

AGENDA
SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Springfield City Hall
170 North 3rd Street

*(A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Laws
is posted in the entry to the meeting room.)*

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- ?? Announcement on Open Meetings Act
- ?? Roll call

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of the April 1, 2008 Council Meeting
2. Department Reports
3. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Application submitted by Ryan Steele for the Preliminary Plat and Final Plat for Steele Industrial Park, Lots 1, 2, 3 and Outlot "A", said property being described as Tax Lot 3A2B in the SW¼ of Section 25, T13N, R11E of the 6th P.M., Sarpy County, Nebraska
4. Action on the Application submitted by Ryan Steele for the Preliminary Plat and Final Plat for Steele Industrial Park, Lots 1, 2, 3 and Outlot "A", said property being described as Tax Lot 3A2B in the SW ¼ of Section 25, T13N, R11E of the 6th P.M., Sarpy County, Nebraska
5. Consider an Application for Special Designated Liquor License submitted by Stack, Inc. for the Springfield Days Street Dance on June 6, 2008 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
6. **Tabled April 1, 2008.** Discuss proposed agreement terms between the City of Springfield and the Sarpy County Agricultural Society regarding the Sarpy County Fairgrounds Lease
7. Discuss the Springfield Rural Fire Protection District and Springfield Volunteer Fire Department's desire to build a new fire station on the vacant lot to the west of the Community Building and discuss possible land trades
8. **Tabled April 1, 2008.** Discuss whether or not to purchase or rent a portable generator
9. Discuss Papio-Missouri NRD Tree Planting Grant Application
10. Approve payment to KW Buildings, Inc. in the sum of \$4,432.00 for materials and service to repair the roof at the City maintenance shop – final payment in the sum of \$1,108.00 will be requested upon final completion of the project
11. Approve City Park ball field fence plans submitted by the Springfield Youth Athletic Association (SYAA)

12. Approve and authorize Mayor Richards to enter into a Service Agreement with Papillion Sanitation for non hazardous waste removal at the Community Building
13. Approve May 1, 2008 employee health insurance renewal with Assurant Health/Time Insurance Company
14. Discuss Springfield Clean Up Day and arrange a volunteer schedule
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 15, 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. 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.

Agenda Item 1. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Swenson, to approve the Minutes of the April 1, 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 about Save America's Treasurer and Preserve America grant programs. She indicated that the City may be able to use these grants to fix up the lower level of the Community Building or install a handicapped ramp for access to the lower level. Mayor Richards said that the City must be very careful with the Community Building and may be limited to what can be done to the building, since it is on the list of historical buildings. No Department Report from Swenson.

Agenda Item 3. A public hearing for Steele Industrial Park was not conducted due to the Planning Commission tabling this item at their April 8, 2008, meeting, at which they requested that Ryan Steele provide additional information as per a letter from the Papio-Missouri River NRD and a staff report from City Planner, David Potter with JEO Consulting Group.

Agenda Item 4. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 5 Mayor Richards pointed out that the application submitted by Stack's Bar had the incorrect date of the event. Jeff Stack with Stack's Bar commented that the event will be held on June 7 not June 6 as listed. The date has been changed on the application. Mayor Richards noted that the signed statement from the Sarpy County Sheriff's Department listed June 6 as the date of the event. Kathleen Fauver, City Clerk, has requested a new letter from the department with the June 7 date. A new letter from the department must be received in order to submit a complete and accurate application to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. 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 Stack Inc.'s Springfield Days Street Dance to be held on 2nd Street between Main and Locust Streets,

Springfield, on June 7, 2008, from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., contingent upon receiving a new letter from the Sarpy County Sheriff's Department with the corrected date of June 7, 2008. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 6. Mayor Richards informed the Council that she and Shotkoski met with Scott Heitman and David Finney, Sarpy County Agricultural Society Members, on Monday, April 14, to discuss the draft Offer to Exchange Property prepared by Bill Seidler, City Attorney. Council reviewed and discussed the draft Offer to Exchange Property and noted some changes. Seidler commented that other areas of the agreement are still in need of additional information and further discussion. Timm and the Council discussed shifting the trail from the south side of Main Street to the north side. Mayor Richards said that the City would have to wait and see how the Ag Society responds to the draft agreement.

Agenda Item 7. Kevin Keyes, Springfield Rural Fire Protection District President, expressed the department's desire to build a fire hall on the northeast corner (1st and Cedar Streets) of the lot to the west of the Community Building. He provided a brief description and possible layout for the new fire hall. Tony Long, Springfield Rural Fire Protection District, provided input on the building design and layout. Keyes also provided reasons as to why the lot to the west of the Community Building was more appealing to the fire district than the other areas the district checked into. Mayor Richards commented that this visit was premature because the City and Ag Society are still working on agreement terms and nothing has been finalized. Timm asked if the City would provide a letter of intent to the fire district stating that if the City did obtain the land from the Ag Society as part of their agreement that the City would agree to give the land to the fire district. Seidler said that this could not be done because the letter of intent would be binding a political body outside the scope of the current Council. Timm commented that he is just one person on the Ag Society, but that the Ag Society's vote on the current proposed terms with the City could be contingent upon the City working with the fire district. Timm also reminded the Council that the Ag Society did receive an offer from the fire district to purchase the lot to the west of the Community Building. Keyes pointed out that the fire district must move forward with building a new fire hall and that if there was no chance that they would get the lot to the west of the Community Building then they would proceed where they are at. Shirley Buskirk, audience member, asked why the Ag Society did not sell the property to the fire district a few years ago when they were first interested in the lot. Timm noted that at the time there was no other property owned by the Ag Society that could be used as a replacement for parking. Keyes responded that there were also some members of the Ag Society at that time who did not want to sell property that was across the street from the fairgrounds. Mayor Richards stated that, until the City has reached an agreement with the Ag Society, the City could not motion or act on anything right now.

Agenda Item 8. Council reviewed additional information obtained by Larry Nolte, City employee, regarding hold programs and monthly rental charges for portable generators. Mark Anderson, a representative from NMC CAT, provided the Council with additional information about generator specifications provided by City employee, Louie Post. He also provided the Council with a revised bid for a used generator and cable installation for each well. Anderson and City employee, Mike Gottsch, pointed out that the proposed generator could also be used for other projects including street dances and street repair projects. Hayes and Anderson discussed maintenance needed for a generator. Council discussed the need and relevance of purchasing a used generator. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 9. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Shotkoski, to apply for the Tree Planting Grant sponsored by the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 10. Motion by Hayes, seconded by Swenson, to approve the first payment to KW Buildings, Inc. in the sum of \$4,432.00 for materials and service to repair the roof at the City maintenance

shop, which payment is to be given to KW Buildings, Inc. on the day work commences. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 11. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Swenson, to approve the City Park ball field fence plans submitted by the Springfield Youth Athletic Association (SYAA) at no additional cost to the City and with the SYAA obtaining recommendations from City employees in regards to gate locations. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 12. Council reviewed and discussed the proposed service agreement with Papillion Sanitation for non hazardous waste removal at the Community Building. Mayor Richards noted that City employee, Louie Post, suggested that the City contract with one trash hauler instead of having five or six garbage trucks traveling along city streets and creating significant wear and tear on the streets. Mayor Richards commented that she would like to check into contracting with one trash company. Shotkoski inquired as to whether or not the City could make residents contract with whichever company the City decided to contract with. Sullivan pointed out that the City could possibly obtain lower rates if contracting with just one company and put into place a recycling program. Motion by Hayes, seconded by Sullivan, to have City Clerk, Kathleen Fauver, to look into what other cities in the area do for trash service and to research services and terms for local trash companies. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 13. Fauver reviewed the proposed employee health insurance renewal with Assurant Health that was prepared by SilverStone Group. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to approve the May 1, 2008, employee health insurance renewal with Assurant Health. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 14. Council members volunteered their time to help with Springfield Clean Up Day.

Agenda Item 15. There was no executive session.

Agenda Item 16. There was no executive session action.

Prior to adjournment, Shotkoski informed the Council that she obtained a bid for \$35,000 from Diesel Power for a brand new generator. Gottsch informed her that the generator also needed to have a transformer added on to it, which would cost an additional \$7,000. Glen Adair, audience member, requested to comment about the purchase of a portable generator. He remarked that it would be a good idea for the City to equip more than just one well with the capability of plugging in the generator. He discussed the scenario of what would happen if only one well had the capability of powering off of the generator and what would happen if that well was not able to function due to a misfortune, such as being struck by lightning and shutting down completely. Council reflected on Adair's comments.

Agenda Item 17. Motion by Shotkoski, seconded by Sullivan, to adjourn. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None. Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.