

AGENDA
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NE

April 3, 2007

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1. Approve Minutes of the March 20, 2007 Council Meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Claims & Payroll
4. Department Reports
5. Brian Chaffin with Olsson Associates – Water and Sewer Fees for Randy Sump's Business Park
6. John Trecek with Ameritas – Bonds for Randy Sump's Business Park
7. Dan Hrabik – Objection to Denied Renewal of Special Use Permit
8. Ernie Rockenbach – Papillion Area Historical Society – Sesquicentennial Afghan
9. Valerie Olday – Botanical Sculpture Gardens (Discussion)
10. Sarpy County Board of Commissioners – Sarpy County Sales Tax
11. Sarpy County Board of Commissioners – Phase II Wastewater Study
12. Library Board – Errors and Omissions Insurance Policy
13. Colleen Keleher – Health Insurance
14. Tourism Television
15. Executive Session
16. Executive Session Action
17. 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 April 3, 2007. 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 Hayes, seconded by Shotkoski, to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2007, regular Council Meeting. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

The City Clerk reported a balance on hand of \$32,452.34 in cash assets; Prestige Treasury - \$301,414.29; Prestige Keno Lottery - \$109,557.85; Prestige Keno Progressive Jackpot - \$71,999.80; Water Deposit Savings - \$4,063.59; Refundable Deposits Savings - \$1,161.81; Water Tower Savings - \$65,174.43; Prestige Water Bond - \$153,833.93; Sewer Restricted - \$41,341.67; Money Market Library Bricks - \$6,109.90; Government Securities - \$157,120.13; Time Certificates as follows: Bond - \$67,266.80; Tower - \$50,761.47; Water - \$108,875.18; Park - \$10,918.10; Library Bricks - \$18,676.61.

Description	Amount	Payable To
General		
Publication Cost-Gen	40.00	Bellevue Leader
Supplies-Gen	13.84	Hometown Market
Supplies-General	19.11	The J.P. Cook Co.
Prof Serv-Gen	25.00	Mark A. Klinker
Laundry-Gen	66.40	Walkers Uniform Rental
Weed & Feed-Gen	59.97	Menards
Supplies-Gen	91.87	Office Depot
Prof Service-Gen	8,026.37	Olsson Associates
Electricity-Gen	395.24	OPPD
Animal Control-Gen	295.66	Sarpy County Fiscal Administrator
Law Contract-Gen	4,683.94	Sarpy County Treasurer
Prof Services-Gen	442.65	Schemmer Associates
Prof Services Legal-Gen	2,483.53	Seidler & Seidler, P.C.
Bond-Gen	350.00	Springfield/Louisville Insurance Agency
Publications-Gen	260.81	Suburban Newspaper Inc.
R & M Building-Gen	102.60	United Rentals (North America), Inc
R & M Building-Gen	118.12	Stander & Stander Ace Hardware
Total	17,475.11	
Library Budget		
Supplies-Library	64.00	Brodart Company
Internet-Library	9.99	Charter Communications
Education-Library	30.00	Connie Manzer
Janitorial-Library	140.00	Marcie Schmieder
Weed & Feed-Library	59.97	Menards
Natural Gas-Library	109.32	Metropolitan Utilities District
Supplies-Library	62.87	Nancy Davis
Electricity-Library	241.80	OPPD
Total	717.95	

Library Restricted		
Tech Support-Library	709.00	Follett Software Company
Books-Library	46.56	Mystery Guild
Supplies-Library	7.96	Stander & Stander Ace Hardware
Total	763.52	
Park		
Trailhead	79.82	Kirkham Michael
Electricity-Park	110.48	OPPD
Waste Disposal-Park	37.22	Papillion Sanitation
R & M Equip-Park	87.93	Stander & Stander Ace Hardware
R & M Equip- Park	250.00	Ty's Outdoor Power & Service
Total	565.45	
Community Building		
Supplies- Comm Bldg	6.98	Hometown Market
Weed & Feed-Comm Bldg.	59.97	Menards
Natural Gas-Comm Bldg	264.45	Metropolitan Utilities District
Electricity-Comm Bldg.	109.94	OPPD
Waste Disposal-Comm Bldg	37.22	Papillion Sanitation
Laundry-Comm Bldg	37.50	Walkers Uniform Rental
Total	516.06	
Water		
Prof Services-Engineering-Water	1,090.00	JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
Testing-Water	42.40	Midwest Laboratories
Electricity-Water	862.21	OPPD
Total	1,994.61	
Sewer		
R & M Vehicle-Sewer	899.16	Chad's Auto Repair
Phone-Sewer	81.28	Chuck Johnson
Fuel-Sewer	141.05	Conoco
Supplies Shop-Sewer	155.75	Mid-American Research Chemical
Testing-Sewer	9.50	Midwest Laboratories
Electricity-Sewer	1,905.63	OPPD
Sewer Study-Sewer	795.71	Sarpy County Treasurer
R & M Building-Sewer	65.43	Stander & Stander Ace Hardware
Total	4,053.51	
Streets		
Asphalt & Concrete-Street	565.37	Asphalt & Concrete Materials Co.
R & M Vehicle-Street	467.91	Chad's Auto Repair

R & M Equip-Street	375.00	Chad's Auto Repair
Fuel-Street	635.44	Conoco
R & M Equip-Street	934.57	Cornhusker International Trucks, Inc.
Lawn Mower-Street	75.00	J & J Small Engine Service
R & BM Equip-Street	936.72	Larry Nolte Repair
Tools-Street	36.87	Linweld
Tools & Misc- Streets	49.96	Menards
Natural Gas-Street	200.69	Metropolitan Utilities District
Supplies-Streets	13.98	Mill Creek Auto Parts
Education-Streets	150.00	Nebraska Rural Water Association
Electricity-Streets	2,318.07	OPPD
R & M Signs/Posts-Street	81.30	Stander & Stander Ace Hardware
Uniforms-street	97.50	Walkers Uniform Rental
Banner -Street	232.84	Wayne Manufacturing
R & M -Street	1,951.27	Westover Rock & Sand, Inc.
Total	9,122.49	
Payroll	17,444.04	
Federal W/H Payable	1,450.85	
State W/H Payable	537.95	
FICA Payable	2,668.94	

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

Agenda Item 3. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to approve claims due and payable as presented. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 4. No Department Report from Hayes. Shotkoski informed the Council that there is a leak in the sewer system, which the City may be able to locate using inexpensive smoke bombs. Chuck Johnson will handle this procedure. Sullivan inquired as to what action the City would take in regards to freezing school district borders in Sarpy County. Kathleen Fauver, City Clerk, informed the Council that a letter was sent to Governor Heineman, Sen. Gail Kopplin and Sen. Dave Pankonin expressing the City's position on keeping the borders frozen. Sullivan reported that Sandra Powell, former City Administrator, received an NCMA Award. No Department Report from Swenson.

Agenda Item 5. Discussion was had regarding installation costs of the water and sewer for the business park being developed by Randy Sump. Brian Chaffin with Olsson Associates was unable to attend the meeting, but he did provide the Council with Opinions of Cost for the paving and storm sewer, as well as two opinions for the sanitary sewer and water main, one for an 8" water main and one for a 12" water main. Council discussed the cost difference between the 8" and 12" water mains. If a 12" water main is used, the City discussed paying for the cost difference in order to keep all the City's water mains at 12". Further, it was noted that the project area had been moved out of the flood zone and, therefore, will need to be replated.

Agenda Item 6. John Trecek with Ameritas provided the Council with information on the different methods available for the City to pay for their costs of Randy Sump's business park. Trecek discussed the option for the City to enter into an agreement with the developer in which costs would be allocated. Trecek also informed the Council that if paving, water and sewer districts were created for this project that the City could then borrow money and levy special assessments. He indicated that these districts usually take about 30-40 days to create. The City's current debt will also need to be assessed in order to determine whether or not the City will need to increase the tax levy. Before payment options can be made, the City and developer need to decide who will be paying for the water and sewer installation and the final costs for paving, water and sewer will need to be determined. Trecek answered Council Member's questions and further discussion was had on this issue. This matter will be further discussed at the Council Meeting scheduled for April 17, 2007, at which time Randy Sump will be present.

Agenda Item 7. Dan Hrabik objected to the Council's decision made at the March 20, 2007, meeting during which the Council denied Hrabik's renewal of a special use permit. Hrabik requested that the Council strike their motion denying his renewal and make a new motion granting him renewal of his special use permit. Hrabik stated that he was first issued this one-year special use permit 12 years ago with the intention that he was going to build a home on the property. The permit had been renewed each year since then, but he has not built a home on the property. Hrabik declared that he would like to build a home on the land someday, but he was unable to provide a timeline. He informed Council that he has a nice and clean trailer on the property that his niece lives in. Hrabik used to live in the trailer, however, he moved out when he purchased his own home. The Council reflected on a discussion that was had at a Council Meeting last year pertaining to this matter and the complaints that were given at that meeting from neighbors. The Council did not motion for new action and, therefore the motion made at the March 20, 2007, meeting will stand.

Motion by Swenson, seconded by Hayes, to move the agenda to the next item. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 8. Ernie Rockenbach informed the Council about the sesquicentennial afghan that has been designed by the Papillion Area Historical Society. The Society will be selling the afghans for \$55.00. A picture of the Springfield Community Building is depicted on the afghan along with other important historical images.

Agenda Item 9. Valerie Alday presented the Council with her idea to create botanical sculpture gardens in Springfield. Alday would like to create a landscaped setting in which local artists' artwork as well as her own artwork would be represented and sold. Alday would also like to place four trailers on the lot with which she will sculpt around to incorporate into her artwork. While she is sculpting the trailers, she plans to reside in three of the trailers and use the other one as a studio. Alday desires to pay in cash for the land she purchases and, therefore, she wishes to purchase only one acre. Alday could use land within the cultural arts district for this project; however, this land is divided into two acre lots. She further stated that the land zoned as the cultural arts district would not work for her plans, as she needs a piece of property with full grown trees in order to create the gardens. Alday asked if the City would be willing to rezone an area if she found a piece of land that would work for her project. The Council indicated that they

were not against her idea and that if she found an area of land that would work for her that she should proceed accordingly.

Agenda Item 10. Council discussed the possibility of Sarpy County levying a sales tax. A concern had been previously raised that if the County levied a sales tax that the City would not be able to impose a sales tax at a later date. This concern has been found to be incorrect and, according to Kathy Pracheil of the Department of Revenue, if the county imposed a sales tax the City would still have the right to impose a City sales tax in the future.

Agenda Item 11. The Council discussed the Phase II Wastewater Study. The study presents the City with two options regarding the wastewater treatment plant. The City could allow Sarpy County to take control over the Springfield plant, which would also allow the County to take over the revenue generated from the plant; or, the City could keep control of the plant and either have to expand it or ship the wastewater to a another site, since it is operating at a usage of 75%. The pros and cons of each option were discussed. A meeting for the Study Partnership is scheduled for April 11 at the Papio-Missouri NRD. Shotkoski informed the Council that she plans to attend.

Agenda Item 12. Shirley Buskirk was present to inquire as to why the Library Board was not covered under the Errors and Omissions portion of the City's insurance. Buskirk also questioned why the Library Board had to pay for one-fifth of the City's general insurance policy, which includes city buildings and equipment, when the Library Board's share of the insurance probably does not add up to one-fifth of the general policy. Buskirk requested that the Library Board's insurance be divided out from the general insurance policy so as to pay only their insurance costs. Council requested that the City Clerk check into these issues and report back to the Council and Library Board.

Agenda Item 13. Motion by Shotkoski, seconded by Sullivan, to approve Colleen Keleher for health insurance. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 14. City Clerk, Kathleen Fauver, presented the Council with information regarding Tourism Television. The project consists of a daily 90 minute program showcasing three cities from a particular region on local access channels provided by the local cable company. A 30 minute still animation video highlighting the City of Springfield would be produced and aired on this program on a rotational basis. Council discussed the basic concept of the project as well as the costs of the project, funding options and future uses for the video. They also discussed the possibility of another entity handling this project, such as the Springfield Business Association. Council requested the City Clerk to provide further information on the project at the next Council Meeting.

Agenda Item 15. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Shotkoski, to enter into executive session at 8:58 p.m. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to leave executive session at 9:09 p.m.

Agenda Item 16. There was no executive session action.

Agenda Item 17. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to adjourn. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.