



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – TOWN HALL MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Springfield Community Building
104 Main 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 usage of the Springfield Community Building

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 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 Monday, May 6, 2013. Present were Mayor Mike Dill; Council Members: Bob Roseland, Randy Fleming, Dan Craney, Chad Nolte. Absent: None. 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.

Agenda Item 1. Mayor Dill provided the audience with an overview of the Council's current discussions regarding usage of the Community Building. He said that they are looking to residents for direction and suggestions on how the building could be used. He reported that the building is currently used by non-profit organizations such as the SYAA and Boy Scouts, as well as by renters for birthday parties, graduations, family reunions, wedding receptions, etc. He informed the audience that the building is a historical site and protected by the Nebraska State Historical Society. Mayor Dill also pointed out that the

basement is not currently handicap accessible. He said that the city has researched improvements to make the basement accessible such as constructing a ramp or installing an elevator, but that structural issues and substantial costs would come with such improvements. He also reviewed small renovations that the city has currently done to the building, including the installation of new front doors, new windows, and new basement lighting, as well as other improvements that have been suggested but not completed yet. Mayor Dill also explained possible updates to the rental contract that would affect alcohol consumption in the building. He asked the audience for input as to what could be done with the building.

Glenn Trembley, owner of Springfield Artworks at 183 Main Street, said that you have to spend money to make money. He suggested hiring a building director to not only manage the building, but also prepare a strategic plan for the building and search out programs that could be brought to the facility. This would also help bring people into town, which would be good for local businesses. Margie Trembley inquired as to why rental was restricted mainly to the basement. She also pointed out that the sound in the gym was poor. She agreed that someone needs to promote the building.

Michelle Kildow, 330 South 9th Street, inquired about insurance requirements. The City Clerk explained the reasons why insurance is required and the process for obtaining the proper form. Kildow also suggested that the building could be used for community programs during the week and rented out only on the weekends.

Sandie Shotkoski, 485 South 3rd Street, inquired about the current promotion of the building. Mayor Dill noted that rental information is posted on the city's websites and Facebook page. He also said that a rental message is posted on the building marquee sign.

Lani Bresler, owner of Bresler Coffee House at 167 Main Street & Allure Photographic Studio at 175 Main Street, suggested the city advertise on theknot.com, a popular wedding planning website. She said for approximately \$50.00/month the building could be listed as a wedding reception venue. Bresler also suggested advertising with other wedding vendors such as Complete Music. She also suggested renting out the gym for the receptions and letting the caterers use the basement as prep space.

Chad Nolte, Council Member and Sarpy County Fair Board Member, suggested that the three main concerns with the building from potential renters are the restroom facilities, available parking space, and handicap accessibility. Nolte also stated that he is okay with spending money to update the building, but that he doesn't want to put a lot of money into the building if it is not going to be well utilized.

Jason Lutz, 850 North 4th Street, said that promoting the building is the key, but he understands that it is a big cost to remodel the building.

Teri Sayers, 380 Spruce Street, said that a program director would be bringing money into the city which would help pay for the position.

Mayor Dill said that the Council will consider hiring a part-time program director and that they will also consider making restroom and handicap accessible improvements.

Adjournment

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Craney, to adjourn. AYES: Roseland, Fleming, Craney, Nolte. NAYS: None. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Council and audience members toured the building immediately following the formal meeting.

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 May 6, 2013; 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