

**CITY OF SPRINGVILLE
CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of the City of Springville (the "Council") held its regularly scheduled meeting on November 16th, 2009.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None.

Visitors

Mayor Isley gave the invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The mayor explained the first visitor was addressing the Council with a request for tennis courts. Mayor Isley stated he and Brian Skinner had done some research on possible grants then introduced Kathryn Winslett who is the tennis coach at Springville High School. Mrs. Winslett asked the Council to consider building 4 to 6 tennis courts, which is needed if Springville were to host any matches or tournaments. She also mentioned she has spoken with someone about available grants and was aware of one that would match 20% up to \$50,000. She stated that tournaments could be held as a possible source of future revenue. She introduced Carol Lockhart who has a daughter who plays tennis at Springville High. Mrs. Lockhart stated that tennis is a sport that could be played at any age and very affordable. Mayor Isley stated that a work session will be held on the 19th, and a sports complex is going to be a topic of discussion. Mayor Isley asked if the Board of Education had any land available for such a project. Mrs. Winslett said she was told there could possibly be land, but she did not know if it would be enough. Brian Skinner asked if there were any grants available for such projects. Louise Campbell, the City's grant writer, stated that there were funds for such projects, and she explained some of the requirements of the grant. She also stated she did not think the City could obtain grant money for courts placed on property owned by the Board of Education.

Mayor Isley recognized Aimee Martin and Natalie Hinds as the next visitors. Mrs. Hinds announced a 5K race and family fun run fundraiser for the playground equipment for Big Springs Park is scheduled for March 13th. She mentioned the current focus is on finding sponsors to participate or donate.

**Resolution 2009-23; Re-applying for Hazard
Mitigation Grant for Community Storm Shelters**

Mayor Isley stated the first order of regular business was the consideration of Resolution 2009-23, authorizing Louise Campbell to reapply for a grant for two community storm shelters to be placed by the VFW building. Mrs. Campbell stated the revised budget included generators, grant management, and engineering funds. Mrs. Campbell advised after the city was denied the first time due to a lack of state funding, a representative contacted her and advised her to reapply. She stated a decision would probably not be made until after the first of the year. Katrina Hennings asked if there was enough property at the site for the shelters. Mayor Isley stated that Public Works Director, Earl Peoples, was not present to answer the question, and he was not sure. Mrs. Campbell stated that she thought there was. Brian Skinner stated that this is a prime location because it would provide shelter to the people at the ball park as well as the site being very near a mobile home community. Brian Skinner made a motion to approve the

resolution. David Jones seconded the motion. John Coyne asked how wide the shelters were. Mrs. Campbell stated that she thought they were 10 feet wide and 48 feet long. Fire Chief Richard Harvey stated that he had spoken with Earl Peoples about possibly locating them near the pavilion. Mrs. Campbell expressed concern about starting over with the approval process if the site was changed, although she would do whatever the Council wanted her to. She also stated that there might be limitations to placing it on park property where a grant had already been obtained. Motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Senior Citizen Program Director

Mayor Isley introduced Teresa Burton as the senior citizen program director. Mrs. Burton advised everything was going great and is about to go to a 5 day a week program beginning December 1st. Mayor Isley advised a Wii system had been purchased for the seniors to enjoy.

Ordinance 2009-10; Contract on Emergency Services Outside City Limits

Mayor Isley stated that Chief Harvey was seeking approval to contract for city emergency services outside the city limits. Chief Harvey explained that this ordinance would allow the City to get reimbursed for expenses such as disposables and fuel for medical emergency calls made outside the city limits. He also stated this would give other cities, emergency districts, and individuals the option to continue receiving services that the City has been providing for free or return to their alternate emergency coverage. Chief Harvey advised that any potential contracts would have to have Council approval. Chief Harvey stated that he would like a Committee to be formed to set the fees. Wayne Tucker stated that he is in support of helping others, but the City's first priority should be its citizens. Mayor Isley asked if the current ISO rating would be affected. Chief Harvey stated that since the current coverage area would not be expanded, the current rating of 3 would not be affected. He went on to say that he was planning on having ISO come back next year to re-evaluate the rating because he felt it could be lowered to a two. Herbert Toles asked City Attorney, James Hill, if charging a fee for service was legal. Mr. Hill reassured him that it was and that the Council would have the final decision on entering into all contracts. Brian Skinner stated that he felt the City should not contract with individuals. Chief Harvey stated that ESN numbers were assigned to individuals, and this number is how emergency operators at 911 would identify who would respond to the call. If an individual did not pay in advance, then they would be given an ESN number for their alternate responder.

David Jones made a motion to suspend the rules and consider at this meeting. Wayne Tucker seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Voice votes; all yeas. David Jones made a motion to pass the ordinance, which was seconded by Wayne Tucker. Mayor called for voice votes: Skinner, aye; Jones, aye; Coyne, aye; Hennings, aye; Tucker, aye; Marlin, aye; Toles, aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Isley stated the next order of business was the approval of the minutes from the work session of November 2, 2009. David Jones made a motion to approve as presented. Katrina Hennings seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Personnel Issues

Police Chief Charles stated that he had two officers that resigned to pursue careers with the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department. He stated that Michael Doss and Doug Smith would be leaving within the week. He said he already hired an officer to replace Glenna Pritchard, and he would start in a couple of days. Chief Charles advised he had advertised the openings and hoped to receive some quality applications. Mayor Isley stated that he was told that the starting pay for a patrolman with the Sheriff's department was comparable to the City's pay for a sergeant's rank. Mayor Isley asked Chief Charles to make sure the City got reimbursed for any training that it was entitled to. Hugh Marlin asked how many officers the department currently had. Chief Charles stated he would have 13 after losing two officers this week. Herbert Toles asked if he was reviewing some of the applications that were submitted previously. Chief Charles stated that he was, and he hoped to receive more applications because there were a lot of experienced officers out of work.

Fire Chief Harvey stated that he was losing 5 paramedics, as well, due to a hiring series done in Birmingham and is also losing a part time employee who was going to Argo. Chief Harvey advised the pay rate was higher and the paramedics could top out making more than they could currently. Harvey said he also advertised the openings, but is not getting applications for paramedics. Mayor Isley asked if any of the employees were Safer Grant personnel. Chief Harvey stated they were, and these positions must be filled. Herbert Toles asked if any of the employees leaving were reimbursing the City for training. Chief Harvey advised yes. John Coyne asked how many paramedics were being left employed with the City. Chief Harvey stated that there would only be six including him.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Isley announced a work session scheduled for November 19th at 3:00 PM to help set priorities for the City. There was discussion about holding future work sessions at 8:00 AM prior to the regular city council meeting dates.

David Jones stated that he and Katrina Hennings went to the mayor's association meeting, and he urged the other Counselors to make their reservations for the St. Clair County's Mayor's Association meeting for December. Mayor Isley stated that this is a great opportunity for the City to host this year.

Mayor Isley announced the Christmas parade would be on December 12th at 6:00 PM.

Wayne Tucker motioned to adjourn, seconded by Hugh Marlin. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Attest:

Brenda Roberts, City Clerk
Helen Williams

William Isley, Mayor

Minutes transcribed and typed by Jennifer Disker.