

**CITY OF SPRINGVILLE
CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of the City of Springville (the "Council") held its regularly scheduled meeting on August 3, 2009.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Katrina Hennings.

Mayor Isley called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. He opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing on Skellett/Gossett Rezoning; AG to RE

Mayor Isley stated the first order of business was the public hearing for the consideration of a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting held March 17th, 2009 to amend our Zoning Ordinance and map to include property divided among family members from AG Agricultural to RE Residential Estate. This property is located off Berrington Lane and owned by Paula and Kerry Gossett and Jake and Jessica Skellett.

Mayor Isley opened the public hearing at 6:10 PM, and asked if the owner was present. Mr. Gossett was present but had no comment. There was a brief discussion on where the property was located and the division of the land. Being no comments or questions from the public, Mayor Isley closed the hearing at 6:15 PM.

Presentation on Playground Equipment

Mayor Isley stated that the next item on the agenda was a proposal on playground equipment for Big Springs Park, presented by the Big Springs Playground Committee. Mayor explained that funding is still being explored but the project will consist of 3 phases. Phase one will include preschool equipment, phase two will be elementary, and phase 3 will be a splash zone. He stated he hopes that the Springfest Benefit Concert would provide a significant funding source, and the city government, business owners and community would all work together to make it happen. He then turned the floor over to a park committee spokesperson, Kristin Martin. Ms. Martin explained they had obtained quotes from ten different companies. She also prepared packets for the council members to review. The committee recommends using equipment that meets all safety and handicap accessibility requirements so that grants could be applied for in the future and suggested a pavilion be included. Hugh Marlin asked if this project would have to be put out for bid. Mayor Isley stated that it would, but would like to see what funds could be raised first. Hugh Martin added that the proposal suggests that the installation be done through a community volunteer effort. John Coyne asked if this could void any warranty. Ms. Martin stated that as long as it was supervised by an employee of that company, the warranty would still be effective. City Attorney, James Hill, interjected that no company had been chosen by the city for this project and that it would be put out for bid. He also added that the city might look into what liabilities would be incurred if the installation was done in this manner. Brian Skinner added that he would like to see additional parking, possibly at the city

owned property on Robinson Street with the \$250,000 allocated for senior citizens. Mayor Isley agreed this would be a good suggestion for the Council to consider.

There was discussion on the figures presented and what they involved. The Council agreed to have our attorney James Hill, prepare the specifications for the bid process. Mayor Isley introduced members of the Park Committee that were present and thanked all of them for their efforts.

Rezoning Amendment #75 - Gossett/Skellett property on Berrington Lane;
From AG to RE

Mayor Isley stated the next agenda item was the consideration of amendment # 75 to the Zoning Ordinance S90-04-03 and map to rezone the property owned by Paul and Kerry Gossett and Jake and Jessica Skellett off Berrington Lane from AG Agricultural to RE Residential Estate as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission from their meeting held on March 17, 2009. Motion to suspend the rules and consider at this meeting was made by Brian Skinner, seconded by Wayne Tucker. Mayor Isley called for voice votes; Toles yea, Marlin yea, Tucker yea, Coyne yea, Jones yea, Skinner yea, and Mayor Isley voting yea.

Brian Skinner made a motion to adopt amendment # 75 as presented; motion was second by Wayne Tucker. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Mayor Isley

Provided a written report that included the following:

1. Promotions of Jennifer Milner to Assistant City Clerk, and Laurie Jones to Court Clerk.
2. Interviews to fill the crossing guard at the school will be complete this week.
3. Applications are being taken for Police Lieutenant. This position was left open after the resignation of Lt. Jim Compton and is still in the budget. Chief Charles has stated that he wished to hire from outside the department for this position.
4. City employee picnic tentatively scheduled for September 2009 at the City Sports Complex.
5. Expects the City to submit a WIFI grant application next week.
6. Citizen advisory committees continue to meet and bring forth recommendations on a number of matters of interest.
7. A structural integrity report on the two remaining Crown Binder buildings was presented. The next step will be a meeting between the Historical Committee and the owner.

Additionally, he announced the gubernatorial forum next week and the tea party at Matthews Manor on August 11 at St. Clair County High School. Reminded everyone of the Springfest Benefit Concert and the annual Springfest event scheduled for this weekend. He also thanked Jack Crumpton for the work that he had been doing to his building in the historic district.

Department Heads;

Inspector Terry – had no report.

Fire Chief Harvey

1. He had an engine down and presented repair quotes.
2. He reported that the reserve truck at station # 2 has no hose, but will include this in next year's budget.
3. Countywide ambulance service is now under contract.

Public Works Director, Earl Peoples

Reported that he and Wayne Tucker were riding around in the City and preparing a list of streets to present to the St. Clair County Highway Department for paving.

Police Chief Charles – was not present.

Council reports;

Brian Skinner

Thanked Earl Peoples for placing the signs for recycling. He asked City Personnel to guide people on how to be placed on the agenda, when needed.

John Coyne

1. He encouraged people to come and be put on the agenda, regardless of whether they live in or outside the city limits. There was a discussion on the procedures for timing requirements. Mayor Isley encouraged everyone to visit the city website for information. John Coyne advised he was meeting with people to keep them informed.
2. He asked for a status on the cameras at the park. Earl Peoples stated that he was checking into decorative poles, but should be able to complete the job quickly. Earl Peoples stated that if he could not get the job done within two week he will let the Council know so they could consider hiring a contractor..
3. He asked what the status on insurance for retired employees was. Mr. Isley told them that all retired employees now have the ability to keep their current insurance.

Wayne Tucker

He has been riding the streets with Earl Peoples and found a some streets that did not need immediate attention so they were taken off a previous list and some streets need repairs. Mayor Isley explained that the city is responsible for the funding on this paving job, and no county funds would be available.

1. He stated the "Visit Historic District" sign needs to be applied for through Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), possibly by the Historical Commission.

Hugh Marlin – had no report;

Herbert Toles

1. He asked the status of the city owned property on Walker Drive. Mayor Isley stated Chief Charles has met with an engineer on preparations of the building and plans to include the costs in next year's budget, but the project will have to be placed out for bid.
2. He asked if the city was awarded the stimulus money that was applied for by the police department. Mayor Isley advised Springville was declined, but was high on the list if Municipalities decided not to accept funding Springville might still have a chance to receive some of the stimulus money.
3. He asked about placing a sign on Interstate 59 to advertise local businesses. Wayne Tucker advised that only food, lodging, and gasoline can request signs on the interstate, and the individual businesses would have to apply for permits on this.

Citizen Comments

Faye Kintler reported

1. She said they had 35 people at last week's senior citizen meeting and plan to have two violinists scheduled for the Senior Citizens meeting on August 11th.
2. She asked where the playground equipment would be situated at the park. Mayor Isley said that the total project will take up a large part of the park, but none of the monuments would have to be moved right now.
3. She voiced concerns about the lake looking dirty. Brian Skinner suggested that the pond be aerated. Earl Peoples agreed it would help. Mayor Isley stated this had been discussed previously, and would like to get quotes.

David Jones motioned to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Motion was second by Wayne Tucker. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Brenda Roberts, City Clerk or
Jennifer Milner, Assistant City Clerk

William Isley, Mayor