

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NE**  
February 19, 2008

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on the entrance in the back of the meeting room)*

1. Approve Minutes of the February 5, 2008 Council Meeting
2. Department Reports
3. Public Hearing – One and Six Year Road Plans; Approve Resolution 2008-5
4. Ric Ortmeier – Review audit for year ending September 30, 2007
5. SYAA – City Park ball field improvements
6. Alltel – Telecommunication Tower Request
7. Papio-Missouri River NRD – Trails Assistance Program – Authorize Application Submittal
8. Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Gretna and Approve Resolution 2008-4
9. Sarpy County Fair Grounds Lease
10. Executive Session
11. Executive Session Action
12. Motion to Adjourn

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 February 19, 2008. Present were Mayor Dorothy Richards; Council Members: Eric Hayes, Sandie Shotkoski, Diane Sullivan, Roy Swenson. 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. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Agenda Item 1. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2008, regular Council Meeting. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 2. No Department Report from Hayes. No Department Report from Shotkoski. Sullivan informed the Council that Randy Fleming contacted the company that made the Springfield Creek Trails and Recreational Area sign and he was told that the sign could be placed outside. She requested that City employees put the sign up in the new park as soon as weather permits. City Clerk, Kathleen Fauver, requested Sullivan to inform the city employees as to where the sign should go. No Department Report from Swenson. Fauver informed the Council that the City's membership renewal for the Springfield Business Association was due. Council discussed the membership. The membership fee will be placed on the claims and payable list for March.

Agenda Item 3. A Public Hearing of the Springfield City Council was opened at 7:03 p.m. regarding the One and Six Year Road Plans. Mayor Richards asked for comments from the floor. No comments were provided and no changes were requested.

Council Member Hayes introduced Resolution 2008-5 and moved its adoption.

**RESOLUTION  
2008-5**

WHEREAS, the City Street Superintendent has prepared and presented a One Year and Six Year Plan for Street Improvement Program for the City of Springfield, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, to present this plan and there was discussion held with respect to said plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska, that the plans and data as furnished and/or modified are hereby in all things accepted and adopted.

Introduced and Passed February 19, 2008.

Ayes   4  

Nays   0  

Abstain   0  

Absent   0  

Approved:

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Mayor

SEAL

Attest:

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City Clerk

Council Member Sullivan seconded the motion and upon roll call on the passage and adoption of said Resolution the following voted AYE: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. The following voted NAY: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and adopted. Motion by Hayes, seconded by Sullivan, to close the Public Hearing. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None. Public Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

Agenda Item 4. Ric Ortmeier, CPA, provided the Council with his audit report for the year ending September 30, 2007. Ortmeier reviewed Springfield's assets and liabilities, individual department funds, bond details and keno financials. He also provided the Council with his report on internal controls and commented that he would work with City employees to create a system of checks and balances for internal controls.

Agenda Item 5. Fauver reminded the Council of the discussion had with SYAA members at the February 5, 2008, City Council meeting. She also noted that the City's portion of the funds needed for ball field

improvements could be taken from keno community betterment funds. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to have Bill Seidler, City Attorney, draft a contract in which the City of Springfield agrees to pay for one-half of the cost of the ball field surface improvements not to exceed \$10,000.00 and the SYAA will be responsible for the remainder of the cost, which will be due to the City of Springfield upon commencement of the project. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 6. Fauver provided the Council with information from Tom Thomas, Alltel representative, regarding Alltel's desire to locate a telecommunications tower or antenna by the Springfield water tower. Fauver noted that Mr. Thomas was unable to attend the meeting. She said that Mr. Thomas had called her that afternoon and requested that the Council enter into an Entry and Testing Agreement, so Alltel could begin testing the area for the telecommunications tower/antenna. Mr. Thomas informed Fauver that Alltel would like to research three options for the tower/antenna – placing an antenna on AT&T's tower, placing an antenna on the Springfield water tower, or constructing a new tower. Council discussed these options and determined that they do not want an antenna on the water tower. Seidler pointed out that the Entry and Testing Agreement is too open-ended and that some of the language needs to be redrafted. Council discussed charging Alltel a fee for accessing the property to perform research, as the City had done with Cingular (AT&T). Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to have Bill Seidler, City Attorney, review and redraft the Entry and Testing Agreement for the March 4, 2008, City Council meeting. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 7. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Swenson, to authorize the submittal of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District Trails Assistance Program Application. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 8. Council continued discussion from the February 5, 2008, City Council meeting regarding the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Gretna. Seidler provided further information about the Sarpy County Urbanizing Area Planning Commission and the boundary line map the group approved in 1995. Seidler commented that the proposed boundary line agreement and map with Gretna was different than what was approved in 1995. He informed the Council that the City would have to request the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners to make any changes to the 1995 map, which the proposed interlocal agreement is creating. Mayor Richards, Hayes and Shotkoski reviewed the proposed map with Gretna and commented that the proposed boundary lines do not interfere with the 1995 map. Mayor Richards asked Seidler if the City could accept the interlocal agreement with Gretna first and then take the changes to the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners. Seidler pointed out the concern with what the state statutes require regarding this matter and contacting the Board of Commissioners for map changes. Sullivan suggested not entering into any interlocal agreements until contacting Sarpy County. Council Member Shotkoski introduced Resolution 2008-4 and moved its adoption.

#### **RESOLUTION 2008-4**

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska wish to approve and enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Gretna, Nebraska establishing a mutually agreed upon jurisdictional boundary with respect to present and future land use planning, zoning and annexation related matters between the cities; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Springfield and Gretna deem it to be to their mutual advantage to cooperate with each other to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of

governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of the respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the two cities desire to make more efficient use of their powers to provide services and facilities by cooperating to the mutual advantage of both cities in the elimination of duplication of public costs that result in dual exercise of planning, inspection, permits, enforcement and other aspects of exercise of overlapping authority over the same lands; and

WHEREAS, the respective communities deem it to be in the best interests of both cities that a resolution and agreement be reached with respect to present and future land use planning, zoning and annexation related matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Springfield, Nebraska that the Mayor is authorized to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Springfield, Nebraska and the City of Gretna, Nebraska establishing jurisdictional boundaries, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Introduced and Passed February 19, 2008.

Ayes   3  

Nays   1  

Abstain   0  

Absent   0  

Approved:

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Mayor

SEAL

Attest:

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City Clerk

Council Member Swenson seconded the motion and upon roll call on the passage and adoption of said Resolution the following voted AYE: Hayes, Shotkoski, Swenson. The following voted NAY: Sullivan. Whereupon the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and adopted.

Agenda Item 9. Council reviewed suggested changes from Patrick Sullivan, attorney for the Sarpy County Agricultural Society. Rich Jansen, President of the Sarpy County Agricultural Society, was present to discuss lease options. The Agricultural Society would like to quitclaim the east half of the lot next to the Community Building in exchange for the land currently owned by the City that is considered the fairgrounds. The Agricultural Society would like a parking easement on the exchanged property until improvements are made to the property. The Agricultural Society would then also agree to terms already discussed between the two parties. Jansen indicated that donors for the buildings at the fairgrounds would like to see the Agricultural Society own the buildings and the land instead of leasing the property from the City. Seidler indicated that he had discussed the lease options with David Potter, City Planner with JEO Consulting Group. Seidler would like the Mayor, a Council member, Potter and himself to meet to discuss this matter prior to any decisions being made. Fauver will arrange a meeting with the requested individuals for further discussion. Shotkoski and Sullivan both commented that they would like to be

involved in the meeting. If more than two Council members are present for a meeting, a special meeting must be held and notice of such meeting posted.

Agenda Item 10. There was no executive session.

Agenda Item 11. There was no executive session action.

Agenda Item 12. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Swenson, to adjourn. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.