

**CITY OF SPRINGVILLE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 1, 2011 6:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Amendments to Agenda

David Jones made a motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion with the building inspector to enforce nuisance abatement at 363 McGinnis Street. Herbert Toles seconded the motion. All voted aye.

John Coyne made a motion to amend the agenda to consider a resolution to accept responsibility for maintenance of a wall to be installed at the Methodist Church as part of the Streetscape project. Herbert Toles seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Herbert Toles made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss cleanup in the area from the interstate to the four-way stop. David Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye.

John Coyne made a motion to amend the agenda to include comments from Herbert Toles regarding the stop sign at the four-way stop. David Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye.

John Coyne made a motion to amend the agenda to include a report from the mayor. Herbert Toles seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Minutes of July 18 Regular Meeting

David Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18 regular meeting as presented. John Coyne seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Resolution 2011-16 Accept Maintenance of Wall at Methodist Church

Mayor William Isley said that ALDOT has requested a resolution from the council agreeing to accept responsibility for maintenance of a retaining wall to be installed in front of the Methodist Church as part of the Streetscape project.

Brian Skinner made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Resolution 2011-16. David Jones seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with results as follows: Toles-aye, Marlin-aye, Isley-aye, Coyne-aye, Jones-aye, and Skinner-aye. Motion carried.

Brian Skinner made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-16 accepting responsibility for maintenance of a retaining wall to be installed in front of the Methodist Church as part of the Streetscape project. Herbert Toles seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Sign Ordinance Enforcement/Clean Up of Business District

John Coyne said that he was concerned about the appearance of the area between the interstate and the four-way stop on Highway 174. Mr. Coyne said that the ordinance concerning junked vehicles, the grass nuisance ordinance, and the sign ordinance are not being enforced in the area.

Building Inspector Richard Harvey and Public Works Superintendent Earl Peoples discussed the abandoned/junked vehicle ordinance and the need for police involvement in enforcement of the ordinance. Mayor William Isley asked Richard, Earl, and Lt. Bill Lyle to begin enforcement of this ordinance as needed.

The overflow of trash at the car wash was discussed and Earl Peoples said that he would have a letter sent to the owner of the property requesting that action be taken to remove trash from the business when required.

The sign ordinance was discussed specifically as relating to the placement of temporary signs in the area between the interstate and the four-way stop. Richard Harvey said that there are at least three signs in the area that do not conform to the ordinance but that the business owners have expressed that it will create a hardship on the businesses if the signs are removed. Discussion followed concerning the sign ordinance enforcement, progress on rewriting the zoning ordinance, the need to give additional time to existing sign owners to make their signs compliant, and requirements to enforce the sign ordinance consistently throughout the city. Following the discussion, it was decided that the existing sign ordinance should be enforced with necessary changes being made within the re-write of the zoning ordinance and information given to the sign owners about the variance procedure in place.

Herbert Toles – Trees at Four-Way Stop

Herbert Toles said that he had been contacted by a resident of his district concerning trees blocking the view of the stop sign at the intersection of Highway 174 and Highway 411. Mr. Toles said that he had contacted the county engineer who said that maintenance of the right-of-way at the intersection was the responsibility of the state and that he would contact the state to let them decide if the trees should be trimmed.

Mayor William Isley reiterated that the trees and the stop sign are a state issue that the city does not have any control of and that any decision made regarding the trees would be made by the State of Alabama.

Resolution 2011-17 Nuisance Abatement at 363 McGinnis Street

David Jones made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Resolution 2011-17 authorizing abatement of a grass and trash nuisance at 363 McGinnis Street. Brian Skinner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with results as follows: Toles-aye, Marlin-aye, Isley-aye, Coyne-aye, Jones-aye, and Skinner-aye. Motion carried.

David Jones made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-17 authorizing the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$500.00 to abate a grass and trash nuisance at 363 McGinnis Street. Herbert Toles seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Mayor's Report

Mayor William Isley reported that construction is in progress at the Senior Center with a projected opening date of early October.

Mayor William Isley reported that the Grand Opening of the Splash Pad would be held on August 20.

Mayor William Isley reported that the construction of a ball field at the high school is still in progress.

Mayor William Isley reported that land preparation of the Sports Park is underway.

Mayor William Isley reported that clearing of debris from the tree that fell in the alleyway has not been completed.

Ordinance 2011-07 Amending Sales Tax Ordinance

Mayor William Isley gave the first reading of proposed Ordinance 2011-07 to amend the sales tax ordinance to increase general sales and use tax by one percent.

Budget Committee Chairman Chip Martin addressed the council regarding the budget committee's recommendation regarding the sales tax increase, due to the Coosa Valley Water agreement which will require the purchase of 750,000 gallons of water per day projected to begin October 1. Mr. Martin presented three options to the council regarding the budget shortfall created by the water purchase requirement and stated the budget committee's recommendation of the option to increase sales tax to offset the Coosa Valley Water impact.

With no further business to come before the council, David Jones made a motion to adjourn. John Coyne seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor