

**AGENDA**  
**SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Springfield City Hall

170 North 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 May 6, 2008 Council Meeting
2. Department Reports
3. **Tabled May 6, 2008.** Discuss proposed agreement terms between the City of Springfield and the Sarpy County Agricultural Society regarding the Sarpy County Fairgrounds Lease
4. **Tabled May 6, 2008.** Consider Mark Scholting's request for an annual special use permit for his mobile home located at 15010 Platteview Road
5. Consider a request from Ron Smith with the Methodist Youth Group to waive the fee for the rental of the Community Building for a Lock-In on May 31, 2008
6. Discuss preparation of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Springfield and area Sanitary Improvement Districts for library services from the Springfield Library
7. Discuss contracting with one company for trash pickup service for the City of Springfield
8. Approve May 2008 insurance renewal with Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies through Miller-Monroe-Farrell Company (Springfield/Louisville Insurance Agency)
9. Appoint Randy Fleming, Tom Adams and Susan Peplow to the Planning Commission
10. **Tabled May 6, 2008.** Discuss obtaining applications for a new city attorney, as per Eric Hayes' request
11. Conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering and levying special assessments on the lots and parcels of land in Street Improvement District No. 2007-1, Sanitary Sewer Extension District No. 2007-1 and Water Extension District No. 2007-1 of the City of Springfield, Nebraska
12. Consider applications for summer/part-time maintenance worker for the Street and Park Departments
13. Discuss Paul Holz's annual review and consider a proposed merit increase

14. Discuss Louie Post's annual review and consider a proposed merit increase
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 May 20, 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 Shotkoski, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2008, regular Council Meeting. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 2. Hayes inquired as to the status of pouring a sidewalk from Buffalo Park to SID 211. I informed him that the Parks Department has been made aware of the request and plans to complete this project. No Department Report from Shotkoski. Sullivan reported on Eileen Stovall's sewer backup complaint. No Department Report from Swenson.

Agenda Item 3. Council reviewed a new draft Agreement to Exchange Property with the Sarpy County Agricultural Society. Shotkoski mentioned that her only contention with the agreement was what the City would do for future city-wide cleanup days and tire days. Rich Jansen, Sarpy County Agricultural Society President, indicated that continued use of the land at the city maintenance shop for these events would not be a problem. Motion by Shotkoski, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the final draft Agreement to Exchange Property with the Sarpy County Agricultural Society and to authorize Mayor Dorothy Richards to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City of Springfield. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 4. Mark Scholting was not in attendance to discuss his request for an annual special use permit for his mobile home located at 15010 Platteview Road. Council discussed ownership of the trailer and land. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to table agenda item 4 until the June 3, 2008, City Council meeting. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 5. Jody Baldwin was present to request that the City Council waive the fee for the rental of the Community Building for a Methodist Youth Group Lock-In on May 31, 2008. Baldwin informed the Council that the group expects between 50 and 60 children to attend and there will be four or five adult chaperons. The event will last from 10:00 p.m., Saturday, May 31, until 8:30 a.m., Sunday, June 1. The group will make sure the facilities are cleaned up appropriately and they will dispose of all trash at the church. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to waive the fee for the rental of the Community Building for the Methodist Youth Group Lock-In on May 31, 2008. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 6. City Clerk, Kathleen Fauver, discussed Legislative Bill 768 that will allow Sanitary Improvement Districts (SID) to contract for access to library facilities and use of the services of the library system of one or more neighboring cities. Library Director, Connie Manzer, was unable to attend the meeting, but requested that the City Attorney prepare an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Springfield and area Sanitary Improvement Districts for library services from the Springfield Library. Fauver explained that Manzer also requested that a letter be sent from the city to area SIDs informing the SIDs of this opportunity. Council and Seidler had numerous questions and required additional information about this matter. Motion by Swenson, seconded by Hayes, to have City Attorney, Bill Seidler, contact Springfield Library Director, Connie Manzer, about the Interlocal Agreement regarding library services. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 7. Fauver provided the Council with information from Nebraska cities regarding contracting with one company for trash pickup service. Fauver also provided information about Elkhorn Sanitation Service and the trash and recycling programs the company offers. Shotkoski commented that she is not interested in the city contracting with only one trash company. She suggested that the city charge a service fee to each trash company operating in Springfield. Mayor Richards noted that she thinks if the city were to contract with only one company that residents could get a cheaper rate. Hayes stated that he is interested in seeing what trash companies have to offer. Swenson and Sullivan both indicated that they would like to see more of an emphasis on recycling. Sullivan remarked that she felt Elkhorn Sanitation Service offered a great program. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to contact area trash companies to obtain proposals for services including residential and commercial trash pickup and recycling. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 8. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to approve the May 2008 insurance renewal with Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies through Miller-Monroe-Farrell Company (Springfield/Louisville Insurance Agency). AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 9. Mayor Richards elected to appoint Randy Fleming, Tom Adams and Susan Peplow to the Planning Commission. Motion by Shotkoski, seconded by Swenson, to approve Mayor Richards' appointment of Randy Fleming, Tom Adams and Susan Peplow to the Planning Commission. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 10. Hayes informed the Council that he had received complaints and concerns from citizens about City Attorney, Bill Seidler, and the citizens suggested seeing what other legal counsel options were available. Council discussed the concerns and also reflected upon the positive work done by Seidler. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 11. The Clerk reported that, pursuant to the order heretofore entered by the Council, notice has been published that the Mayor and Council would hold a meeting at this time and place for the purpose of considering the levy of special assessments to pay for paving, sewer and water improvements in Street Improvement District No. 2007-1, Sanitary Sewer Extension District No. 2007-1 and Water Extension District No. 2007-1 of said City. A Public Hearing of the Springfield City Council was opened at 7:40 p.m. The Mayor then stated that the Board was in session for said purpose and all persons interested would be heard. The following filed written objections: None. The following appeared in person or by agent or by attorney and were heard: Randy Sump. All persons who desired a hearing having been heard, the Board having considered the recommendations of the engineer in charge of said improvements and the members of the Board having heretofore personally inspected the paving, sewer and water improvements and the real estate abutting upon and adjacent thereto, Member Sullivan offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Member Swenson seconded the motion for its passage and adoption, and after consideration, the roll was called upon the passage and adoption of said resolution

and the following Council Members voted AYE: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. The following voted NAY: None. The passage of the resolution having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was declared passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION  
2008-10**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD,  
NEBRASKA:

1. The Mayor and Council find and determine: That the Council has heretofore designated this time and place for considering and levying special assessments upon property specially benefited by paving, sewer and water improvements in Street Improvement District No. 2007-1, Sanitary Sewer Extension District 2007-1 and Water Extension District 2007-1 to pay the cost of constructing same; that notice of the time and place of holding this meeting for said purpose has been duly given as provided by statute by publication in The Papillion Times, a legal newspaper published in Sarpy County and of general circulation in the City, for more than four weeks (five consecutive weekly publications) before the time designated therein for holding this meeting said publication being made in the issues of said paper published on April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15, 2008; that the Mayor and Council have at this session heard all persons who desired to be heard in reference to the special benefits or damages thereto by reason of the construction of said improvements and with reference thereto have considered the advise of the engineer in charge of the construction of said improvements.

2. The Mayor and Council find and determine that at the hearing all assessments have been adjusted and equalized with reference to the benefits resulting from the improvements and have been apportioned among the several lots and parcels of land subject to assessment in proportion to the special benefits accrued to said lots and parcels of land respectively from such improvements; that no lot or parcel of land in said Districts has been damaged by the construction of said improvements; that the amounts of benefits specially accruing to each lot and parcel of land in said projects by reason of the construction of said paving, sewer and water improvements exceeds the amount assessed against each lot or parcel of land to pay the cost of said improvements. The benefits are equal and uniform and the assessments shown on the schedule hereinafter set out are according to front footage of the lots or real estate within the Districts.

3. There are hereby levied and assessed upon the several lots and parcels of land in Street Improvement District 2007-1, Sanitary Sewer Extension District 2007-1 and Water Extension District 2007-1 special assessments to pay the cost of constructing said improvements in the amount in dollars and cents set out in the schedule below in the column headed "Special Assessments".

4. Said special assessments shall be a lien on the property on which they are levied from the date of the passage of this resolution and shall be certified by the City Clerk to the Treasurer of this City for collection; that the City Clerk shall also at the time provided by law cause such assessments or the portion thereof then remaining unpaid to be certified to the County Treasurer for entry upon the proper tax list; that said assessments shall be payable to and collected by the County Treasurer.

5. Said assessments are payable in fifteen equal installments, the first of which shall become delinquent not less than fifty (50) days from the date of adoption of the resolution, and the remaining installments shall become delinquent the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008, subsequent to the date of levy and thereafter, in one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and nine years respectively; that each of said installments shall draw interest from the date of the passage of this resolution at the rate of nine per centum (9%) per annum, until the same become delinquent, and after the same become delinquent interest at the rate specified by law for delinquent special assessments for such projects shall be paid thereon; provided all said assessments may be paid at one time on any lot or land within fifty (50) days from the date of levy without interest.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

Ayes \_\_4\_\_

Nays \_\_0\_\_

Abstain \_\_0\_\_

Absent \_\_0\_\_

Approved:

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Mayor

SEAL

Attest:

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City Clerk

Motion by Hayes, seconded by Sullivan, to close the Public Hearing. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None. Public Hearing closed at 7:50 p.m.

Agenda Items 12, 13 and 14. Motion by Shotkoski, seconded by Hayes, to move agenda items 12, 13 and 14 into executive session. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 15. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Shotkoski, to move into executive session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of personnel discussion. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Swenson, to leave executive session at 8:15 p.m. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 16. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Swenson, to hire Zach Holdorf for the summer/part-time maintenance worker position for the Street and Park Departments, if he is accepting of the position, at a rate of \$9.00 per hour. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

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

Motion by Swenson, seconded by Hayes, to approve a 2% annual merit increase for Louie Post. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 17. Motion by Swenson, seconded by Hayes, to adjourn. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.