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President of Council Vanover called Council to order on May 3, 2023

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. McNear took roll call. Council members Anderson, Ghantous, Hawkins, Jacobs, Ramirez, Sullivan-Wisecup, and Vanover were present.

President Vanover: Council, we've got an addition request from the Administration. Right after we look at our minutes, we're going to add two proclamations and Police introductions.

The minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting were considered. Mr. Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes; Mrs. Ghantous seconded. The minutes were approved with seven affirmative votes.

Mayor Webster: I'm not sure where you'd like to start here, so, why don't we get the Building Department proclamation out of the way. If Rich (Ellison) wants to hit the road, he can do so (laughter). So, in continuing with our proclamation season here, it gives me great pleasure tonight to issue a proclamation that reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Springdale is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes and buildings that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of disaster; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of the buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians – building safety officials, fire prevention officials, designers, and others in the construction industry – who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings and enforce modern building codes which protect the public from hazards such as snowstorms, tornadoes, floods and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety – our local code officials – who assure us of safe, sustainable, and livable buildings that are essential to America's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month encourages all Americans to raise awareness about the importance of safe and dependable construction; and

WHEREAS, each year in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, fortitude and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local building departments in protecting lives and property.

NOW THEREFORE, I DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to recognize the contributions which building departments and fire prevention bureaus make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

So, accepting on behalf of our chief Building Official, Mr. Lamping is Rich Ellison. (Applause)

Mr. Ellison: Just on behalf of our Building Official who is not here tonight, and the Building Department, we just want to thank Council and the Mayor for this. We take building safety very seriously in Springdale, and we very much appreciate it. Thank you. (Applause)

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Mayor Webster: Chief (Wells), I'm going to yield to you as for the order of proceedings here. I've got a proclamation I'm going to read, and I understand you've got a few announcements and introductions. So, what would you like to have done first.

Chief Wells: Well, why don't we do the Police proclamation.

Mayor Webster: The proclamation? Here we go.

WHEREAS, in 1962 President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th of each year as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the calendar week of each year during which May 15th occurs as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across our great country, including 35 full and part time officers and 10 support staff within our own department; and

WHEREAS, more than 23,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty; including 226 officers during 2022; and

WHEREAS, events are often held to honor the men and women who have died in the line of duty to protect and serve; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Springdale Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service by safeguarding the lives and property of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our country, state, and city internal freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorder that is presently affecting other nations; and

WHEREAS, this administration joins in this special tribute to acknowledge all officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice – their lives – in defense of all citizens, including Springdale Police Officer Kaia Grant, who was killed in the line of duty on March 21, 2020, while protecting the citizens of Springdale.

NOW THEREFORE, I, DOYLE H. WEBSTER, Mayor of the City of Springdale, do hereby proclaim the week of May 14th – 20th, 2023 as

POLICE WEEK

In the City of Springdale and urge all citizens to observe this week in ways appropriate to its significance.

Chief Wells: Thank you Mayor (Webster) (applause). If you could just stay here a second. He thought he was going to get away easily on that one. Thank you all very much. Mayor, for honoring us with this proclamation. I just want to briefly introduce Sergeant Langevin. Each year, we have a different representative of the Police Department come up and take the possession of the proclamation that we will put on display at the Police Department. Sergeant Langevin has been a member of our Police Department for over 17 years. He currently serves as a patrol sergeant here in our City, and he has also been associated with the Honor Guard; both the Springdale Honor Guard, and the Hamilton County Police Association Honor Guard for 14 years, I'm sorry, for over ten years, and he does a phenomenal job representing the City, but he's just one of those people that it's in his blood. The blue is in his blood, and I just wanted to have him come up here tonight to receive this. Thank you so much for everything you do to honor us, and to lead the way you do as commander of our Honor Guard. Thank you Erik (Langevin) (applause)

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Chief Wells. I guess I'm not running away either. I'm still up. We do have other business. Well, I'm going to ask, we have four people to introduce to Council tonight, so, what I'd like to say is Mr. Mayor, Mr. President, members of Council, and the City Administration, my colleagues, and families here in support, I'd like to introduce a few of our new employees and I'd like to first ask Debbie Eldridge to step down. Ladies first.

So, Debbie Eldridge, she joined our team in 2022, but Debbie is no stranger to the City of Springdale. She's been employed here previously five years before that. Come on up here front and center. She came to the Police Department last year. There was no question that Debbie has public service running in her blood, but, she wanted to reach out of her comfort zone and try something different and new. So, she applied at our Police Department and was successful in obtaining a position as a Police Clerk there. Well before that happened, though, I wanted to thank Debbie. I really appreciated the support. For a long time after Kaia Grant was murdered in the line of duty, she had a poster behind her desk in support with Kaia's name on there. It was very special to any one of us that came up and saw that. So, I wanted to thank her for that very much. Debbie lives in Harrison, Ohio. She has two children; daughter Emma is a freshman in college, and her son Joe is, who is a freshmen in high school. She has a very contagious laugh, and a winning smile. She wanted to share that her motto in life is "Life is too short to be miserable, and laughing is so much more fun." Welcome Debbie.

Ms. Eldridge. Thank you. (applause)

Chief Wells: Jacob Carter, come on down. Jacob is another person who has public service coursing through his veins. Clerk Jacob Carter was born in Cincinnati. He grew up in Colerain Township. He graduated from Colerain High School. Prior to coming to Springdale, he worked for Colerain Township Parks for four years and became a clerk for the Colerain Township Police Department. That's when we found him, and stole him from over there. We have a very strong connection to Colerain Township. We've got a lot of love for them, and we really appreciate the fact that we were able to take Jacob from over there. He was just the employee we were looking for. He is very skilled in computer programs. He's a gamer too. He was also very versed in RCIC which is our police computer system, and our Sundance RMS system having already been trained at Colerain Township, so, he was a quick study coming in here. He's joined tonight by his mom Glenna, and dad James. And, he has a sister Julia, and, we'd like to welcome him aboard and say thanks for coming over to us.

Chief Wells: Police Officer Andrew Cheatham, come on down. If you're in Andrew's cheering section tonight, could you raise your hand for a second. (laughter) Now you know why I hired this guy. Andrew Cheatham, he grew up in Forest Park, Ohio where he was raised by his mother and father Drew and Tracey Cheatham. He's the oldest of two siblings; Antwone, and Brittney Cheatham. He graduated from Winton Woods High School in 2007, and attended Brown Mackie College where he received an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. He met his lovely wife, Brandy Cheatham in 2013 while working at our very own Tri County Mall. He and Brandy have been married for six years. They have three sons; 13 year old Jaydon, and they have two twin sons that were just born; Henry and Andrew Cheatham, and we get to see them all the time on Facebook which is great. They reside in Colerain Township. Andrew has always dreamed of a career in Law Enforcement and there isn't a person in our department that doesn't know Andrew because a lot of us used to work mall detail over there at Tri County Mall and he was always one of the most favorite people that we wanted to work with. There's even a little story between me and him. We were working one night and we get this call out in the middle of the parking lot; it was pretty far out there, and I was Captain at the time, and I thought you know, I've been around a little bit, so you want to just slow down and get there, right? So, he's out there hoofing it to get to the scene there. And I said, "If you get out there and get into a fight, it's going to be a minute. I'm old." (laughter) "I'll help you, but I'm old." So, but we're really excited to have him on the team. He has a wonderful smile, and a contagious attitude. We're really happy that he's achieved his lifelong dream of becoming a Police Officer, and we couldn't be happier to have you in Springdale. Welcome. (applause) Last, but certainly not least, Corporal Garret Welander.

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Corporal Welander has been with the Springdale Police Department since 2016, and he recently completed his probationary period as a Police Corporal. Corporal Welander says he's thankful for the opportunity to lead and share his knowledge with others on his shift, which he does. He's a very studious individual, and someone who likes to pass along all the knowledge that he has. Garret is also a two-time recipient of the MADD Top Cop award for his efforts to keep drunk drivers off the road. We appreciate that very much. During his free time, he enjoys fishing, exercising, and spending time with his wife Courtney and their son. Their son Grant, who is right over here, actually just won a state championship in gymnastics. He, among other several placings that he got, he earned gold in Pommel, vault, floor and team. So, let's give it up for this man too. (applause) With introductions made, I would like the Mayor to come down if he could do our ceremonial swearing in.

Mayor Webster swore in Officer Cheatham. (applause)

Mayor Webster swore in Corporal Welander. (applause)

Mrs. McNear: It's great to meet all of the new employees and see the swearing in of our new officers, but I think we should make it a new rule that we get to see the parade of babies and children that come to these events as well. That should be a new rule that we should institute. Thank you.

Communications

Mrs. McNear: We do have one item this evening. It's from the Government Finance Officers Association. This is a letter that we've received each Spring that we've come to depend upon receiving. This is to notify us that the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending December 31st, 2021 qualifies for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. We will be receiving the award later on this year. I'll bring that in when we do receive it, and ask Mr. Williams to come in so we can make sure he gets appropriate kudos and receives the certificate. Thank you.

Communications from the Audience

Ms. Berger: My name is Jamie Berger, and I live on 11705 Lawnview Avenue, just down the street. I'm coming to you guys tonight because we have a nuisance in our neighborhood, that this will be the third summer in a row that we have been dealing with this particular resident and her dog. The 24th of April, she was cited again, for the fifth time. Four times last year, so far, once this year. That morning, the dog terrorized neighbors trying to leave for work, starting at 6:00 a.m. Then terrorized the high school, middle school, and elementary school kids getting to their bus. Officers have come out, animal control has come out. Last Thursday, my husband and I took the dog to the kennel at the Police Department waiting on Animal Control because we had to be at school for a fundraiser pickup. The dog was still there at 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. when we left that evening. I was just informed by another neighbor they returned the dog back to the owner. This dog has also brutally attacked a small dog, causing over \$500 in damage to the dog itself. In doing that, knocked over an 80 year old woman walking the dog. And, so far, nothing is being done. This is the first time I'm coming to Council for myself, my family. My kids are afraid to play in our yard, and, we live on the corner. We have a big lot. My kids are afraid to play in the front yard. Her friends, when they come over, they're afraid to play outside. I've had this dog chase parents and my kids coming to pick up their friends from my house, so, if somebody could guide us in what to do, I have another call out to the dog warden. I have yet to hear back from them. We just want to know what to do so we can live peacefully on our street, in our little community because the dog gets...I coach soccer two nights a week, in the spring and the fall. My kids are terrified when they see a black dog, because they're always afraid it's her. My parents have tried to round her up, and she's tried to bite them. So, if somebody could help us, that would be great. We'd be able to be peaceful.

President Vanover: Sure.

Mayor Webster: Thank you very much for your input. I'm well aware of this situation.

Ms. Berger: Thank you.

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Mayor Webster: There's a lady that owns the dogs; a paraplegic, and I think she lives alone.

Ms. Berger: No. She does not.

Mayor Webster: She does not?

Ms. Berger: No, she rents out a room from her home.

Mayor Webster: Oh, okay. I was not aware of that. I see the entries on the Police log, and believe me, something is going to be done about that.

Ms. Berger: Thank you.

Mayor Webster: I think all of us are reluctant to go knocking on this lady's door that's in a wheelchair, and say, "Hey, we're going to take your dog."

Ms. Berger: Right.

Mayor Webster: But, I think it's gotten to the point where something has to happen.

Ms. Berger: Correct. She's threatened my husband's life, she's threatened my own animal's lives last summer. She doesn't like me. Which is fine. I'm just trying to keep the kids safe.

Mayor Webster: She'll like us a lot less when we have to do what we have to do.

Ms. Berger: Right, and we feel bad for her. We have tried many, many times to offer to fix her lock, get a new lead for the dog. The dog, last week, when it got out, broke its lead, metal lead, and got its lead wrapped around a tire of the neighbor across the street. So, you know, we had to help the dog and then take it back. We've tried. All of the neighbors have tried to help her keep her dog, and she doesn't want any help from any of us, and we're terrified.

Mayor Webster: We'll look into it, and take some positive action.

Ms. Berger: Thank you sir. We appreciate it. Is there anybody that I can contact further to follow up after tonight or anything?

Mr. Jones: Is your phone number on the sheet?

Ms. Berger: Yes.

Mr. Uhl: I'll give you a call.

Ms. Berger: Great. Thank you.

Ms. Chapman: Good evening. My name is Megan Chapman. I live on Vista Glen Drive. True to my word, I'm here tonight to hold our elected officials accountable. I heard some very troubling news in regards to a recent meeting for the Board of Zoning Appeals. For transparency, the homeowner and myself know each other due to our involvement in various activities our children have in common. I was also not able to attend this meeting in person as I was caring for a sick child. I did, however, send a request for the audio from this meeting, but have yet to receive a response. The first piece of troubling information surrounds the announcement of the variance request hearing on Facebook. This is the first time that I have seen this type of meeting advertised by the City in this manner. When an inquiry was made as to why this meeting was announced on Facebook and a future Board of Zoning Appeals meetings would be posted on Facebook, the City employee stated that BZA meetings have been posted on Facebook in the past. I performed a cursory search of the City's Facebook page and located only one other notice of a BZA public hearing. That was held in September of

Ms. Chapman (continued): 2022. The March 2022 hearing; I'm sorry, the March 2023 hearing was not posted on Facebook. Prior to the BZA meeting, a records request was filed. Within that request was an inquiry as to what individual or department was responsible for the

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posts that appear on the City's Facebook page. No response was given to this question. The second, and more troubling piece of information is that the Mayor and President of Council came to speak at this meeting in official capacity in opposition to this variance request. I am under the impression that Mayor Webster and President Vanover do not frequently attend Board of Zoning Appeals meetings. I feel their behavior toward the homeowner and their appointed officials to be very intimidating, even if that was not their impression of the situation. Two members of the Board of Zoning Appeals are appointed by the Mayor, and two are appointed by Council. So, I find it highly inappropriate for the Mayor to tell anyone on the Board "do the right thing". Just so you understand the optics of this situation, they're not that great. If those in power feel comfortable enough to speak this way in public, I'm afraid to know what is happening behind closed doors. So, I am here seeking the answers to the following questions. One, will the City be posting notifications for all future public hearings held by the Board of Zoning Appeals on Facebook? Two, who is responsible for posting the public hearing notice? Is there a specific individual, or is there a City department in charge of the social media? And, three, do Mayor Webster, and President Vanover speak at Board of Zoning Appeals meetings very often? If not, what made this meeting so special?

Mayor Webster: Yes, weed through all of this rhetoric here, what I hearing you saying is the question why we use Facebook and couldn't find any other. Okay, the reason is that we should have been doing it all along. The latest version of the Zoning Code called for us to use all City social media, so we should have been doing it, so, shame on us. We had not been doing it. It will be done going forward, okay? As far as my involvement with the BZA, I'm the one that got the complaint from the lady that was afraid, afraid to stand up before the BZA in person and express her concerns about her neighborhood, and I took an oath of office to uphold the rules and laws of the City as it pertains to all of the residents, even you. And, if somebody complained and I need to stand up for any of the Boards, Planning Commission, BZA or anybody else to defend you, or your right, I'd do the same thing, and I'd do the same thing there. I think there was enough evidence at the BZA, it was pretty clear; blatantly clear that that is a violation. It's a violation that was missed by the Building Department over the years. It was a variance that should have been asked for, and wasn't, and so, someone just went ahead and did it without getting a variance, and so that's not the first time in the history of the City that somebody has done something without a variance, and, has been brought before the BZA for corrective action. And, so, I think I was well within my right to do what I did, and I would do the same damn thing next week when it comes up again. Whether you like it or not. Okay.

Ms. Chapman: Okay.

Mayor Webster: Any other questions? Is that all your questions? The two questions?

Ms. Chapman: Who runs the City Facebook page?

Mayor Webster: Please?

Ms. Chapman: Who is responsible for posting to City social media pages? Is there a department? An individual?

Mr. Uhl: Each department has several people who post out to both our website, and to our social media pages.

Ms. Chapman: Right.

Mr. Uhl: So, there's multiple employees that do that. In regards to your records request, that was received. That came in yesterday, and, we are working to get that fulfilled. That should be available before the end of the week. We just have to transfer it over to the medium.

Ms. Chapman: Okay.

Mr. Uhl: Storage medium.. We're trying to see if we can condense it to maybe email it to you, as opposed to us burning it to a disk.

Ms. Chapman: Yeah, email would be perfect.

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Mr. Uhl: I don't know if the file size will permit, but that's what we're toying with right now.

Ms. Chapman: Okay. Alright. That's all.

Mayor Webster: Does that answer all your questions?

Ms. Chapman: Yeah.

Mayor Webster: Thank you.

Ms. Chapman: Pretty sure. I had three questions, got three answers. (off mic)

Ms. Wells: Hello, my name is Katie Wells and I live on Bernhart Court. I just want to follow up with Megan Chapman's conversation here. And, I want to make it clear, did the BZA make a decision on the hearing variance request yet? No?

Mr. Anderson: For the, you're talking about the Little address for the gravel driveway? That variance was continued to our next meeting at the request of the applicant. The Board voted 5-0 to continue it to the next meeting, with the understanding that they wanted the full board to hear it. We thought that was appropriate.

Ms. Wells: Perfect, so, there's no decision on that yet? Cool. Just to make that clear. It wasn't clear before. And then, I know Megan requested the information for the social media page yesterday, I think I heard you say. I believe I sent my request on the 25th of last month, so, if you can make sure you send that to me as well, I wasn't told any of that information yet either. And then, my final question for you guys is I had an opportunity to review the initial complaint that came in that started all of this, and, just from my recollection, I believe there was at least six other properties mentioned in this complaint. How many of the properties in the full complaint were addressed?

Mayor Webster: I'd have to check with the Building Department to get a report on that.

Ms. Wells: Okay, okay, so I can follow up with that one too. I just wasn't sure if it was only the property that's at BZA right now that was addressed or all of them.

Mayor Webster: That was the only complaint that needed to go to another board or commission.

Ms. Wells: Okay, because yes, I know the initial complaint, like I said, had at least six other properties mentioned. So, I was just wondering that, but that's all I have, so, thank you all very much.

Mayor Webster: Ms. Wells, you're right. There were like six, five or six complaints in that letter, or email that I got. When the Building Department investigated those, some of those weren't violations. Some of those, there was nothing we could do about it. So, that's why you don't see follow up action on some of those things.

Ms. Wells: Thank you.

President Vanover: Just as comment, if you go back and check the records, when I introduced myself at the BZA, I gave my home address. I did not mention what my position is, and even sitting here, I do not subjugate my rights as a citizen to comment. And, I have, from time to time, BZA and Planning, it's not overly frequent, but, when I feel the need is there to speak my voice, I will do it. And, secondly, BZA is a quasi-judicial board, so, we would be in

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error to speak on a continuing session because, as Mr. Anderson stated, there hasn't been any ruling rendered one way or the other, so, there's nothing really at this point for us to comment on. Just for clarification.

Mr. Myers: I already signed in. I'm John Myers. I live in the Crossings and you've got my address and phone number here. Rather than take a lot of time, I've made ten copies of what I'm going to say. The copies are more detailed because I didn't want to take up a whole lot of time. So, I'm just going to read real quick what I'm talking about. Let's see, here they are. This is in regard to what I saw in the Springdale newsletter regarding the modification of the intersection on Route 4 at Crescentville and Ray Norrish. I'll explain. I grew up in Akron, Ohio, and my dad was in charge of all traffic lights, so I've been tasked with studying such systems for over 75 years. I'll attempt to explain a complex situation that is now planned to occur at that intersection. I explained all this to Jeff Agricola on April 14th. By the way, he was very accommodating, and took notes, and he got back to me this past Monday, and he said that the Engineer's plan will proceed as designed, unless this Council intercedes. I've written my recommendations in more detail; I told you that. Ten copies. I'll give them to whoever to pass out. I didn't know there was what, 14? Anyway, I also have two aerial views, but, they're only 8.5 by 11, and I'm going to give that to someone.

Mayor Webster: Okay, I'll take it.

Mr. Myers: Give them to you? Okay. These are much easier to explain than doing it in words. Briefly, there are six northbound lanes going that direction. The sixth lane is now the left turn lane, and it is set back about 30 feet from the other lanes. The sixth lane, uh, the fifth lane, is unused. Lanes two, three, and four are for northbound traffic only; lane one is for right turns only. I've lived at the Crossings for 43 years while using the left turn on to Ray Norrish Drive. Until the last modification a few years ago, we could all turn left when northbound/southbound traffic have green lights, and if southbound traffic was light and it permitted you to go ahead and turn left. Jeff (Agricola) advised that such turns are called "permissive", and cannot now occur due to an Ohio rule that he couldn't locate. He was going to get back to me with that, but he never got it. The problems that occur by using the sixth lane with a big setback for left turns is twofold. This adds unnecessary time for cars turning left to start and complete their turn, and, sometimes it has confused drivers who stopped where the sensors in the road do not see their car, so, the green arrow never comes on; you sit there through two or three cycles. More concerning, if you are the first car waiting to turn left, there are occasional surprised looks on drivers coming from Crescentville, turning left in front of you, who had planned their turn based on seeing three lanes; numbers two, three, and four. They come around lane four, suddenly they see cars stopped in lane six. We're the ones waiting to turn left. Because they didn't see us, because it's set back. So, often, you'll see them glance to their right to see if they've got room to move to the right to clear our car. I think this is a safety item. Anyway, to correct this situation, the empty lane five should be the left turn lane. Then, the painted wide stripe stop line, I don't know what you'd call it, should/could be moved back about six feet south, then all lanes, one through five would all stop at the same point together. This allows more room to turn left because the sixth lane is now empty, or the seventh, yes, the sixth, and, it allows cars turning left from Crescentville to see all the cars that they're going to have to clear as they plan their left hand turn to go south. So, there's a little more detail in here, and I know this is apparently a big meeting, so, I'm not going to waste any more time, but, if somebody wanted to stay later and explain this in any more detail, I would, and you've got my email, everything is in those. It just took me longer to read that than it is.

Mr. Jones: John (Myers), thank you for being here this evening. We will make sure that our Engineer gets a copy of the minutes, and so that therefore they can get your comments and input into this matter. He's actually off this evening, but we'll make sure he gets those.

Mr. Myers: Do you know when that project is going to begin?

Mr. Jones: I don't offhand.

Mr. Myers: Okay. Well, that's what's concerning because April 14th until Monday was Jeff's reply. And, obviously, I can understand what he put in his reply had amounted to some, "We don't

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want to get sued". And, I'm well aware that we live in a very litigious society. I'm also well aware, I'm an engineer, I'm well aware that when engineer's come up with a plan, and some inexperienced person comes in with a modification to their plan, they don't jump on it right away, but, I'd sure like see this happen.

Mr. Jones: Well, like I said, he will see the minutes from this and we'll make sure that Debi (Boggs) over there will put a copy in his basket, and he'll get a copy of the minutes when they're out, and we'll make certain he's heard your comments.

Mr. Myers: Okay. Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you sir.

Ms. Wells: Hello, it's Katie Wells again. I'm not going to rewrite my information. Something I just thought about, which more of just some advice maybe for you guys, maybe looking into a digital clock. I want to thank you so much for letting him have more time speak. That's so cool, because I know he really had some important stuff to say. But, if we had a digital clock, then it could go off and you wouldn't feel so bad cutting someone off. Just some advice there, and then you can always say, "Hey, do we want to give more time?" and stuff like that. But, a digital clock would be better too. If there was ever an opportunity where someone was speaking and there was an outburst or something and you had to reclaim your time, I don't know if you can put grains of sand back up, so, a digital clock might be a better option. Yes. Thank you.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 23-2023

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WORLD FUEL SERVICES, INC. FOR GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL

President Vanover: Council, this is a first reading of Ordinance No. 23-2023. Is there any discussion this evening? (None) We'll see this again.

Resolution No. R07-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC TREASURERS 2024 WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PROGRAM

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Resolution No. R07-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Resolution No. R07-2023 passes with seven affirmative votes.

Old Business	-	None
New Business	-	None

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Planning Commission will meet in these chambers at 7:00 p.m. on May 9th.

Mr. Anderson: The Rental Program Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the conference room here at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Uhl: Civil Service will meet tomorrow, Thursday, May 4th at 2:00 p.m. in the Council conference room.

Mr. Jones: A couple of things from Parks and Rec. Just wanted to let folks know that registration for swim lessons and fall sports is starting soon. Pool is scheduled to be open May 27th. As part of that, they will be doing a celebration. A DJ will be there. There will be some free hot dogs and sno cones from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. that day. I think you get to choose

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one or the other. Also, there's a lot of things going on at the center down there with (Room) Rental A, B, and C, and the lobby area. You'll see furniture and updates. Painting, things of that nature. So far, the staff there has been hearing a lot of positive comments. The vending machines have been moved back from the hallway area to the family game room. It's given better visibility and availability, and, also, Director (Charlie) Wilson reports that they are seeking sponsorships with some brainstorming approach about doing a coffee bar within the Rec Center there. So, just some things that he asked that I put out there for you and thank you Mr. President.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Mayor Webster: I'd just like to elaborate a little bit on the Rec Center that the atrium is like the difference between night and day when you walk in there. They tore out all that old furniture, and so forth, and so on; tables and chairs. I was down there Tuesday night. Been down there a couple of times Tuesday, but, Tuesday night when I went back, people eating, families. So, it's really great and the painting has just brightened things up. It looks like a new Rec Center. Labels along all the rooms, so, if you have to stop and ask, there's something wrong with you (laughter), or you can't read, or you can't comprehend; one or the other, but, it really is; they've really done a great job with that and they're not finished as John (Jones) indicates they're still working on hoping to get a coffee bar down there. But, I think this is sort of the result of some of the things, one of the benefits that we got of all the legwork we did early last year with considering locating the Rec Center over there at the (former Tri County) Mall. The staff looked at a lot of different rec centers, and saw a lot of different concepts on what these guys were proposing, and I think they've sort of cherry picked the best of what they saw, and put it in there, and I think they've done a marvelous job, so, if any of you get a chance, stop down and take a look at it. I think you'll share our enthusiasm. Also, I'd like to announce that the next meeting, on the 17th (of May), we're going to have the Princeton High School Girls (Basketball) Ohio State Championship Team again for a proclamation. We're going to present each individual girl with a separate proclamation. We've got one problem though; so, if somebody wants to volunteer to read the proclamation, I'll be more than happy to yield the floor, because, when I look at these names, I've never seen these names before, so, anyway, we'll negotiate or navigate that some way or other. But, anyway, that'll happen on the 17th.

Mr. Ramirez: While we're on the subject of painting and updating, any plans on repairing the giant urn in front of the Fire Department? I drove by there today; you can't even distinguish what's on that urn. It's faded, worn out; paint is chipping off. So, I believe they repainted the one inside the Rec; that giant urn in the lobby, of course, this one sits outside, and the weather has taken a pretty good beating to that thing.

Mr. Uhl: That has come up in discussion several times. We'll bring it back to Chief Stanley to come up with some ideas on how they can refresh that for sure.

Mr. Ramirez: Thank you.

Communications from the Audience

Ms. Chapman: Hi. Megan Chapman again. Do I need to like renew all of that, or, I'm good? Okay. I do actually, Mr. President Vanover want to offer you an apology for my earlier comment about you showing up to the BZA meeting in an official capacity. As I did not attend this meeting, my information was secondhand because I did not have the recording. I do appreciate you correcting me, and I will try to make sure that I have accurate information in the future.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 23-2023; An Ordinance Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Contract with World Fuel Services, Inc. for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel. That was a first reading. Item Number II was addressed with Resolution No. R07-

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2023; A Resolution Authorizing the City of Springdale's Participation In the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers 2024 Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program. That passed with a 7-0 vote. All other items were forthcoming.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There will be a second reading of Ordinance No. 23-2023; An Ordinance Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Contract with World Fuel Services, Inc. for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel. There will also be An Ordinance Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of Council/Finance Director to Enter Into a Contract with the Best Bidder for the Community Center HVAC Replacement – Phase I Project and Declaring an Emergency. As well as A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to File a Funding Application for Surface Transportation Block Grant Funding through OKI for the Kemper Road and Northland Boulevard Intersection Modification and Shared Use Path Project. That's it, unless there's anything else from Council or the Administration.

Mr. Jones: Just a reminder, although it's listed on your weekly information that was provided, there will be a presentation from Energy Alliance next week, and also a presentation pertaining to Kemper Road and Northland Boulevard with regard to modifications. And, the Mayor mentioned that we'll have the State Championship Ladies team in next week. We'll also have a proclamation for National Public Works Week, and Introduction to New Employees for Public Works. So, thank you.

President Vanover: Just a point of clarification, it's two weeks; not next week.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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