

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NE**  
March 4, 2008

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1. Approve Minutes of the February 19, 2008 Council Meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Claims & Payroll
4. Department Reports
5. Lt. Russ Zeeb – Sarpy County Sheriff's Report
6. Diane Hayes – Application for Special Designated Liquor License for Main Street Dance during Springfield Days
7. Megan Williamson – Springfield Days Committee Event Requests: Discussion of the Fun-Run; Street Closings; Waive the Noise Ordinance
8. SYAA – Application for Special Designated Liquor License for SYAA Spring Fling fundraiser
9. Joseph Hagerty, IV – Eagle Scout Community Project Presentation
10. Dan Brandt with Kiddos Child Care – Requesting Letter of Support
11. SID 211 – Annexation Discussion
12. Springfield Car Wash – Water Bill Issue
13. City Park Ball Field Improvements –Agreement with SYAA and Odeys Inc. and Resolution 2008-5
14. Conditional Use Permit Violations – Discuss Violation Remedies
15. Alltel – Telecommunication Tower Request – Entry and Testing Agreement Revisions
16. Christmas Decorations Replacement
17. Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce – Annual Grand Giveaway Carnivale – Corporate Sponsorship
18. Springfield Sign at City Entrance
19. Downtown Springfield Vision
20. Sarpy County Fair Grounds Lease
21. Kathleen Fauver – Annual Review and Proposed Merit Increase

- 22. Executive Session
- 23. Executive Session Action
- 24. 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 March 4, 2008. Present were Mayor Dorothy Richards; Council Members: Eric Hayes, Sandie Shotkoski, Diane Sullivan. Absent: Roy Swenson. 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 19, 2008, regular Council Meeting. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

The City Clerk reported a balance on hand of \$452,429.13 in cash assets; Prestige Treasury - \$250,624.92; Prestige Keno Lottery - \$131,114.26; Prestige Keno Progressive Jackpot - \$50,000; Water Deposit Savings - \$4,109.38; Refundable Deposits Savings - \$1,179.32; Water Tower Savings - \$71,914.94; Prestige Water Bond - \$149,901.63; Sewer Restricted - \$48,304.41; Money Market Library Bricks - \$6,581.99; Government Securities - \$166,813.06; Time Certificates as follows: Bond - \$70,114.54; Tower - \$52,854.49; Water - \$112,647.63; Park - \$11,237.03; Library Bricks - \$19,572.04.

Agenda Item 2. Motion by Hayes, seconded by Sullivan, to accept the Treasurer's Report. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 3. Motion by Shotkoski, seconded by Sullivan, to approve claims due and payable as presented, except that the Sarpy County Treasurer's claim for the sewer study shall not be paid until a final report is provided to the Council for review. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Line Description	Debit Amount	Name
<b>General</b>		
Prof Svcs-Legal	1,338.23	Seidler & Seidler, P.C.
Printing	1,395.00	American Legal Publishing Corporation
Subscriptions	88.00	Bellevue Leader
Mileage	8.08	Colleen Keleher
Chemicals	53.52	Farmers Union Coop
Supplies	3.14	Hometown Market
Prov Svcs-Planning	652.50	JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
Mileage	121.08	Kathleen Fauver
Dues	50.00	Keep Nebraska Beautiful
Prof Svcs-Other	5,640.00	Kelley, Jerram & Kohout
Prof Svcs-Tech Support	350.00	Massman, Nelson, Reinig PC
Laundry	63.90	Walkers Uniform Rental
Supplies	19.98	Menards
Electricity	804.61	OPPD
Animal Control	309.56	Sarpy County Fiscal Administrator
Law Contract	5,152.31	Sarpy County Treasurer
Dues	50.00	Springfield Business Association
Publication Costs	186.92	Suburban Newspapers, Inc.
Health Insurance	273.95	Time Insurance Company

Office Equip	153.97	US Bank
Education	35.00	Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce
Prov Svcs-Building Inspector	830.50	Sarpy County Building Inspector
Lodging	299.75	Holiday Inn
Telephone	93.55	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,973.55</b>	
<b>Library</b>		
Janitorial	175.00	Marcie Schmieder
Natural Gas	209.69	Metropolitan Utilities District
Electricity	215.54	OPPD
Heath Insurance	477.60	Time Insurance Company
IP Address	9.99	Charter Communications
Telephone	32.03	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,119.85</b>	
<b>Library Restricted</b>		
Books/Videos/Maps	64.20	MicroMarketing, LLC
Supplies	19.94	Menards
Education	30.00	Constance Manzer
Books/Videos/Maps	36.32	Diverse Media Inc.
Books/Videos/Maps	41.94	Doubleday Book Club
Books/Videos/Maps	113.54	GE Money Bank/Amazon
Library Supplies	21.04	Hometown Market
Books/Videos/Maps	29.23	Mystery Guild
Mileage	41.92	Nancy Davis
Books/Videos/Maps	46.61	Thomson Gale
<b>Total</b>	<b>444.74</b>	
<b>Park</b>		
R&M Equip	10.00	B & B Garage
Electricity	121.33	OPPD
<b>Total</b>	<b>131.33</b>	
<b>Community Bldg</b>		
Chemicals	53.52	Farmers Union Coop
Laundry	44.50	Walkers Uniform Rental
Supplies	49.98	Menards
Natural Gas	633.77	Metropolitan Utilities District
Electricity	164.38	OPPD
<b>Total</b>	<b>946.15</b>	
<b>Water</b>		
Supplies	3.58	Conoco
Chemicals	53.52	Farmers Union Coop
Digger's Hotline	17.46	Great Plains One-Call Service, Inc.
Uniform Allowance	47.00	Walkers Uniform Rental
Supplies	66.73	Menards
Meter Upgrades	109.17	Municipal Supply
Testing	46.00	NEPublic Health Environmental Lab
Office Supplies	78.10	Office Depot
Office Equip	253.77	Office Depot
Electricity	939.09	OPPD
Supplies	51.14	Stander & Stander Ace Hardware
Tools & Misc Equip	2,790.48	Technical Maintenance & Service

Health Insurance	754.17	Time Insurance Company
Supplies	11.88	United Electric Supply CO.
Telephone	127.15	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,349.24</b>	
<b>Sewer</b>		
R&M Equip	7.80	Aksarben Saw & Tool, Inc.
Chemicals	53.52	Farmers Union Coop
Uniform Allowance	211.95	Haney Shoe Store
R&M Equip	172.84	Inland Truck Parts & Service
Prof Svcs-Engineer	2,000.00	JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
R&M Bldg	48.00	Langfeldt Overhead Door Inc.
Uniform Allowance	47.00	Walkers Uniform Rental
Testing	77.80	Midwest Laboratories
Tools & Misc Equip	8.99	Mill Creek Auto Parts
Electricity	1,926.58	OPPD
R&M Equip	49.09	Precision Industries
R&M Equip	13.98	Stander & Stander Ace Hardware
Health Insurance	1,730.24	Time Insurance Company
Fuel	67.98	Fleet Services/Sinclair
Lodging	109.76	Super 8 Motel
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Telephone	49.93	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,669.46</b>	
<b>Street</b>		
Park Dr.-Paving & Storm Sewer	125.00	Seidler & Seidler, P.C.
Fuel	521.80	Conoco
Chemicals	53.52	Farmers Union Coop
Supplies	45.34	Fastenal Company
R&M Bldg	48.00	Langfeldt Overhead Door Inc.
Uniform Allowance	47.00	Walkers Uniform Rental
Supplies	14.86	Menards
Tools & Misc Equip	568.00	Midwest Service & Sales Co.
R&M Equip	9.00	Mill Creek Auto Parts
Supplies	10.49	Mill Creek Auto Parts
Tools & Misc Equip	39.68	Mill Creek Auto Parts
Natural Gas	480.43	Metropolitan Utilities District
Park Dr.-Paving & Storm Sewer	1,232.85	Olsson Associates
Electricity	2,462.17	OPPD
Health Insurance	933.16	Time Insurance Company
Sand & Gravel	1,025.38	Westover Rock & Sand, Inc.
Telephone	51.35	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,668.03</b>	
<b>Payroll</b>	<b>17,177.26</b>	

Agenda Item 4. Hayes requested that City employees check into pouring a sidewalk from Buffalo Park to SID 211. He said that currently there is a 10-15 foot section without a sidewalk. No Department Report from Shotkoski. No Department Report from Sullivan. Mayor Richards reported that she attended a meeting with Sarpy County officials regarding a possible transfer station at the Sarpy County Landfill site. She indicated that officials plan to attend a City Council meeting to discuss a possible agreement with the City to make waste pick up companies deliver their trash to the transfer station. Council discussed the landfill smell matter and agreed to send a formal letter of complaint to the NDEQ.

Agenda Item 5. Lt. Russ Zeeb with the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office provided the Service Call Report. Lt. Zeeb was unable to attend the meeting.

Agenda Item 6. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Shotkoski, to approve a Special Designated Liquor License upon the applicant following all state and local statutes and regulations, for D & TH, Inc.'s (d/b/a Hazy's Place) Springfield Days Street Dance to be held at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds 4H Building, 100 Main Street, Springfield, on June 7, 2008, from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 7. Megan Williamson, a representative of the Springfield Days Committee, spoke to the Council about Springfield Days events and requests. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Shotkoski, to approve the Springfield Days Committee event requests, including approving the requested street closings, waiving the noise ordinance and providing \$4,250.00 for fireworks and insurance. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 8. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to approve a Special Designated Liquor License upon the applicant following all state and local statutes and regulations, for the Springfield Youth Athletic Association, Inc.'s Spring Fling to be held at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds 4H Building, 100 Main Street, Springfield, on April 19, 2008, from 5:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., contingent upon changing the name and phone number of the lessee contact listed on #6 of the application. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 9. Joseph Hagerty, IV gave his Eagle Scout Community Project presentation. He would like to put a trash can and bicycle rack at the Springfield Creek Trails and Recreation Area along the trailhead. He indicated that he has received financial funding and support for this project. He requested approval from the City Council for his project, as well as guidance from the City as to the location of the trash can and bike rack. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Shotkoski, to approve the Eagle Scout Community Project by Joseph Hagerty, IV. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None. Hagerty is to contact the City prior to starting the project in order to obtain instructions as to placement of the trash can and bike rack, as well as receiving assistance with pouring concrete.

Agenda Item 10. Dan Brandt with Kiddos Child Care provided the Council with information regarding the new child care facility he plans to open at Springfield Plaza. He requested that the City provide a letter of support indicating that Springfield has a need for the facility. He plans to use this letter of support in his child care grant fund application to the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to provide Kiddos Child Care with a letter of support for their child care grant fund application. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 11. Council discussed the possible annexation of SID 211 and reviewed a financial report for SID 211 that was prepared by City Fiscal Agent, John Trecek with Ameritas. Sullivan commented that the financial report from Trecek looked good and that this would be the time for annexation. She also noted that the financial report indicated that annexation would not raise property taxes for existing Springfield residents. Sherry Nolte with SID 211 pointed out that the drainage issue at a home in SID 211 has been corrected and that street repairs have been made where needed. Hayes requested that John Trecek attend a future City Council meeting for further review of this matter and to answer questions the Council has regarding the SID's warrants. Mayor Richards requested that the SID provide its financial materials for review. Motion by Hayes, seconded by Shotkoski, to table agenda item 11 until John Trecek with Ameritas can attend a future City Council meeting to provide further details. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 12. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to table agenda item 12 until the March 18, 2008, City Council meeting.

Agenda Item 13. Council reviewed City Attorney, Bill Seidler's, proposed agreement between the City, the Springfield Youth Athletic Association (SYAA) and Odeys, Inc. for City Park baseball field improvements. Seidler pointed out that certain information would be needed from the SYAA and Odeys prior to entering into the agreement. Sullivan noted that she heard the SYAA was obtaining a second estimate for ball field improvements. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to table agenda item 13 until the SYAA could provide the required information and members of the SYAA could attend a future City Council meeting. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 14. Seidler reviewed the City's possible legal action against violators of a conditional use permit. In order to remedy the violation, the City could request the Sarpy County Sheriff's department to issue a citation to the property owner of the location at which a conditional use permit was not approved by the City for a particular use. The City could also prosecute the violator either criminally or civilly. Council recalled that on March 20, 2007, the City denied Dan Hrabik's renewal of a conditional use permit and requested that he remove the trailer home from his property in question. Hrabik has not removed the trailer and Hayes noted that it appears that someone is still living there. Motion by Hayes, seconded by Sullivan, to request the Sarpy County Sheriff's Department to issue a citation to the property owner in violation of a conditional use permit according to City ordinance. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 15. Council reviewed and discussed Seidler's revisions to the Entry and Testing Agreement with Alltel. Kathleen Fauver, City Clerk, informed the Council that she had passed the agreement on to Tom Thomas, Alltel representative, for review. Council agreed not to take any action on this matter until Alltel responds to the revisions.

Agenda Item 16. Motion by Shotkoski, seconded by Sullivan, to proceed with replacing the Christmas light decorations. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 17. Sullivan informed the Council about the Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce Annual Grand Giveaway Carnivale scheduled for March 14, 2008. Sullivan commented that she thought the entire City Council should attend and sponsor a corporate table. Mayor Richards, Shotkoski and Hayes all replied that they had a prior engagement for that evening. Council agreed that Sullivan will attend the event.

Agenda Item 18. Sullivan informed the Council that the Springfield Business Association (SBA) discussed the group's emphasis for the year on business involvement and the downtown. At that time, the SBA also discussed a City sign at an entrance into town. Council discussed the possible sign locations, one of which being located at the corner of Highway 50 and Platteview Road near Springfield Plaza. Council suggested talking formally with Randy Sump about the possible use of his corner for the sign. The issue had been touched upon informally with Sump, but a formal request was never made. The City will also need to check with the State of Nebraska Department of Roads for sign requirements along Highway 50. Mayor Richards commented that she would like to see a permanent and professional sign. She has requested the Platteview High School art department to work on the design of the sign. Sullivan noted that the SBA discussed contributing to the funding of the sign. Sullivan also suggested holding an area artist competition for the design of the sign. Mayor Richards commented that she would like to see what the high school students present first, since she has already asked them to work on this project. No action will be taken until further research is completed.

Agenda Item 19. Council further discussed the downtown vision that had been talked about at the special City Council meeting earlier in the day at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Richards noted that it will cost a lot of money to have JEO Consulting Group draw up a vision plan. She said that the comprehensive plan that was prepared in 2001 cost about \$15,000. Sullivan said that she would like to see community input in the downtown vision. Council suggested discussing the downtown vision in the spring Mayor's letter.

Agenda Item 20. Council further discussed the Sarpy County Fair Grounds Lease. Rich Jansen, President of the Sarpy County Agricultural Society, asked for the Council's thoughts about the Ag Society's attorney, Patrick Sullivan's, letter of intent. Shotkoski commented that the letter of intent covered the three main things the City would like to see. Jansen went on to state that the trail would work better on the north side of Main Street instead of going under the Main Street bridge and traveling along the south side of Main Street in front of the fair grounds. Seidler pointed out that the trail and lease tie together. This matter was also discussed as part of Springfield's vision in the special City Council meeting held earlier in the day at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall. Council suggested that the City receive the entire lot next to the Community Building instead of just the east one-half of that lot. Jansen reflected upon land appraisals and suggested that the City get the current land they own at the fairgrounds appraised. Jansen also noted that it is important to the Ag Society to maintain parking spaces. Hayes suggested that the Springfield Volunteer Fire Department could build a new station on a portion of the lot next to the Community Building. Jansen and Larry Timm, Sarpy County Agricultural Society Member, both commented that they would like to see the fire department at that location. Rick Iske, Springfield Rural Fire Board Member, stated that the fire department has not signed anything that could not be changed at this time. He also noted that the department is pushing forward with plans. He pointed out that the department would not be interested in the land if this matter were to go through 2008 and into spring 2009. He said that the department would entertain a proposal for the land, but sooner than later in order to make it a viable option. Timm commented that all parties are dealing with neighbors and he wants all to treat each other fairly. He said that it is not in anyone's best interest to take advantage of the other. Parties discussed changing the trail route as Jansen mentioned. Seidler requested the Council to move this item into executive session. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to move agenda item 20 into executive session. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 21. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Shotkoski, to move agenda item 21 into executive session. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 22. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to move into executive session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Sarpy County Fair Grounds Lease and for personnel discussion. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Motion by Hayes, seconded by Sullivan, to leave executive session at 9:02 p.m. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 23. Motion by Hayes, seconded by Sullivan, to have City Attorney, Bill Seidler, draft a new Sarpy County Fair Grounds Lease based upon discussion and to provide it to Mayor Richards for review and approval. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to approve a 4% annual merit increase for Kathleen Fauver. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 24. Motion by Hayes, seconded by Sullivan, to adjourn. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.