

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET PLANNING MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 AT 3:30 P.M. AT THE SPRINGVILLE CITY MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, 110 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH.

Presiding and Conducting: Mayor Matt Packard

Elected Officials in Attendance: Liz Crandall
Craig Jensen
Mike Snelson
Jason Miller
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, Public Safety Director Lance Haight, Golf Pro Craig Norman, Building and Grounds Director Bradley Neel, Recreation Director Stacey Child, Community Development Director Josh Yost, Power Director Leon Fredrickson, Public Works Director Brad Stapley, Library Director Dan Mickelson, Management Analyst Jack Urquhart, and Museum of Art Associate Director Emily Larsen.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Packard welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON WAKEUP

Recreation Director Child introduced Renae Bowen with the CRC for an activity of Drums Alive.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION - TROY FITZGERALD, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Fitzgerald welcomed everyone and reviewed the evening's agenda.

MAYOR PACKARD'S APPROACH TO BUDGETING - MAYOR MATT PACKARD

Mayor Packard shared his thoughts and expressed his appreciation for Administrator Fitzgerald being focused on the importance of employee compensation. At the end of the year Mayor Child, Mayor-Elect Packard, and Administrator Fitzgerald discussed giving a raise to employees and approved a 6% raise for all full-time and part-time employees. This coming after a 9% increase earlier in the year.

Mayor Packard addressed the importance of cash flow and the various types; one-time funds such as grants, recurring funds like sales tax, and operational cash flow such as fees and utilities. He expressed rates need to be in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). He asked the council to look at the budget and adjust for the CPI. He emphasized looking for the revenue side and protecting it, the city has a low property tax rate, consider looking at this, he did not want to be the highest but somewhere in the middle.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CITIZEN SURVEY - TROY FITZGERALD, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Fitzgerald reported on the recent citizen survey. Approximately 1800 were mailed, with 867 responding for a 50% response rate and margin of error of 3%.

The overall quality of life in Springville was rated very good, but somewhat lower than the last survey. Some contributors to a lower rating could be the pandemic, social media, and traffic issues from the closures of 1400 North.

He explained households were randomly selected, and some may have received the survey more than once. Most were pleased with the overall direction of the city, with a portion at neither agree nor disagree. The overall rating of city services decreased somewhat, he went on to review the top city services. Drug problems in the community were still a concern, however lower than in years past. Chief Height commented Springville was very safe and drugs were not as prevalent as other cities.

Citizens did not state a problem with power rates. While traffic in neighborhoods and on Main Street had increased it was listed as a major problem. Programs and services requested were a bike park, a 24hour staffed fire station, only one in three agreed to raise taxes to pay for the increase in services. One question asked was if there were extra dollars what top three services would they like to see; Improving traffic flow, reducing traffic, and access to high-speed internet were the top three.

THE IMPACT OF INFLATION ON THE BUDGET - BRUCE RIDDLE, ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR

Director Riddle reported on inflation, the pandemic effect, strained supply line, and consumer demand for products and services. Skyrocketing vehicle prices were affecting the city vehicle replacement program. He also called attention to being sensitive to how inflation was affecting lower-income citizens.

He reported Utah and Idaho were the only states in the nation with more jobs in 2021 than 2019 and new residents from out of state were at a 16-year high. Inflation was expected to average 3.7% over the year. Sales tax growth would likely bounce back and the growth rate would be in the moderate range.

He asked for Council guidance regarding fee increases, wage increases, and inflationary adjustment to the property tax rate.

COMMUNICATION/VISION/TRANSPARENCY - TROY FITZGERALD, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Fitzgerald requested information from the council on what programs and services to add and how to address any feedback, with importance on educating the public.

Councilmember Sorensen suggested adding an insert in the newsletter.

Councilmember Snelson recommended broadcasting city council meetings. Director Monney said updates to the council room were in progress and they should see a better broadcast of meetings soon.

Councilmember Miller expressed there were so many services needing education for the public, the monthly newsletter could point out little things, improvements, and costs.

Administrator Fitzgerald explained Mayor Packard has requested the city website be the hub of information, with this there will be more planning and cost involved. Mayor Packard said they are working on a Mayor question and answer broadcast.

Councilmember Jensen would like to have an "atta boy" list that can be communicated to citizens.

Administrator Fitzgerald recapped by explaining tying everything to the CPI would increase rates and property tax by 7.0%. Work was in place to have Directors and supervisors let go of some responsibilities and have more efficient personnel assist, council would also like to see metrics from departments.

BREAK

TIME OUT 5:52 p.m.

TIME BACK 6:14 p.m.



A REPORT ON REQUESTS/DIRECTION FROM LAST YEAR - TROY FITZGERALD, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Fitzgerald reported on the projects and priorities accomplished over the last year, as well as those in process, and projects not completed. He asked the council if they wanted to pursue the items that have not been completed.

Councilmember Snelson commented the downtown business program should be done by the chamber of commerce with support from the city.

LIGHTNING ROUND - YEAR TWO

Administrator Fitzgerald gave a list of programs and priorities to gauge the interest of the council for a future study where staff would bring back more information for discussion.

Improve the Meals at Council Meetings:

Is Power Reliable:

Summer Concert Series

Increasing Code Enforcement:

Install Infrastructure in the City Where it is Missing

Neighborhood Meetings

Install Train Quiet Zones

Improve Council Broadcast - See Where It Goes with the New System

Have A Sister City:

Utility Bill Payment Assistance

Garbage Pickup - One Side of the Street

Issue Tickets, Not Warnings

Buying Property for Open Space

Blue-Sky Purchase Option for Customers

Increase Spending on IT Cyber Security

Street Sweeping More Than 2x Per Year

CRC Expansion

The top five council priorities listed in bold will have future discussions and information provided.

COUNCIL GUIDANCE FOR THE BUDGET

Administrator Fitzgerald asked the Mayor and City Council to provide ideas for budget projects, priorities, or guidance for the upcoming budget year. Each council member provided a list of items.

Councilmember Sorensen: pave roads at Jolley's Ranch, name a park after Alan Curtis, improve the tennis courts at Memorial Park, benches and covers for bus stops, improve the green waste grinder, improvements to the Senior Center facility, work with Provo City to connect the walking path between Springville and Provo.

Councilmember Jensen: water infrastructure-meters and irrigation, Utah Lake go to the state, see mixed density, 1200 West plan completed into Spanish Fork with zoning, funding for celebrations in the community, partner with companies for programming in recreation; do not mess with property tax make it up in fees and sales tax, employee compensation and satisfaction with an option for bonuses, pet, and child care ordinances.

Councilmember Crandall: additional planner focused on downtown, sustainable solid waste, mental health advocate, building connector roads.

Councilmember Snelson: fund active transportation plan, shuttle van within the city, funding to public safety.

Councilmember Miller: dog park and finish Community Park, 950 West sidewalk, city entry signs, take care of what we have (infrastructure), hoist lifts for fire/ambulance.

Mayor Packard: Plat A water irrigation, pay for golf irrigation with cares funds, support Hispanic community.

Administrator Fitzgerald commented by providing quality services and programs would require revenue, Springville citizens were paying less for utilities and were in the bottom percentile. He also emphasized the importance of maintaining the city infrastructure for the future.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER JENSEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET WORK MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL AT 8:16 P.M.

COUNCILMEMBER CRANDALL SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE.

This document constitutes the official minutes for the Springville City Council Budget Planning meeting held on Monday, January 24, 2022.

I, Kim Crane, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified, and acting City 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 Monday, January 24, 2022

DATE APPROVED: February 01, 2022



Kim Crane, CMC
City Recorder