

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, 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
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, and Deputy Recorder Jennifer Grigg, Community Development Director Josh Yost, Public Works Director Brad Stapley, City Planner Carla Wiese, Waste Water Superintendent Jake Nostrom, Golf Pro Craig Norman, Police Chief Lance Haight, Library Director Dan Mickelson, Power Director Shawn Black, Administration Director Patrick Monney, Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Child and Museum of Art Director Dr. Rita Wright.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Packard welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and reminded everyone about the Utah League of City and Towns convention.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Calendar

- Sep 20 - Open House Tour of Brookside Manor Apartments 4:30 p.m.
- Sep 20 - Work/Study Meeting 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 04 - Work/Study Meeting 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 05-07 - ULCT Annual Convention
- Oct 11 - Work/Study Meeting 5:30 p.m.

2. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a) Utility Board Update - Councilmember Jensen and Councilmember Miller

Councilmember Jensen asked Councilmember Miller about the meeting who reported board members asked about purchasing power piecemeal and Director Black answered there is not much resource available and participation is good. Councilmember Miller said staff does a good job educating the board and the board represents a good cross-section of Springville residents. Councilmember Jensen added the board is up to speed (including water, power, solid waste, and wastewater) and rates will be discussed this year. Mayor Packard asked for clarification on the responsibility of the Utility Board. Director Stapley said staff will present each five-year plan before the budget process. Councilmember Miller complimented Director Black for preparing materials in advance for the board to study. The benefit of the combined board is the feedback from diverse board members from different fields. Councilmember Jensen added information before the meeting is helpful if the board members will study ahead of time. Sometimes it becomes political if we get into solar and wind. He said he prefers natural gas purchases

because of the way Director Black can expertly hedge the purchases. Councilmember Crandall asked if the Utility Board can question the policy of spending more on wind and solar because the increased cost affects our citizens and tell UAMPS (Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems) natural gas is preferred. Director Black said he will definitely push the way the City Council prefers. Mayor Packard said the Utility Board should vet these UAMPS policies because that is our responsibility to the city. If natural gas is more affordable, buy natural gas. Councilmember Miller said at this point that is what we are doing. Councilmember Crandall said accepting these UAMPS policies makes power more expensive. Councilmember Jensen said those types of conversations should be had at the Utility Board level before a power purchase comes to the City Council. Councilmember Crandall and Councilmember Snelson said we can tell UAMPS to stop adding solar and wind to their portfolio and natural gas is not that bad. Councilmember Crandall said fossil fuel independence by 2030 might not be what is best for our residents. Councilmember Jensen noted the proposed nuclear project in Idaho. Director Black said this political shift reaction started 15 years ago with the switch away from coal. Administrator Fitzgerald added Springville City has a vote on the UAMPS board. Director Black stated Springville City can choose to stay out of certain projects and this current solar project was voted on in 2019. Councilmember Jensen said that is the kind of thing we should discuss on the Utility Board. Councilmember Miller asked how we react to solar and wind policy coming down from the industry and the state. Councilmember Jensen compared it to the statewide wastewater phosphorus controversy. Director Stapley said the various municipal treatment plants are meeting to tell the state they cannot just throw out a new regulation that costs taxpayers millions of dollars. Mayor Packard said these are healthy discussions and the point of the Utility Board. Councilmember Crandall said Springville can avoid rolling blackouts like in California. Mayor Packard said the boards will be involved in the budget process. Councilmember Sorensen said our policies cannot stay the same forever.

b) Administration

Director Monney brought the Council up to speed on the happenings in the Administration Department by listing the members of the department and their responsibilities. Councilmember Snelson clarified the documents are digitized in-house. Director Monney thanked the Council for approving a new holiday. Human Resources is implementing new software to streamline and digitalize hiring paperwork. So far, Kathy Hansen has hired 317 part-time/seasonal employees and 50 full-time employees to date for 2022. The IT department updated the City Council Room with new A/V equipment and City Council and Planning Commission meetings are now streaming live through a YouTube channel (average views 6 to 8 people per week). Councilmember Snelson suggested more communication to keep the live streaming on top of mind. IT also replaced the two main uninterruptible power systems in the Civic Center and Police Station and there have been no unplanned network outages in the past 365-plus days. The city website (Springville.org) recently moved over to a new hosting platform. Councilmember Jensen asked about cybersecurity. Director Monney said systems are updated and backed up.

Continuing to the Justice Court, Director Monney said a few months ago the justice court team held almost 150 hearings in one week and started holding “in-person” court along with virtual court. Judge Sherlynn Fenstermaker is retiring in December 2022. The AOC (Utah State Administrative Office of the Courts), will handle the process of appointing a new judge (with the Mayor’s final approval). Director Monney reported the Art Cityscape Podcast, produced by Jack Urquhart, started up in March and since then has had well over 2,000 podcast downloads or YouTube views. This number does not include those who listened to the podcast without downloading it. Facebook and Instagram have had over 325 postings since January 1, 2022, and of those posts, 30 of them have reached more than 3,000 people. Currently, we have 11,500 followers on Facebook and 4,800 followers on Instagram.

Councilmember Jensen complimented Jack Urquhart and Kelly Wiltermood on the success of the Annual Springville Arts Festival with thousands in attendance. Attendees wanted to stay longer Friday

and Saturday night, the weather was so nice. Director Monney said art of all mediums was represented and most sales were \$250 or less. Administrator Fitzgerald said it takes several years for a festival to find its ground. Councilmember Jensen said the artists are ok because participation is more important and they want to build this up and attract a different crowd next time.

Director Monney continued by reporting passports revenue surpassed the budget by over 36% and the Administration Department hired Natalie Penni, Heather Lacy, and Derick Paulsen. They are all passport agents and Heather and Derick will be focusing on passports as their primary responsibility. Future passport revenue is budgeted for \$100,000 and the staff is working hard to achieve it. Administration is looking forward to the fall and Springville's Safe Trick or Treat. He concluded by reminding the City Council to get costumes ready.

Administrator Fitzgerald started his presentation by referring to adaptive change leadership books he suggested in previous director training retreats. He listed a sampling of challenges facing the city and said Mayor Packard says we can accept more risk, because we will get more things right in the future, but adaptive leadership can be counter-intuitive. Councilmember Sorensen asked for examples of current brainstorming. Administrator Fitzgerald said directors and supervisors should be directing and supervising not working. Councilmember Crandall asked about listening to employees. Administrator Fitzgerald said there is a new protocol for all directors to listen carefully and open the floodgates internally. Councilmember Sorensen said change is difficult inside and outside and sometimes there is even pushback on the efforts to lighten our load. Councilmember Snelson agreed and said there is pushback because it feels like a threat. Mayor Packard added there is a vast difference between someone making a mistake and incompetency. Councilmember Jensen said we cannot lose sight of the budget side. Councilmember Sorensen said some departments do not have that support. Councilmember Jensen said some employees do not want to move up the ladder. Administrator Fitzgerald said staff is looking at dual tracks of promotion.

c) Public Works

Superintendent Nostrom showed an overview of the sewer system. Councilmember Snelson asked about the jet truck which Superintendent Nostrom explained uses high pressure to move along sand, grit, and heavy materials, and a vacuum as well. Councilmember Crandall asked about tree roots. Superintendent Nostrom said they used root treatment foam and can line the pipes. Mayor Packard asked if the liner makes the pipe smaller. Director Stapley answered yes the pipe is slightly smaller and slipperier.

Superintendent Nostrom listed some other duties like mapping the system with a camera. Councilmember Sorensen asked about inflow Superintendent Nostrom answered the system gets about 20% inflow through sources like manhole covers. Director Stapley said certain repairs are hired out. Superintendent Nostrom agreed to continue his presentation next time.

d) Power

Director Black showed storm damage to the city's power grid. He said prices are increasing worldwide and Europe is building natural gas ports. Councilmember Sorensen asked if the natural gas can be exported if it is liquefied, pressurized, and refrigerated. Councilmember Jensen said there is a salesman in town selling solar panels telling residents the power company is failing. Mayor Packard suggested addressing solar panel fraud in a future podcast.



3. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilmember Crandall moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 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

4. CLOSED SESSION, IF NEEDED - TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MOTION

The Springville City Council may temporarily recess the regular meeting and convene in a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, as provided by UCA 52-4-205.

There was none.

This document constitutes the official minutes for the Springville City Council Work/Study Meeting held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022

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 and accurate, and complete record of this meeting held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

DATE APPROVED: 10/04/2022

Jennifer Grigg
Deputy Recorder