

AGENDA
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NE

May 15, 2007

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1. Approve Minutes of the May 1, 2007 Council Meeting
2. Department Reports
3. Duane Grashorn with PeopleService, Inc. – Introduction and report
4. Randy Sump with RTR Enterprises, Inc. – Discussion regarding easements and replat; Request to waive the formal replat process
5. Jerry Torczon with E&A Consulting – Discussion and update on Springfield Business Park including ways to move forward and sanitary sewer plans
6. Sanitary Sewer Extension District 2006-1 and Water Extension District 2006-1 Assessments – Authorization to publish notice in newspaper
7. MAPA Redevelopment Plan – Discussion
8. Innovative Government Solutions – General administration and technical support
9. Notary Fee for Kathleen Fauver – Request for City to pay fee
10. New Downtown Benches Art Project – Discussion
11. Springfield Days Parade Entry – Discussion
12. Executive Session
13. Executive Session Action
14. 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 May 15, 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 Sullivan, seconded by Swenson, to approve the Minutes of the May 1, 2007, regular Council Meeting, with a correction to Agenda Item 17 to state that Richards voted Aye to Louie Post's merit increase of 4 percent. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 2. No Department Report from Hayes. No Department Report from Shotkoski. Sullivan questioned the placement of the sculpted buffalo in Buffalo Park. Shotkoski and Richards informed Sullivan that the buffalo is not permanently placed and will be moved down along the walkway to the flag so it can be seen from the parking lot. Swenson reported that several streets are settling and need to be repaired. The City plans to obtain bids for repairs. Hayes suggested mud jacking certain areas instead of repairing or replacing the concrete.

Agenda Item 3. Duane Grashorn, Region Manager of PeopleService, Inc., introduced himself to the Council and reported on the current condition of the wastewater treatment plant. Grashorn informed the Council that both the effluent pipe and influent pipe were broken and had been repaired. He stated that the new flow meter has been installed. Grashorn and Council discussed problems with the two pumps flowing into the plant and what needs to be done for the pumps to run and operate appropriately. Grashorn further reported that there is a sludge pile too close to the creek which needs to be moved as soon as possible and that there is a flooding problem at the plant after a heavy rain.

Agenda Item 4. Randy Sump with RTR Enterprises, Inc. updated the Council on the status of his business park development. Sump stated that he had taken an administrative replat to the Planning Commission on May 8 for approval and the replat was not approved. Bill Seidler, City Attorney, and Chris Solberg with Schemmer Associates, City Planner, informed Sump at the Planning Commission meeting that he could not move forward with an administrative replat because City Ordinance does not permit it. Instead, Sump needs to follow the concurrent replat process that includes both a preliminary replat and final replat. Sump requested that the Council waive the preliminary replat and final replat process and allow him to move forward with an administrative replat. He said that he had to replat because the City needed to move the street out of the flood plain and not because of anything he had done. Sump indicated that this replat process will move everything back four to six weeks and construction could be hindered by the winter weather. He stated that he will not borrow money to build his building if the street will not be completed this year. Seidler advised of the City's policy and state statutes concerning Sump's request and the benefits of following procedure to all parties. Sump will prepare a preliminary replat and final replat for the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for June 12, at which time a public hearing will be held. He will then take the replats before the City Council at their meeting scheduled for June 19, at which time a public hearing will be held. After the Planning Commission and City Council approve his replats and Sump files them with the Sarpy County Register of Deeds, a Developer's Agreement could be signed, districts could be formed and bids could then go out.

Motion by Hayes, seconded by Shotkoski, to move item 5 after item 11. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 5. Jerry Torczon with E&A Consulting was not present at the meeting.

Agenda Item 6. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Swenson, to authorize the City Clerk to publish notice of the public hearing for the Assessments of the Water Extension District 2006-1 and Sanitary Sewer Extension District 2006-1. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 7. Council discussed the need of a Redevelopment Plan through MAPA. Sullivan reported that she has received comments from citizens and the Business Association showing an interest in redeveloping the downtown area. Council requested the City Clerk to ask Jake Hansen with MAPA to attend a Council Meeting in June for further discussion.

Agenda Item 8. Council reviewed materials from Don Eikmeier, Manager of Innovative Government Solutions (IGS). IGS focuses on providing general administration services to a city on a part-time or interim basis. Council discussed benefits IGS could provide to the City, as well as potential problems that could arise in hiring this type of service. Council further discussed the differences between a City Clerk and a City Administrator.

Agenda Item 9. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Swenson, to approve payment of Kathleen Fauver's, City Clerk, notary renewal fee. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 10. Sullivan informed the Council that she was approached by an artist who would like to paint pictures on the downtown park benches. Council agreed that the current benches are in poor condition for this project and, therefore, new benches are needed. Sullivan and Shotkoski agreed to check into obtaining four new benches for this project.

Agenda Item 11. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Shotkoski, to enter a City float in the Springfield Days Parade. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 12. There was no executive session.

Agenda Item 13. There was no executive session action.

Agenda Item 14. Motion by Hayes, seconded by Shotkoski, to adjourn. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None. Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.