

AGENDA
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 4, 2008

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1. Discuss a common vision for the City of Springfield
2. Motion to adjourn.

A special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska was held at 1:30 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. City Attorney, Bill Seidler, and City Planner, David Potter with JEO Consulting Group, were both present to discuss a common vision for the City of Springfield. Seidler reviewed ideas that he had concerning economic opportunities with the new trail scheduled to be constructed through town, tourist activities and areas, marketing strategies and budget requirements. Potter outlined the importance of Springfield's portion of the MoPac Trail and the development problems with the trail route in the Lower Platte South NRD's area.

Council discussed the Sarpy County Agricultural Society's proposed land exchange and how the proposed land could be used. Some of the ideas mentioned were a trailhead area with restrooms, fire station and community center.

Potter inquired as to whether or not the City had a tree or park board. Council members informed Potter that the City used to have a Citizens Park Board, but the board was no longer in existence. Potter suggested that the City create a tree, trail or park committee to handle projects affecting these areas. Seidler suggested that the City start out by forming a small committee of community leaders to organize small community bicycle events to be held on the current trail. Kathleen Fauver, City Clerk, suggested asking high school students and teachers for their involvement in such projects.

Council suggested having Potter and JEO Consulting Group draft a common vision for the downtown, trail, fair grounds, etc. Potter stated that he will prepare a scope of services agreement for the Council to review prior to any design work being started. This agreement will be a separate agenda item at a regular City Council meeting.

Potter informed the Council that there are three parts to a downtown master plan. First, the City needs to create a concept and gather public input. Second, construction documents would need to be prepared. Third, all designs and documents would need to be implemented.

Agenda Item 2. Motion by Hayes, seconded by Shotkoski, to adjourn. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan. NAYS: None. Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.