

City of Springdale Council

October 3, 2018

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on October 3, 2018.

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. McNear took roll call. Council members Anderson, Emerson, Ghantous, Hawkins, Shroyer, Sullivan-Wisecup, and Vanover were present.

The minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting were considered. Mr. Hawkins made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Emerson seconded. The minutes were adopted with seven affirmative votes.

The minutes of the September 19, 2018 meeting were considered. Mrs. Emerson made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Hawkins seconded. The minutes were adopted with six affirmative votes and one abstention (Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup).

Communications - None

Communications from the Audience - None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution No. R16-2018

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION & AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R16-2018; Mr. Anderson seconded.

Mr. Anderson: Just one item today, before I get into a question. I just wanted to make sure that Council and everyone knew that we have some guests here that are looking for some discussion around this item. Some members of a local Boy Scout Troop are actually here in Council Chambers trying to work through requirements for their Citizenship Badge. The Scout Master had actually reached out to me before the meeting and asked that we could, first, welcome them to come into a Council meeting as exciting as it can be sometimes; I think it is important for them to participate. I welcome you on behalf of the City. One of the requirements of the badge is to understand an issue that's before Council tonight and to understand what those two sides of it might be and then prepare some sort of information back to their Troop Leader that discusses it. I did warn the Scout Master that tonight's agenda may not have been the most exciting item for them. We have before us this Resolution around tax rates and levies. I'm hoping that, rather than any or in addition to the discussion, we could at least maybe give a little bit of background on the Resolution. For example, how did we determine the amount that has been put forward and what would it mean to the City or residents if we voted no as a Committee, as a Council for this. Is this the kind of information we could maybe share with them tonight?

Mayor Webster: This Resolution is an annual resolution that we pass. When Springdale was created, way, way, back in the late 50's, we were split apart from Springfield Township. The powers that be, probably the Hamilton County Commissioner, decided how much property millage should come along with this tract of land called Springdale. It was 3.08 mills and that was granted to Springdale "in perpetuity". In other words, forever, and ever. We get the 3.08 mills, but, every year we have to pass this Resolution accepting these rates that the Commission has granted us. What they do is they take the 3.08 mills and they multiply that times the appraised evaluation of all the property in the City. The amount we're going to get is \$954,800. They add up all the value, every house and business in the City of Springdale and they apply this 3.08 mills to that and then that determines how much money we're going to get. This particular year is going to be \$954,800. This never has to be voted on. The County cannot take it away from us. As soon as I say that, they'll concoct a plan tomorrow (laughter). Seriously, it was granted to us in what they call "in perpetuity". That's what this is all about.

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Mr. Anderson: So, if I was “anti-tax” altogether, voting “no” would have no difference on this. So, they don’t have an opportunity to say, “Taxes are good or bad” when they discuss with their troop to pass this resolution. This is us acknowledging that taxes are a reality and required for public services, which, everyone benefits from.

Mayor Webster: This goes into our general fund and Mr. Anderson is exactly right. It’s for General Services; we can use it however we please. We can pay a fireman, buy a fire truck, hire a police officer, lifeguard, whatever we may need to use it for.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you.

Resolution No. R16-2018 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business

Mrs. McNear: At the last meeting, I did not have a financial update for the General Fund available. I do have it this evening. This is through August 31st. Receipts based on a General Fund Budget for 2018 is a net budget of \$18.907 million dollars. We have received \$13.018 million dollars to date through August 31st. That is made up of five major sources which are the Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Mayor’s Court, and Local Government Funds. We do have \$11.942 million dollars to date; that is 92% of the \$13 million dollars that we have received. For the General Fund Expenditures, we have a net expenditure budget of \$18.834 million dollars. We have spent \$11.952 million dollars or 62% of the anticipated spending for the budget for this year. The General Fund Ending Balance is \$3.225 million dollars. That concludes the report. Thank you.

New Business

Mrs. Zimmerlin: I want to bring to Council’s attention that at the next Council meeting, we will be bringing an Ordinance to amend the pay ordinance. Typically, we only do this once a year, in December. With the new Assistant to the City Administrator position that was approved in the 2018 Budget, after reviewing the job description, we made some modifications and actually pulled it out of the chain of command. It doesn’t have supervisory ability anymore. We’re requesting to move it from a “5E” to a “2E” and then in the same Ordinance, we are requesting that the Health Commissioner, who is currently a “3E”, be moved to a “5E” on the pay scale so the position is in line with the other Department Heads.

Mrs. McNear: Council, as you may recall, at a previous meeting, we had a liquor license request, but we didn’t actually have the liquor license available to us. It was trying to be expedited for Dos Amigos, which will now be Mi Cozumel. So, we do have that available to us this evening. This is a transfer. It’s coming from Leon & Espinoza dba Dos Amigos at 7340 Yankee Road, Liberty Township, and this will be for the new location of Mi Cozumel at 11700 Princeton Pike. We already gave pre-approval for this when the applicant was in a couple of weeks ago and so this is just the formal version of the request. If you have any objections, please let me know.

Mayor Webster: I’m a little mystified. Just yesterday, or maybe it was the day before, Mrs. Russell had gotten a call from their attorney saying that the Liquor Control had just keyed in the request that we returned three weeks ago or something. So, I was shocked to walk in tonight to see this. Did that just come in today then?

Mrs. McNear: Well, I don’t know if it was delivered today, but, when I got here this evening, it was in my mailbox.

Mayor Webster: Well, that’s great. I can’t imagine they turned it around that quick. Mrs. Russell, did you talk to anybody up there?

Mrs. Russell: What they presented a few weeks ago was the application that was going to be sent up to the Liquor Board. What this is, is basically they have now processed that application and this is the very first step of the approval. So, this is not an approved transfer. This is just the first step where they are asking if the City has any objections to this, we’ll respond that we don’t need a hearing and they’ll move on to step 2, 3, 4. They do not

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Mrs. Russell (continued): have their liquor permit yet, this is just one of the early steps after the application is received by the Liquor Board.

Mayor Webster: We will have to take no further action for them to get their liquor permit?

Mrs. Russell: No. Other than just waiting.

Mayor Webster: Alright. Thank you.

Mrs. McNear: Any objections to filing this paperwork? (No objections). Alright, I'll take care of it. Thank you.

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet here Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. in these chambers.

Mrs. Zimmerlin: Winter youth sports registration is currently underway for basketball, volleyball and cheerleading. Club Rec will host their Scavenger Hunt at the Community Center on Saturday, October 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. They'll solve clues to find objects and win prizes. Following the Scavenger Hunt, they will enjoy pizza, s'mores, and soft drinks. The free event is for Springdale residents fifth through eighth grade. They can also invite one guest. You must be registered in advance. Father-Daughter Dance will be held on October 20th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per couple and \$5 for each additional girl. Tickets are available at the Community Center. Monster Mania will be held on October 27th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for children second to fourth grade. There will be Halloween themed games and activities and Club Rec will be designing a Haunted Room for tours during the event. The event is free of charge. You can contact the Community Center for more information on these events. Also, I want to remind everyone that the 28th Annual Springdale Fire Department Open House is this Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Emerson: The Board of Health will meet on Thursday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room adjacent to here.

Mrs. Ghantous: The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, October 16th here in Chambers.

Mayor Webster: I'd just like to remind everyone that next Saturday night, down at the Community Center, October 13th, we will have our first, of what will hopefully be our annual S.O.S. Euchre Tournament. For all you Euchre players out there, we'd like to invite you to come down and participate in the tournament. The cost to participate in the tournament is \$25 a person, or a team is \$45 pre-registered. We've got a few seats left open I think, and we'd welcome all of you to participate. In addition, if you're not a Euchre player and you just want to come down and visit with your friends and drink a few beers, we'll have beer for sale and we'll have some food. Scotty's Catering is going to cater the meal for us. Just come down and have a good time with us. If you'd like to go to work, we are looking for some able-bodied volunteers. I think we need four of those as I recall. Either come down and play Euchre, come down and just hang out, or come down and work. It's going to be a nice affair. October 13th 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Communications from the Audience

Mrs. Matheny: Julie Matheny with the Springdale Chamber of Commerce. Just wanted to remind everyone that we're having our 13th Annual Business Community Expo and Chili Cook Off next Tuesday, October 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center. We have around eight chili vendors right now. Christine is furiously trying to find a couple of other ones, but eight should do us as far as going around and testing them and then vote on them. We have about twelve different businesses as well as City Departments that will be set up and giving away their information on their goods and services and doing

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Mrs. Matheny (continued): different drawings and we'll have door prizes and it will be a good time. So, come on down there from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9th. Thank you.

President Vanover: Since we have our Scouts as guests tonight, here's your chance to fire a question and get on television. (Laughter) No? Alright.

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Resolution No. R16-2018; A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies for 2019. That passed with a 7-0 vote. All other matters were forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There is a request for An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code and Zoning Map of the City of Springdale, Ohio, to Provide for the Rezoning of Approximately 13.316 Acres Located Adjacent to the Northeast Corner of West Kemper Road and Rose Lane from Residential Single Household – Low Density (RSH-L) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) (Springrose Subdivision). That will be a first reading. We also have a request for An Ordinance Approving the Preliminary Development Plan of Approximately 13.316 Acres Located Adjacent to the Northeast Corner of West Kemper Road and Rose Lane (Springrose Subdivision). As well as An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 50-2017 to Amend the Paygrades of the Assistant to the City Administrator Position and the Public Health Commissioner and Declaring an Emergency. That's it for the next meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Emerson seconded the motion and council Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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