



**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.  
Springfield City Hall  
170 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Public announcement that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted in the entry to the meeting room
- Roll call
- Pledge of Allegiance

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Discuss ball field lighting project at City Park – Representatives of BCDM Architects and Musco Lighting will be in attendance to review project details and answer questions

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska was held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at City Hall on April 24, 2018. Present were Mayor Bob Roseland; Council Members: Roy Swenson, Michael Herzog, Dan Craney. Absent: Chad Nolte. Mayor Roseland arrived at 7:03 p.m. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting in three public places, one of the designated methods of giving notice. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to the Mayor and all Council Members and a copy of their receipt of notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. The Mayor publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

**Regular Agenda**

Agenda Item 1. Brad Thompson with Musco Sports Lighting and Greg Stierin with BCDM Architects presented the audience and Council with information pertaining to the new ball field lights proposed for City Park. Stierin noted that the field will have four light poles, two down 1<sup>st</sup> base and two down 3<sup>rd</sup> base. Two of the light poles will be 60' tall and two will be 70' tall. The mounted lights will be LED. Thompson showed pictures of the selected lighting equipment and comparisons between their LED lights and older light fixtures. He also showed pictures of completed projects. He noted that the LED lighting option has very little glare and light spillage, so it makes the facility more enjoyable for spectators and is

not obtrusive to the neighborhood. The lights also help players see the ball easier, which makes for a safer playing environment. LED lights are also more energy efficient, which saves on energy bills. Thompson noted that the Council is also considering the addition of security lights for outside the field area, so people can safely walk in between the stands, concessions, restrooms and parking area.

Swenson asked where the closest lights like the ones the city is considering to purchase can be found. Thompson noted that the City of Dorchester recently installed LED lights on their fields. He also reported that eight new projects are planned in the metro area.

Kathy Adair, 665 Elm Street, asked how late the lights will be on. Pamela Stehlik with SYAA said that their games will probably go until 10 p.m. in the spring. She said that their season lasts from April until early July. Brett Richards, Springfield Platteview Schools Superintendent, noted that high school softball games will probably not go past 9 p.m. Adair also inquired about the construction schedule. Kathleen Gottsch, City Administrator, reported that construction is slated to begin early July with substantial completion on or before August 1 and final completion by August 15. Adair said she is in favor of the project.

Michelle Kalin, 665 LaBates, expressed concern with lights being turned on in the middle of the night. Thompson reviewed Musco's control link system that allows coaches or city staff to turn lights on or off with a phone app or by calling into their 24 hour call center. Thompson said that the lights could also be programmed. Field lights could be shut off, but security lights could remain on until everyone leaves.

Kyle Fisher, 695 Elm Street, asked if the city was going to have any guidelines in place for light usage. Gottsch noted that the city does not currently have guidelines; however, the Council could consider adopting some if they so choose. She said that city parks close at 11 p.m.

Lisa Roseland, 215 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, said that as a parent she is very excited to have lights installed at the park. She said that the softball team does not have any evening home games, so they have to travel quite a ways for games (i.e. Pawnee City, Falls City, Nebraska City, Johnson).

Steve Adair, 665 Elm Street, inquired if the field size would remain the same size as it currently exists. The city, school and SYAA representatives indicated that they had no intentions of changing the field size.

Jane Jensen, 710 Main Street, asked about other park projects that were identified in the park master plan that was recently prepared. Gottsch said that master plans are created to help the city develop and improve the park over the next 5-20 years. Some projects may be done within the first couple of years; however, others may not be done for 10-15 years, if ever. Gottsch noted that projects need to be prioritized and completed as funds become available. Jensen expressed concern over current parking conditions. Mike Kalin, 665 LaBates, inquired if the city could do something to direct people how to park for games. He suggested the city do something temporarily to help alleviate parking issues, such as installing parking signs. Michelle Kalin suggested directing visitors to use other parking locations. Mayor Roseland said that other public parking areas, such as the library or school, may not have available parking due to their own events. Herzog said that they cannot direct people to park on private property, such as the bank or church.

Todd Neitzel, 250 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, expressed concern with vehicles driving up by the well house and playground equipment. He said that some of the vehicles travel at a high rate of speed, even while children are playing in the area. Council discussed installing a gate or chain to the north of the tennis or basketball court to stop drivers from entering that area.

There being no additional questions or comments, the Mayor and Council thanked residents for attending the meeting.

## Adjournment

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Craney, to adjourn. AYES: Swenson, Herzog, Craney. NAYS: None. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Springfield, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on April 24, 2018; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Kathleen Gottsch  
City Clerk