



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 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
- 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 November 7, 2017 Council Meeting
2. Approve Treasurer's Report

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Trent Shrader, Nebraska Labor and Ag Coalition – Discuss completion of the MoPac East Trail between South Bend and Wabash
2. Consider a request from the Sarpy County Agricultural Society to waive the city's portion of the building permit fee for new restrooms at the fairgrounds
3. Discuss Sterling Lambries' six month review and consider a proposed merit increase
4. Consider implementing a wellhead protection plan; issue letter of intent to the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District for the creation of a wellhead protection plan to be completed in conjunction with a 75% grant match from the NRD

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Sewer Department – Roy Swenson
2. Library & Community Building – Michael Herzog
3. Street Department – Chad Nolte

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. at City Hall on November 21, 2017. Present were Mayor Bob Roseland; Council Members: Roy Swenson, Michael Herzog, Chad Nolte, Dan Craney. 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.

Consent Agenda

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

The City Clerk reported a balance on hand of \$1,454,543.38 in cash assets; Prestige Treasury-\$204,739.18; Prestige Bond-\$795,060.94; Keno Community Betterment-\$196,349.09; Keno Progressive Jackpot-\$50,000.00; Water Deposit Savings-\$4,193.76; Refundable Deposit Savings-\$1,224.43; Water Tower Savings-\$146,737.34; Sewer Restricted-\$142,123.92; Water Capital Facilities Fees-\$32,855.03; Sewer Capital Facilities Fees-\$76,895.15; City Sales Tax-\$241,053.99; Money Mark Library Bricks-\$2,969.65; Government Securities-\$105,131.69; Library Savings-\$13,510.32; Time Certificates as follows: Bond-\$77,449.60; Tower-\$57,984.70; Water-\$126,850.28; Library Bricks-\$21,471.79; Cash Receipts-\$144,236.13; Cash Disbursements-\$92,561.01.

Regular Agenda

Agenda Item 1. Trent Shrader, on behalf of the Nebraska Labor and Ag Coalition, discussed the completion of the MoPac East Trail between South Bend and Wabash. He reported that the Nebraska Trails Foundation hired them to help ease tensions between rural property owners and trail development. They are working with local governments affected by this section of trail to garner support and discuss positive and negative impacts the trail may have on the community. He said positive impacts include economic development, community use for recreation and health, and marketing through trail events. Swenson inquired as to the negatives of trail development. Shrader said that some people don’t like the increased foot or bicycle traffic or large events that utilize the trail system. He discussed private property owner push back for the development of this stretch of trail. He said the NRD is now looking to develop the trail within existing public right-of-way so they don’t have to acquire any private property. Shrader noted that the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District suggested he visit with Springfield since we are part of the MoPac Trail System and potentially impacted by this trail segment. He asked the Council

to consider adopting a resolution in support of this trail segment. Kathleen Gottsch, City Administrator, pointed out that Springfield is not within the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District or Cass County where this portion of trail is located. Council expressed concern with adopting a resolution for a project that Springfield has no direct involvement with and no control over scheduling, route, construction or maintenance. Shrader mentioned that within the next ten years, they would like to complete the missing portion of trail to the north of Springfield that currently stops at Shram Road. Council agreed to consider adoption of a resolution at the December 5 meeting regarding the positive impact the Springfield trail has on our community, but it will not mention the trail segment between South Bend and Wabash.

Agenda Item 2. Motion by Swenson, seconded by Craney, to waive the city's one-half portion of the building permit fee for the Sarpy County Agricultural Society's new restroom facility at the fairgrounds. AYES: Swenson, Herzog, Craney. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Nolte. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3. Motion by Nolte, seconded by Herzog, to approve a 2% six month merit increase for Sterling Lambries. AYES: Swenson, Herzog, Nolte, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4. Motion by Swenson, seconded by Herzog, to issue a letter of intent to the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District for the creation of a wellhead protection plan to be completed in conjunction with a 75% grant match from the NRD. AYES: Swenson, Herzog, Nolte, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Agenda Item 1. Swenson updated the Council on the sewer siphon project. Gottsch reported that a preconstruction meeting was held on November 21 for the project.

Agenda Item 2. Herzog reported that the library book sale went well. He noted that the emergency lights at the Community Building are still not working. Gottsch reported that the maintenance department checked them, but they said the lights only come on when the power goes out. Herzog requested the maintenance department fix any non-working lights.

Agenda Item 3. No Department Report from Nolte.

Agenda Item 4. Craney reported that he is meeting with city staff and Brett Richards, Springfield Platteview Schools Superintendent, on November 22 regarding City Park drainage issues and ball field improvements.

Agenda Item 5. Mayor Roseland noted that the tree lighting event was a success.

Agenda Item 6. Gottsch reported that Larry Nolte's water license is due for renewal. Council directed staff to process the invoice for consideration with the December bills. She also reported that the high school inquired about hooking on to the city's water system. Gottsch noted that the developer for Prairie Toehold inquired about amending the subdivision agreement to allow overhead electrical lines as opposed to buried lines. Council said they are not interested in amending the agreement.

Adjournment

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Herzog, to adjourn. AYES: Swenson, Herzog, Nolte, Craney. NAYS: None. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 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 November 21, 2017; 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