



## MINUTES

### Springville City Council Work/Study Meeting - JUNE 13, 2023

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MINUTES OF THE WORK/STUDY MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 110 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH.

Presiding and Conducting: Mayor Matt Packard

Elected Officials in Attendance: Liz Crandall  
Craig Jensen  
Jason Miller arrived at 5:44 p.m.  
Mike Snelson  
Chris Sorensen

**City Staff in Attendance:** City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald, Assistant City Administrator/City Attorney John Penrod, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Bruce Riddle, City Recorder Kim Crane, Community Development Director Josh Yost, Golf Assistant Director Craig Norman, Museum of Art Director Emily Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Child, Public Safety Director Lance Haight, and Public Works Director Brad Stapley.

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Packard welcomed everyone and called the Work/Study meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. He recognized Recorder Kim Crane for earning her State of Utah Municipal Clerk Association Certification from Southern Utah University.

#### COUNCIL BUSINESS

##### 1. Calendar

- Jun 20 - Work Study Meeting 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Jul 04 - Independence Day Observed (City Offices Closed - Tuesday)
- Jul 04 - No Council Meeting Scheduled.
- Jul 11 - Work Study Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Packard stated the next regular council meetings are June 20, 2023, and July 18, 2023.

#### Mayor, Council, and Administrative Reports

##### a) Utility Board Update - Cl. Jensen/Cl. Miller

Councilmember Jensen reported on a power outage that was restored quickly. Director Black said it was a phase-to-phase interruption on a transmission line between the Evergreen Cemetery and the Historic City Cemetery caused by an eastern wind that either slapped lines or knocked down a tree limb which opened a breaker at a substation. Mayor Packard complemented the power reliability compared to his childhood. Director Black said there is usually a wind event in the south part of town in June.

Mayor Packard complimented Director Child for a successful Art City Days including the carnival, parade, concert, children's activities, and nice weather. The meeting chortled about how fast the city council members on golf carts completed the course of the parade while handing out candy. Councilmember Sorensen complimented the addition of business coupon handouts. Director Child asked if the council wants to continue the coupons in the future. Councilmember Snelson asked for increased public communication to explain the coupons. Councilmember Jensen said he gave Jennifer Grigg a La Casita coupon, which I much appreciated.

**b) Public Works**

Director Stapley started his presentation by noting the historic water year with snow plows deployed for 50 storms compared to the 5-year average of 17 snow plowing storms. The salt budget was \$24,720 and this year his staff spent \$36,720 for total snow removal costs of \$117,428 including fuel, salt, equipment, and 939 man-hours. Springville City has six plows that plow 146 miles of streets for every storm. Without skipping a beat, his department moved straight into the record-breaking 2023 spring runoff by providing 100,000 sandbags, filled with 1800 tons of sand and 1600 manhours including debris removal. Around the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, Hobble Creek peaked around 8 and a half feet at the 700 East station, breaking the previous 2011 record in that station's 14-year history. He requested performance rewards for the entire Streets Department including Jason Riding, who has worked here for about 22 years, TJ Thomas, Norm Banks, Jace Brunson, Clint Carter, Jared Shaw, Cruz Candia, Alex Beltran, and Anna Erdmann for outstanding season of service.

**c) Power**

Director Black showed a presentation of an engine replacement at the power plant. A crankshaft weighs 30,000 pounds and is 25 feet long. He said there is an artist interested in some of the scrap metal for an outdoor art installation. Mayor Packard reported he and Administrator Fitzgerald discussed certain electric cars that can connect to and run a house off the car batteries. Director Black said technology is advancing rapidly. Mayor Packard said the utility board will decide on car charging policy at businesses. Administrator Fitzgerald said the impact fee is extraordinary. Director Black said Beaver is destroying their power grid by offering free charging. Mayor Packard said this city needs to be forward-thinking when balancing the cost of delivering a kilowatt to a house. Director Black said solar customers have better batteries and the city needs to set policy so residents can make money. Mayor Packard noted that eventually, the neighborhood transformers will be overworked. Director Black added the transmission lines as well. He said a friend in California has seen loads to the electric grid triple. Councilmember Sorensen asked about the power pole that is to be moved off of the new high school site. Administrator Fitzgerald said there are two poles and staff volunteered to review the costs for Nebo and Rocky Mountain is in charge. Mayor Packard said we want to protect the city without ostracizing the residents and limiting their agency.

**d) Administration**

Postponed until the June 20, 2023 council work meeting.

**MAYOR PACKARD, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Administrator Fitzgerald said that using Orem's rate study of local communities, Springville looks pretty good compared to local communities. He explained that a community with a large number of apartments can use a data point called *average users* which is different from what Springville uses—*single-family home average users*. Some numbers can be manipulated by choosing alternate cities with similar but different data sets. Overall, The fees that Springville Charges its residents looks pretty good compared to the cities in the Orem rate study.



Councilmember Snelson asked about the disparity in park strips all over town and what to do about it. Administrator Fitzgerald explained that development happened in approximately 20-year blocks and standards changed over that time between 8-foot park strips, no park strips, or a combination. The content of park strips is a code enforcement issue but so far Council has decided not to force residents to comply. Councilmember Snelson asked why park strips are required. Administrator Fitzgerald answered some of the practical reasons are storing plowed snow, mailboxes, and various environmental reasons. He suggested staff can provide a report at a future meeting and that staff has discussed the theory that setting a new standard infers bringing the whole community into compliance with that standard. He cited the examples of upgrading older sidewalks to ADA standards and replacing 4-inch diameter water pipe with 8-inch diameter water pipe for improved fire flow. Staff is working to bring the whole community into compliance with the standards the council sets and at any time the council can vote to change any of these standards. Councilmember Snelson agreed a staff report is needed. Councilmember Sorensen said the high school removed their park strip. Administrator Fitzgerald said the legislature is getting involved with new restrictions statewide. He said staff has leaned more positive on park strips and narrowing roads partially because of the cost of asphalt repair and replacement. It becomes a holistic decision with developers negotiating park strips, road width, and house setbacks. Director Stapley said park strips allow for compliance with space requirements between culinary water and sewer water pipes.

Mayor Packard said the election is coming up and clarified the primary date is projected to change to September 05, 2023. Administrator Fitzgerald said the general election date is projected to change to Thanksgiving week. Mayor Packard said this council needs to get things done before the end of the year because the three new councilmembers will need to be trained to get up to speed. Councilmember Crandall asked about a dog park. Councilmember Miller promised to attend future meetings as a resident.

#### **ADJOURNMENT CLOSED SESSION IF NEEDED - TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MOTION**

*The Springville City Council may temporarily recess the meeting and convene in a closed session as provided by UCA 52-4-205.*

There was none.

#### **ADJOURN**

**Motion: Councilmember Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Councilmember Snelson seconded the motion. Voting Yes:** Councilmember Crandall, Councilmember Jensen, Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Snelson, and Councilmember Sorensen. The motion **Passed Unanimously; 5-0.**

*This document constitutes the official minutes for the Springville City Council Work/Study Meeting held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.*

*I, Jennifer Grigg, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified, and acting Deputy Recorder for Springville City, of Utah County, State of Utah. I do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true, accurate, and complete record of this meeting held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.*

DATE APPROVED: July 18, 2023

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Jennifer Grigg  
Deputy Recorder

