purchases, lawnmower use changes, and removal of Rescue 591 from service. Chief Harvey asked that the council consider scholarships for paramedics to increase the number of paramedics available to staff at the required levels.

Police Chief Greg Charles reported that he has lost five officers since February due to retirement who have not been replaced and that some officers have resigned since the budget cuts which required him to reduce the number of patrol officers per shift from three to two. Chief Charles said that the reductions will eliminate some specialized divisions and limit the department to reporting, patrol, and traffic enforcement. Chief Charles detailed some situations that may occur that will possibly reduce the number of officers on duty from two to one at certain times. Chief Charles made three requests to the council that he considers necessary to operate the department with the budget cuts in place: to promote two officers to sergeant and one to corporal to ensure necessary supervision, to hire part time officers to be called in when necessary to fill open shifts, and to allow all officers within a 35 mile radius to drive cars home.

Mayor Isley said that the council had eliminated merit raises for employees so the council would have to vote on the promotions and asked James Hill to research the liability of a reduction in supervision. Mayor Isley said that Chief Charles was authorized to hire part-time officers as necessary to fill shifts. Mayor Isley said that he was against changing the take home vehicle policy due to fuel costs and maintenance on vehicles.

John Coyne – Discussion of budget cuts

John Coyne said that he had several problems with the cuts that have been taken. Mr. Coyne said that he was told that before any measures were taken, that the council and mayor would meet with the department heads to discuss the effects of the proposed cuts. Mr. Coyne also said that he was unhappy that the employees received the information on the cuts before the council was notified. Mr. Coyne said that he felt that all of the recommendations from the auditor had not been followed and that he did not understand why only certain recommended measures were taken. Mr. Coyne said that he felt that with the new businesses coming into the city that revenue would increase and the cuts would not be necessary.

Mayor Isley and other council members addressed some of the issues raised by Mr. Coyne and restated the necessity of the budget cuts to reduce the budget shortfall.

Mayor Isley reported on certain issues in the building and zoning department including the Crown Binder building, the Quarles property, Cantrell property, and Richerzhagen property. Mayor Isley said that Jennifer Disker would be taking over the administration of building and zoning and that he would ask her to handle the issues with the named properties.

Herbert Toles asked for the procedure for a person to do work toward an Eagle Scout designation. Mayor Isley said that the scout needs to get with Earl Peoples to get approval for his project.

Mayor Isley said that he would be out of town for the June 21 meeting and said that since the recovery zone bonds would not have to be addressed at that meeting that he felt that Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne Tucker could conduct the meeting.

With no further business to come before the council, David Jones made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Wayne Tucker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor