



MINUTES
Springville City Council Work/Study Meeting - February 13, 2024

MINUTES OF THE WORK/STUDY MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 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:

Craig Jensen	Excused
Logan Millsap	
Jake Smith	Arrived at 5:37 p.m.
Mike Snelson	
Mindi Wright	

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, Director of Administrative Services Patrick Monney, Library Director Dan Mickelson, Museum of Art Director Emily Larsen, Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Child, Public Works Director Brad Stapley, Public Safety Director Lance Haight, Fire Chief Clinton, Springville Library Representatives Kim Christensen and Brittanie Turner, City Treasurer Heather Penni, Economic Development/Planner II Carla Wiese, and Director of Engineering and Internal Services Scott Sensanbaugher

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Packard welcomed everyone and called the Work/Study meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Calendar
 - Feb 19 - Presidents' Day Observed (Civic Center Closed - Monday)
 - Feb 20 - Work Study Meeting 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 - Mar 05 - Work Study Meeting 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
2. **Proclamation by the Mayor and City Council - Week of the Young Child, April 6-12, 2024**

Mayor Packard read the proclamation.

Administrator Fitzgerald introduced the new Director of Engineering and Internal Services Scott Sensanbaugher. Scott said he was excited to be in Springville, moving here from New Mexico.

3. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a) Community Board Update - Mayor Packard/Cl. Smith

Mayor Packard began by addressing the discussions held in the previous two meetings regarding the area spanning from 400 North to 1400 North, known as the Main Street North Gateway. These

discussions revolved around determining the types of businesses suitable for each zone within this area. He asked Director Yost to review the applications to update the General Plan. Director Yost commented on the contractors that are bidding. Mayor Packard mentioned that recommendations were being developed for the Planning Commission's consideration before being brought to the City Council. Additionally, Mayor Packard requested that the Planning Commission review the area south of the city and specifically mentioned 1300 East as part of their review. Director Monney explained the Community Board has spent almost two years educating itself and the last two meetings have been very inciteful. Councilmember Millsap asked about the rotation of board members.

Director Yost explained the Community Board comprises citizens from different parts of the city and stated that some board member terms expire in March. These members have been invited to reapply for their positions. Councilmember Snelson asked how many are on the board. Mayor Packard answered that 9 or 10 attend each month.

b) Library

Director Mickelson reported library services are guided by five focus areas. Collection, service/programs, facility, community engagement, and staff development. He said the Springville Library works on a bookstore model of service with some books facing out, rotating displays, and a different style of classification. There are over 80,000 physical items and 300,000 digital items in the collection. Circulation is about 650,000 items per year and according to the Utah State Library, that is in the 90th percentile in Utah. Councilmember Snelson clarified that the statistic is per capita.

Director Mickelson continued by reporting that 80% of Springville households use the library and the average user checks out over 20 items per year. Councilmember Millsap asked if circulation includes discovery kits and digital items. Director Mickelson confirmed those are included in circulation. He conducted an exercise demonstrating how the library can connect residents with an expert. The library has over 1200 programs per year with attendance in the 95th percentile in the state—leading to over 1000 daily visitors. He stated the facility is a beautiful landmark in Springville currently in its 12th year. He invited the council to visit the library and experience the wind tunnel.

Director Mickelson explained that the library conducts activities inside and outside the walls of the library. Some of the library's contributions to support health and safety include passing out 14,000 plus COVID tests, hosting drug take-back events, participating with the county in the car seat safety initiative, and suicide prevention training. He quoted a study showing that illiteracy and crime are intertwined. He concluded by saying he is fortunate to work with a great staff serving this community. As director, he works with human resources and the administration to consider staff organizational needs, maintain staff levels, and work to prevent employee burnout. Councilmember Snelson asked about burnout. Director Mickelson said he tries to balance responsibilities among staff members and prevent overachievers from taking on too many tasks. Mayor Packard complimented the library on the participation of residents and said he appreciates the library much more. Councilmember Smith asked about the hours. Director Mickelson answered 10:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Mayor Packard reminisced about the Carnegie Library.

c) Public Safety

Chief Haight said the Public Safety Department appreciates the support from the mayor, council, and administrative staff. He introduced Officer Carter who reported on his assignments as a DTO (drug traffic officer) with the Utah County Major Crimes Task Force. Officer Carter said the main goal of this task force is to disrupt or dismantle drug trafficking organizations. Councilmember Snelson asked about the involvement of other Utah County cities. Officer Carter said each city that can afford to send an officer or more to serve participates in the task force. Councilmember Wright asked if Springville had drug

customers or major drug organizations. Officer Carter answered there might be some mid-level dealers, but the large organizations are in Salt Lake County. Chief Height said the Utah County Major Crimes Task Force is why there are no major drug organizations in Utah County. Officer Carter agreed stating they don't like us and we work hard to keep them out of our community.

Mayor Packard asked Officer Carter what his motivation is and he answered he knows drug use is a problem in our community, it is a disease and it is sad no matter who it affects. He wants to get the people off the streets who make a profit harming those people. Administrator Fitzgerald asked Officer Carter to explain how he dresses and he answered most detectives are plain clothed, growing out their hair and beards. Currently, he is acting as an undercover officer who performs controlled buys to get those dealers off the streets. They also use informants to perform buys. Councilmember Snelson asked how long he has served undercover. Officer Carter answered three years and he grew his hair out that whole time.

Councilmember Wright asked how long an officer serves as a DTO. Officer Carter answered it depends on the city, usually three to five years. Councilmember Smith clarified an officer applies to be a DTO for the task force within the local department. Officer Carter said Springville has had some major crimes in the last few years including homicides. The task force works with any city with a major crime. Chief Height said Officer Carter writes all the major search warrants for Springville City and is a tremendous resource for Springville City; when he returns to a supervisory role, he will share his knowledge with the other Springville officers.

Officer Carter shared statistics for his team of four officers on the task force including 18,395 pounds of heroin, 8.1 pounds of meth, 5.6 pounds of cocaine, and 50,530 M30 Fentanyl pills that have been seized since January of 2024, or just a month and a half. Councilmember Smith asked about the cost of those illegal drugs and Officer Carter gave estimates stating that there is a lot of money taken from drug traffickers and a lot of lives saved. He said Fentanyl is popular but 1 in 7 pills has a lethal dose of Fentanyl. He concluded by stating this is an important and never-ending job, he is glad to do it and thankful for the support of the mayor and City Council. Councilmember Wright asked for advice to keep drugs out of Springville. Officer Carter answered have faith in the officers doing the street-level contacts and let them do their jobs to work up the ladder to the larger organizations.

Chief Height provided last year's statistics for the Utah County Major Crimes Task Force and defined the different illegal drugs currently on the rise. He explained that fentanyl is a synthetic opioid manufactured for less than a penny and sold for \$5 or \$10. Heroin is still used; meth use is down and cocaine use is rising. Chief Height continued by stating THC cartridges (vape THC -delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol) are a gateway drug and stop the brain from developing in anyone under 25 years old. The Utah County Major Crimes Task Force also confiscates guns and cash. Councilmember Smith clarified THC cartridges cannot be sold legally in smoke shops. Councilmember Wright asked Officer Carter to define dab who answered it is marijuana that has been cooked into a yellowish-brown paste so it is concentrated. Chief Height said modern hybrid strains of marijuana cause psychotic drug-induced breakdowns because of increased THC concentrations. Officer Carter said marijuana has thousands of properties and THC levels in the 1970s were 30% max. Today the levels in marijuana bud is 90% and dab is 98% THC. Councilmember Millsap asked about the increase in gun seizures. Officer Carter explained drug criminals use guns, but that is not their focus. Mayor Packard and the City Council thanked Officer Carter for his presentation.

In the last City Council meeting, a resident complained Springville has higher crime rates and police officers are not proactive, Chief Height reported that Springville officers emphasize DUI enforcement three to four times more than surrounding communities; not that Springville residents drive while drinking more. Councilmember Snelson asked about the process after a DUI arrest. Attorney Penrod said after the first arrest the driver will lose their driver's license for 60 days, pay a hefty fine, and

spend two days in the Utah County Jail. After the second arrest, the offender will spend 10 days in jail, pay a fine, and lose their driver's license again. The third arrest is a felony at a higher court. Councilmember Smith asked if the drunk driving accident statistics correlate. Chief Haight said he would get that data. Attorney Penrod said DUI offenders drive drunk 25 times before they are caught. Councilmember Millsap asked how many of the 286 DUI arrests were Springville residents. Chief Haight said the state liquor store and a new bar contributed to the arrests. Councilmember Millsap said arresting drunk drivers in Springville also prevents crashes in other communities. Councilmember Wright asked about the fine and where that money goes. Attorney Penrod said the fine goes to the state. Chief Haight said the state funds extra shifts for DUI enforcement and some officers like the overtime and complimented Sergeant Teuscher. Attorney Penrod said reasonable suspicion is required before an officer pulls over a driver and our officers are better trained at spotting violations.

Administrator Fitzgerald mentioned the legislature is discussing justice courts, as profit centers and explained the revenue just barely covers the cost of operating a justice court, not prosecution, and enforcement. The Springville Justice Court is not a profit center.

Chief Haight reported a recently remodeled apartment complex has had a major drop in calls for service since renovation. He said the Fire Department is continually training and turned the time over to Chief Clinton who reported on ice rescue training at Wayne Bartholomew Family Park.

d) Finance

Director Riddle introduced Greg Balls with Meeder Public Funds (attending virtually) who gave an investment risk management update for the city. Mayor Packard will meet virtually with Greg at a later time to further discuss the city's \$90 million in long-term investments.

e) Community Development

Director Yost reported on year-end information for building permit valuation. There was a large spike in requests for building permits in 2021 that has now tapered down and translated into less calendar year-end revenue. Projects that are delayed are piling up and the hope is that when mortgage rates decrease the demand will increase. Residential permits are down. Administrator Fitzgerald said there are more commercial permits than 10 years ago even with the drop. Director Yost reported 1913 residential inspections were completed last year and 1902 were completed by the next day while no work was farmed out to a third party. Administrator Fitzgerald said there is proposed legislation to get private inspections approved and the data collected says 98% of inspections are complete within two days. Councilmember Millsap confirmed response time increases when permits spike. Administrator Fitzgerald said cities are mandated to issue permits within a short time frame, and demand is very difficult to forecast. Director Yost agreed demand is hard to forecast and inspectors are keeping busy while waiting for delayed and unpredictable developments to start. Administrator Fitzgerald said cities are under a mandatory responsibility even with a statewide shortage of inspectors.

Councilmember Wright asked about the ULCT April conference she and Councilmember Smith are interested in attending.

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 Snelson moved to adjourn the work meeting at 7:03 p.m. **Councilmember Smith seconded** the motion. **Voting Yes:** Councilmember Jensen EXCUSED, Councilmember Millsap, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Snelson, and Councilmember Wright. The motion **Passed 4-0 with 1 absent.**

This document constitutes the official minutes for the Springville City Council Work/Study Meeting held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

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, February 13, 2024.

DATE APPROVED: March 05, 2024

Jennifer Grigg
Deputy Recorder

