

City Council Meeting
November 2, 2009
6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Isley opened the meeting with the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was to consider a proposal for a Day of Remembrance, for the St. Clair County Mayors to form a committee to plan for a St. Clair County 9-11 "Ceremony of Remembrance" on September 11, 2011. Council approved.

Minutes of the City Council Work Session and City Council Meeting held on October 19, 2009 were presented. Motion to approve both sets as presented was made by David Jones, second by Katrina Hennings. Motion carried unanimously.

Library activity report was presented for the month of September 2009.

Police Chief Charles addressed the Council to request the approval of \$ 35,000.00 from the Municipal Court General Fund to make the Police Department in compliance with the State E-citations program by January 2010. Estimated cost is from \$1,300 to \$1,500 for each of the 13 city police vehicles. James Hill, City Attorney reminded Chief Charles to follow the bid requirements; however if the vendors are on the State bid list he will be fine. Council discussed and agreed the City has no choice but to approve the expenditure in order to be in compliance. Chief Charles was requested to have our attorney review prior to purchasing to make sure we have followed the bid requirements. Motion to approve the expenditure as requested was made by Wayne Tucker, second by David Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Isley advised, Louise Campbell, grant writer advised she has been contacted about monies available for community storm shelters and asked if the City wanted to apply. The 75/25 grant is for \$140,000 for two shelters/generators. Council suggested we use in-kind towards our local share. Mayor Isley called on Fire Chief Harvey to discuss the location of the shelters. Chief Harvey advised the best location for the shelters is around the VFW facility, due to the ballparks, senior citizens building and three mobile home subdivisions are located in this area. Each shelter will hold up to 100 citizens who could have a place to go in the event of a tornado. Council approved to proceed with the grant application. A Resolution will be presented for the next meeting to send with the grant application.

Mayor Isley reported he is scheduling meetings with several companies about GPS systems for city vehicles and will review proposals presented and report at a later date.

Mayor Isley presented a list of city grants that show the match requirements and other city-wide projects such as; a sports complex, a new library, playground equipment for Big Springs Park, a new city administrative complex, and the widening of highway 174 from I-59 to highway 11.

He suggested the Council meet and prioritize city-wide projects and look at several options for funding the projects by applying for a long term loan or a bond issue, instead of using the city's reserve funds. After discussion, the Council agreed to set aside a separate meeting and prioritize city projects and have a plan before spending any funds. Council agreed to hold a work session on November 19th at 3:00pm.

Mayor Isley reminded everyone the Veteran's Day Celebration is scheduled for November 9th at the First United Methodist Church.

Katrina Hennings advised the playground committee will have a fundraiser on March 13th by hosting a 5K family fun run and hopes it will be an annual event.

Mayor Isley stated Springville will host the St. Clair County Mayor's Association meeting on December 11th from 6:00pm to 10:00pm at Matthews Manor for all elected officials and their spouse.

Mayor Isley called for a motion concerning the community storm shelters discussed at the Work Session prior to this meeting. Motion was made by Brian Skinner to submit an application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant for the shelters. Wayne Tucker seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Herbert Toles requested to spend up to \$325.00 for a dumpster to be placed in District One to dispose of the debris from a demolished home. David Jones and Wayne Tucker expressed their concerns of spending city funds on private property. Herbert Toles stated this house was condemned by a long time ago.

After discussion, Hugh Marlin made a motion to place this back on the agenda to allow Inspector Mike Terry, time to research the files for documentation of the house being condemned. Herbert Toles seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Skinner asked if the HINI vaccine would be available in Springville. Chief Harvey replied EMA may hold another clinic towards the end of November or first of December in Springville or Moody.

Hugh Marlin made a motion that the by-laws for the demolition of homes be enforced. Herbert Toles seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Tucker at approx 7:10pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Brenda Roberts, City Clerk
Helen Williams

Mayor William Isley