

AGENDA
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NE
October 16, 2007

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1. Approve Minutes of the September 4, 2007 Council Meeting
2. Department Reports
3. Appoint Jerry Webster to the Planning Commission
4. Eric Herbert, Sarpy County GIS Coordinator – Approve GIS Interlocal Agreement and Resolution 2007-15
5. Dan Williams – Request for an ordinance change to allow for the sale of fireworks from within a permanent warehouse building
6. Citizens Park Board – Discussion
7. Springfield Creek Trails & Recreation Area – Decide on how to spend the Peter Kiewet grant money
8. Enforcement of City Ordinances – Discussion
9. Kildow Construction street repair cost estimates – Discuss and decide how to proceed
10. Employee health insurance – Review MERP Agreement
11. Continuing Education Agreement
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 October 16, 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 Shotkoski, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the Minutes of the October 2, 2007, regular Council Meeting. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 2. No Department Report from Hayes. No Department Report from Shotkoski. Sullivan reported that Sarpy County is putting together a health walk for people to view the buffalo benches around the county. She asked why the buffalo had not yet been moved to its permanent place along the

walking trail in Buffalo Park. Shotkoski said that the employees would move it when they get time to do so. Sullivan asked if the City would be sending a representative to the Nebraska Community Improvement Program Annual Conference in Sioux City. Mayor Richards said that Sullivan could attend. No Department Report from Swenson. Mayor Richards informed the Council that she has attended several meetings since the last Council meeting. She has met with HDR Engineering, Mayor Tim Gilligan of Gretna and a couple Sarpy County Commissioners.

Agenda Item 3. Mayor Richards elected to appoint Jerry Webster to the Planning Commission. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Shotkoski, to approve said appointment. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item 4. Eric Herbert, Sarpy County GIS Coordinator, expressed appreciation for Springfield's support and participation in the Sarpy County GIS Coalition. He stated that he would like to continue to provide services to the City and he would be willing to assist in the preparation of the census update.

Council Member Sullivan introduced Resolution 2007-15 and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION 2007-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Nebraska cities of Gretna, Papillion, Bellevue, LaVista, and Springfield, and Sarpy County and the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (P-MRNRD) wish to enter into an Interlocal Agreement to develop, operate and maintain a Geographic Information System (GIS); and

WHEREAS, all Parties enter into this agreement by authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-801 et seq., (Reissue 1997); and

WHEREAS, all Parties hereto engage in the delivery of sundry services to the public supported by information regarding real estate, sewers, water, infrastructure, etc.; and

WHEREAS, all Parties have previously cooperated in the development and implementation of a Geographic Information System (GIS); and

WHEREAS, each Party desires to improve the coordination, cooperation and efficiency in rendering such services through the ongoing development and implementation of a Geographic Information System (GIS); and

WHEREAS, each Party understands that the development, operation and maintenance of the GIS will require a long term commitment from the Parties; and

WHEREAS, additional phases and enhancement to the GIS will be determined by the financial considerations of all Parties to this Agreement primarily based upon the recommendations of the GIS advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Governing Body of the City of Springfield, Nebraska, by a majority vote resolved that:

1. The City of Springfield shall enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Cities of Gretna, Papillion, Bellevue, LaVista, and Sarpy County and the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (P-MRNRD) for the purpose of delineating responsibilities and rights in conjunction with the development, operation and maintenance of a Geographic Information System (GIS); and
2. The Mayor of Springfield shall have the authority to sign said Interlocal Agreement in the form of attached Exhibit "A", which is incorporated by reference; and
3. This authority shall take effect upon passage and adoption of said resolution.

Introduced and Passed October 16, 2007.

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Abstain 0

Absent 0

Approved:

Mayor

SEAL

Attest:

City Clerk

Council Member Swenson seconded the motion and upon roll call on the passage and adoption of said Resolution the following voted AYE: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. The following voted NAY: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and adopted.

Agenda Item 5. Dan Williams requested that the fireworks ordinance, particularly Ordinance No. 360/Springfield City Code §10-705, be changed to allow for the sale of fireworks from within a permanent warehouse building. Currently, the ordinance reads that fireworks can be sold from within temporary structures such as tents and metal trailers. Bill Seidler, City Attorney, commented that the Council could add permanent structures to the list of permitted places at which fireworks can be sold. Council agreed that they were in favor of amending the fireworks ordinance to allow the sale of fireworks from within a permanent building. The new ordinance will be reviewed and voted on at the November 6 City Council meeting.

Agenda Item 6. Kelly Wills of Millard, Nebraska, and Terry Franks, 12275 Main Street, Springfield, Nebraska, spoke on behalf of the Citizens Park Board. Wills provided the Council with informational packets that supply information about the Citizens Park Board's plans for Phase I of the Nature Center and examples of fund raising activities to support the Nature Center. Wills also provided a brief history

of the Park Board and its goals. Wills said that the Park Board member list needs to be updated and that new members need to be appointed. The Council will work on updating the current member list and asked for any ideas of people who may be interested in becoming members. Seidler pointed out that the Park Board really doesn't reflect the Park Board described in the Springfield City Code. He said that they are more like "Friends of the Park." The Council will look at changing the name of the group. Council suggested that the Park Board report activities to the Council member who oversees the Park Department, so that the Council member can then report to the City Council. Mayor Richards asked who plans on weeding all of the flower beds at the nature center. Shotkoski said that City employees do not have the time to weed the flower beds. Wills agreed. Wills and Sullivan reported that the flower beds have recently been weeded by volunteers and that they will continue to be weeded. Sullivan suggested reaching out to different volunteer organizations that would be willing to take care of their own flower beds at the nature center. Shotkoski voiced concern of the tentative new flower beds being in the way of the MoPac Trail route through the park. Wills, Franks and Sullivan stated that the Park Board was utilizing JEO Consulting Group's plans of the area and that the flower beds would not affect the trail route. The flower beds were measured and placed the required amount from the trail. Swenson asked if the Park Board was formed just to assist with the Springfield Creek Trails and Recreation Area or if they were supposed to help out with the other Springfield parks and trails. Council discussed the purpose of the Park Board and whether or not individual boards should be formed for each park. Wills said that the Park Board would like to continue to move forward but they need guidance and planning from the Council.

Agenda Item 7. Council continued their discussion of the use of Peter Kiewet grant monies at the Springfield Creek Trail and Recreation Area. Sullivan stated that she feels the money should be spent as soon as possible, since it was mistakenly reported to the Peter Kiewet Foundation that the money had already been spent. Sullivan and Hayes would like to continue with JEO Consulting Group's plan and plant the two new flower beds using the services of Springcreek Gardens & Nursery. Shotkoski would like to hold off on spending the money until this issue is presented and resolved with the Peter Kiewet Foundation. Swenson requested that Fauver contact the Peter Kiewet Foundation and discuss the situation with them and request a time extension to spend the funds. Franks said that the money from this grant was supposed to be spent by June 2007. She stated that maybe the City should just give the money back to the foundation. Council discussed previous expenditures for trees and plants in the nature center. Shotkoski asked if those expenditures were ever reimbursed. Sullivan and Franks stated that they were reimbursed in 2005 with funds from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. Seidler pointed out that according to a letter from the Peter Kiewet Foundation when providing the City with the funds that it appears that the money was to be applied to previous expenditures. Council discussed the plants chosen for the new flower beds and cost comparisons with other nurseries. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Hayes, to proceed with the planting of the two new flower beds using the Peter Kiewet grant money in the sum of \$16,433.00 and the services of Springcreek Gardens & Nursery. AYES: Hayes, Sullivan. NAYS: Shotkoski, Swenson, Richards. Council will check into whether or not the funds were supposed to be allocated to previous expenditures and, if needed, discuss this matter with the Peter Kiewet Foundation. This agenda item will be discussed at the November 6 City Council meeting.

Agenda Item 8. Sullivan requested to discuss the level of enforcement of City ordinances and the possibility of personal liability if not enforced. Sullivan wanted to know what ordinances the City was not enforcing. She suggested going through the ordinance book and delegating the responsibility of ordinance enforcement to employees and the sheriff's department. Seidler explained the purpose and enforcement of City ordinances. Council agreed to look at some of the ordinances that citizens are not abiding by and begin enforcing them to a greater extent.

Agenda Item 9. Swenson reported that he discussed the cost per square foot of street repairs with David Kildow of Kildow Construction. Kildow referred Swenson to other construction companies to obtain

price quotes. Swenson said that he obtained a quote from Heimus of \$15.00 per square foot and that the representative of Heimus told him that Roloff Construction would come in about the same. Council requested Swenson to continue discussions with Kildow about the cost per square foot. Council agreed that if Kildow came in at \$10.00 per square foot then the City would not have to go out for bids. If Kildow remained at \$12.00 per square foot then the City agreed to go out for bids on the remaining three projects.

Agenda Item 10. Council approved the Employee Handout and Summary Plan Description for employee health insurance. The information will be provided to all employees on the health insurance plan and retained with the City's records.

Agenda Item 11. Council discussed the continuing education agreement. They agreed to offer \$1,500.00 to each employee for continuing education classes or programs as long as the coursework was directly related to the employee's job. They also agreed that the employee would be reimbursed at the end of a class as long as the student obtained a grade C or better. Seidler will finalize the continuing education agreement and the Council will approve it at the November 6 City Council meeting.

Agenda Item 12. There was no executive session.

Agenda Item 13. There was no executive session action.

Agenda Item 14. Motion by Shotkoski, seconded by Hayes, to adjourn. AYES: Hayes, Shotkoski, Sullivan, Swenson. NAYS: None. Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.