



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Springfield City Hall
170 North 3rd 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 – Roy Swenson, Mike Herzog, Mayor Bob Roseland, Kacie Murtha, Dan Craney
- Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items are approved in one motion unless removed by a Council Member. Removed items will be placed under the Regular Agenda for consideration and action by the Council.

1. Approve Minutes of the August 4, 2020 Council Meeting
2. Approve Minutes of the August 12, 2020 Council Budget Work Session
3. Approve Treasurer's Report
4. Approve **Resolution 2020-27** extending COVID-19 pandemic sick leave to regular full-time and regular part-time employees
5. Appoint David Skorcz, 210 North 2nd Street, to the Springfield Planning Commission

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Continued from August 4, 2020.** Conduct a **Public Hearing** to consider a final plat application filed by DAMMM Land, LLC, applicant, and RTR Development, LLC, owner, on property legally described as the North ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 23, Township 13 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Sarpy County, Nebraska; and generally located on the southwest corner of Hwy 50 and Platteview Road (Lots 1-4 and Outlots A & B, Springfield Commerce)
2. **Tabled August 4, 2020.** Consider approval of **Resolution 2020-26** approving the Subdivision Agreement and Final Plat of Lots 1-4 and Outlots A and B, Springfield Commerce

3. Ben Cohoon, Pink Gorilla Events – Discuss Market to Market Relay scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2020; request street closures
4. Nikole Benedict, 660 Main Street – Request to close Main Street from South 6th Street to North 7th Street on Saturday, October 17, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a wedding ceremony
5. Consider approval of **Resolution 2020-28** entering into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Sarpy County for Building Plan Review and Inspection Services
6. **Tabled August 4, 2020.** Consider bids for the purchase of a concrete paving saw
7. Consider bids for tree removal services at 485 South 2nd Street, Springfield

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Sewer Department – Roy Swenson
2. Library & Community Building – Michael Herzog
3. Street Department – Kacie Murtha
4. Water & Parks Department – Dan Craney
5. Mayor’s Report – Bob Roseland
6. City Staff Reports

The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to adjourn into executive session per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska was held at 7:00 o’clock p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at City Hall. Present were Mayor Bob Roseland; Council Members: Roy Swenson, Michael Herzog, Kacie Murtha, Dan Craney. 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.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Swenson, seconded by Herzog, to approve the Consent Agenda. AYES: Swenson, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

The City Clerk reported a balance on hand of \$1,447,531.70 in cash assets; Prestige Treasury-\$205,540.14; Prestige Bond-\$911,994.43; Keno Community Betterment-\$216,769.80; Keno Progressive Jackpot-\$50,000.00; Water Deposit Savings-\$4,204.50; Refundable Deposit Savings-\$1,227.57; Water Tower Savings-\$190,277.61; Sewer Restricted-\$193,534.49; Water Capital Facilities Fees-\$66,044.56; Sewer Capital Facilities Fees-\$169,766.76; City Sales Tax-\$3,118,256.33; Money Mark Library Bricks-\$3,969.18; Government Securities-\$115,914.68; Library Savings-\$11,628.24; Time Certificates as follows: Bond-\$79,308.51; Tower-\$59,459.33; Water-\$129,806.25; Library Bricks-\$21,963.32; Library Restricted-\$47,527.47; Cash Receipts-\$268,325.28; Cash Disbursements-\$117,875.84; GO Refunding Bond 2013 principal \$30,000, interest \$360.00 payments.

**RESOLUTION
2020-27**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA, EXTENDING COVID-19 PANDEMIC SICK LEAVE TO REGULAR FULL-TIME AND REGULAR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES:

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global coronavirus pandemic crisis; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts on March 13, 2020, issued an Emergency Declaration for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, City of Springfield Mayor Robert Roseland issued a Declaration of Emergency relative to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Springfield City Council approved Resolution 2020-8 authorizing COVID-19 Pandemic Sick Leave to regular full-time and regular part-time employees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield recognizes the need to extend COVID-19 Pandemic Sick Leave benefits to employees to proactively slow the spread of the coronavirus and protect Springfield’s vulnerable populations.

THEREFORE, the City of Springfield hereby extends the COVID-19 Pandemic Sick Leave Policy as of July 1, 2020 and as further defined below:

**COVID-19 PANDEMIC SICK LEAVE
EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 2020**

All full-time and regular part-time employees shall be provided paid leave to cover an absence of up to fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days and no greater than eighty (80) hours for full-time employees and sixty (60) hours for regular part-time employees to be known as COVID-19 Pandemic Sick Leave (PSL). PSL is in addition to any days already earned as regular sick time. PSL can be used to supplement

workers' compensation pay benefits, but shall not be used to exceed regular scheduled pay for any fourteen (14) day period.

In order to be eligible for using PSL days, the employee must have one or more of the following qualifying events:

1. The employee's medical diagnosis of a COVID-19 pandemic illness; or
2. The diagnosis of the employee's spouse, dependent child(ren) or other immediate family member residing in the employee's household with a COVID-19 pandemic illness; or
3. The employee has been requested to self-quarantine by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services or the Sarpy/Cass Health Department.

Any request for PSL days or additional PSL days must be made in writing, accompanied by a physician's statement that such time off is necessary for the recovery of the employee or the employee's immediate family residing in the household or documentation from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services or the Sarpy/Cass Health Department supporting self-quarantine. Said request must be directed to the City Administrator. The City Administrator shall make all final decisions regarding the use of PSL days and any such decision shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

COVID-19 PSL days shall not be treated the same as non-PSL sick days for purposes of pay and accumulation. PSL days are not considered hours worked for overtime purposes and are not eligible for payout at any time.

Return to work after illness:

No employee shall return to work after a diagnosis of a COVID-19 pandemic illness until the employee has met CDC and local health department guidelines regarding returning to work. In the event an employee tries to return to work prior to meeting the health requirements, the employee's immediate supervisor shall send the employee home until such requirements have been met.

Prevention at worksite:

Employees are expected to be responsible for their own health. It is important that employees be aware of safety and prevention practices while at work. These include avoiding close contact when unnecessary, washing hands often, covering the nose and mouth when sneezing and/or coughing and washing hands immediately thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Springfield that the **COVID-19 Pandemic Sick Leave Policy** is hereby extended as of July 1, 2020, and shall expire on December 31, 2020, unless otherwise extended by Mayor and City Council approval.

Introduced and Passed this 18th day of August, 2020.

Ayes: Swenson, Herzog, Murtha, Craney

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Approved: Robert Roseland, Mayor
SEAL
Attest: Kathleen Gottsch, City Clerk

Regular Agenda

Agenda Item 1. A Public Hearing of the Springfield City Council was opened at 7:08 p.m. to consider a final plat application filed by DAMMM Land, LLC, applicant, and RTR Development, LLC, owner, on property legally described as the North ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 23, Township 13 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Sarpy County, Nebraska; and generally located on the southwest corner of Hwy 50 and Platteview Road (Lots 1-4 and Outlots A & B, Springfield Commerce). Council reviewed the staff report and comments provided by city professional staff. Kathleen Gottsch, City Administrator, reported that city staff just received the traffic study from the developer's engineer on Monday evening which warrants changes to the intersections and turn lanes; therefore, city professional staff is requesting that this item be tabled until the next Council meeting to allow city professional staff additional time to review the traffic study and the developer to make the necessary changes to the final plat, development agreement with Sarpy County and the subdivision agreement with the city. Jon Meyers, MADDAD Land LLC (previously DAMMM Land LLC), developer, said that he wants to know if the Council is in favor of the project before he closes on the property. He said he could pay privately for the extra work being required from the traffic study. He said he plans to close on the property Wednesday. Jeff Farnham, attorney for developer, recognized city professional staff going the extra mile on the project and he appreciates everyone's cooperation. He noted that the only outstanding items are related to the traffic study and that all other items have been wrapped up. No one else from the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the application. Motion by Herzog, seconded by Swenson, to continue the public hearing at the September 1, 2020, Council meeting. AYES: Swenson, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Public hearing ended at 7:08 p.m.

Agenda Item 2. Motion by Swenson, seconded by Herzog, to table agenda item 2, regarding consideration of approval of Resolution 2020-26 approving the Subdivision Agreement and Final Plat of Lots 1-4 and Outlots A and B, Springfield Commerce, until the September 1, 2020, Council meeting. AYES: Swenson, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3. Ben Cohoon, on behalf of Market to Market Relay, reviewed the runner and vehicle traffic plan for the runner exchange at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds. He noted that runners will cross Main Street at the trail and conduct the exchange at the trail point on south Railroad. An off duty officer will be at the intersection of Main and Railroad Streets to assist with runners crossing. He said that the group would like to once again close off south Railroad Street from Spruce Street to south of the rental unit entrance. Murtha said she experienced a team van pulling out in front of her on 132nd Street last year and that other residents commented that they had similar experiences with team vans not obeying traffic laws. She asked Cohoon to ensure participants follow traffic laws and practice safe driving during the event. Motion by Swenson, seconded by Murtha, to close Railroad from Spruce Street to south of the rental unit entrance near Main Street on Saturday, October 3 for the Market to Market Relay event. AYES: Swenson, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4. Nicole Benedict, 660 Main Street, introduced her daughter, Hailey, and soon-to-be son-in-law Nick Rockwell. Benedict informed the Council that Hailey and Nick have been engaged for 1 ½ years and COVID has affected their ceremony plans. They would like to perform the ceremony on the front porch of Nicole's home at 660 Main Street on Saturday, October 17. They would like to close Main Street from South 6th Street to North 7th Street between 1:00-4:00 p.m. to reduce traffic noise during the

ceremony. Nicole said that there would be no loud music, no fireworks and no street activities. Mayor Roseland noted that emergency vehicles must still be allowed access through the road closure area as needed. Herzog pointed out that Main Street is the fire department's main route and that several first responders live along side roads that may be impacted by the closure. He expressed concern about reducing response times. Nicole recommended that she may have people man the barricades in the event of an emergency. Nicole reported that there are no softball games planned that weekend, as it is state softball at that time. Council requested that they allow library and bank patrons and employees access out of the parking lots as necessary. Motion by Swenson, seconded by Craney, to close Main Street from South 6th Street to North 7th Street from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2020, for Benedict's wedding ceremony. AYES: Swenson, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5. Council Member Swenson introduced **Resolution 2020-28** and moved its adoption. Council Member Herzog seconded the foregoing motion and on roll call on the passage and adoption of said resolution, the following voted YEA: Swenson, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. The following voted NAY: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion carried and said resolution passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION
2020-28**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield, Nebraska, a Municipal Corporation, (hereinafter "City"), and the County of Sarpy, State of Nebraska, (hereinafter "County"), wish to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Building Plan Review and Inspection Services; and

WHEREAS, the City and County desire to make more efficient use of their powers to provide services by cooperating to the mutual advantage of both; and

WHEREAS, the County will allow the staff of the Sarpy County Planning and Building Department to be available for projects in Springfield's jurisdiction on an approved, as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the County will provide plan review and building inspection services for all phases of construction during the building of structures involving issued permits; and

WHEREAS, the City will adopt a fee schedule for permits which are at least equal to or higher than the County's current permit fee schedule, including any increases set by the County; and

WHEREAS, the City will pay the County for time spent completing a construction plan review and the scheduling, performing and documenting of each inspection for every issued building permit based on the rates identified in the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Springfield, Nebraska that the Mayor is authorized to enter into the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Building Plan Review and Inspection Services attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Introduced and Passed this 18th day of August, 2020.

Ayes: Swenson, Herzog, Murtha, Craney

Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Approved: Robert Roseland, Mayor
SEAL
Attest: Kathleen Gottsch, City Clerk

Agenda Item 6. Motion by Murtha, seconded by Swenson, to approve the purchase of a concrete paving saw in the amount of \$2,267.30. AYES: Swenson, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7. Motion by Swenson, seconded by Murtha, to approve the bid from Eden Tree Service in the amount of \$2,400.00 for tree removal services at 485 South 2nd Street and to authorize extra funds to cover stump removal. AYES: Swenson, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Agenda Item 1. Swenson and Gottsch reported on sewer agency items.

Agenda Item 2. No Department Report from Herzog.

Agenda Item 3. Murtha reported on street repairs being done in Highview. She noted that people are moving cones that are blocking the concrete work so staff is trying to address the problem.

Agenda Item 4. No Department Report from Craney.

Agenda Item 5. No Department Report from Mayor Roseland.

Agenda Item 6. No additional city staff reports.

Adjournment

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Swenson, to adjourn. AYES: Swenson, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 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 August 18, 2020; 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