

City of Springdale Council

July 19, 2023

President of Council Vanover called Council to order on July 19, 2023

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

Mrs. McNear provided the Invocation.

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

President Vanover: Mr. Anderson advised me via email that he would not be here this evening. He is out of town on some personal matters.

The minutes of the June 21, 2023 meeting were considered. Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Jacobs seconded. The minutes were approved with six affirmative votes. (Anderson was absent)

Committee and Official Reports

Civil Service Commission

Mr. Coleman: Springdale Civil Service Commission did meet on July 6th, and all members were present, along with Assistant City Administrator, Brian Uhl, and Human Resources Administrator, Stephanie Morgan. At the beginning of the meeting, a number of hiring status updates were discussed, and I'll go through those as well. The first position was the Facilities Maintenance position. That position is now filled, and the employee began employment on July 6th. The next position was the Fire Captain, and that position is filled as well, in that there was a conditional offer that was extended and the individual was completing the background process. The next position was the Fleet Mechanic position. Unfortunately, that position has not yet been filled. It's still open and applications are continuing to be received. The Patrol Officer position, the Civil Service Commission, along with Administration, made the decision that we would go in a different direction when it came to these positions of the Patrol Officer. That is now an ongoing process, and it's through the National Testing Network, which gives us a new base, if you will, for applicants. So, instead of waiting until the position is actually vacant, we now are building a pool of individuals that we can continue to be in touch with so as the vacancies occur, then, we'll have that process moving forward a lot quicker. The Police Sergeant promotion. That position was filled. The individual from the Police Department was Corporal Kayla Justice who was selected for the position of Sergeant. Moving along, for additional hiring within the Building Department. We had to establish a new timeline for that vacancy due to the fact that the existing list of candidates had expired, and that particular timeline was approved. The motion was by Mrs. Darby, and Mrs. Nienaber seconded, and the motion passed 3-0. We moved right on to the Firefighter II EMT and Firefighter II Paramedic, and a new timeline was proposed and accepted and that timeline reflects, again, a continuous posting, similar to the Police Department, so, again, we will have a better opportunity to have candidates available, and, what's important with both of these types of ongoing, is that the Departments will stay in touch with a potential candidates, so we can gauge their interest as the positions become vacant. We've seen in the past where individuals who were on a list for consideration, since they had not been in touch with individuals here at Springdale, they somewhat lost interest, and so, when we contacted those individuals, they had obviously moved on. So, we're thinking by having this ongoing communication, it would be much better for recruiting those individuals. But, again, that timeline was also motioned and approved, and it passed 3-0. Then the Public Works Maintenance position, that, again required a new timeline in order to add additional candidates, and that timeline was approved as well. Following those activities, there was a number of correspondence items that were reviewed with the Commission and brought up to date on the various appointments, and I won't go through all of those; it's quite a lengthy list of individuals. That concluded the business. The next meeting is scheduled for August 3rd, and with there being no further business, motion to adjourn was made, and approved. And, that concluded the meeting. Any questions? (None) Thank you.

President Vanover: Thank you sir.

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Rules and Laws	Mrs. Ghantous	-	No report
Finance Committee	Mr. Hawkins	-	No report
Planning Commission	Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup	-	No report

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals did meet on Tuesday, June 27th. Six of the seven Board members were present. We only had two items on the agenda. Under the Old Business, we had the continuation of Application 20230116; which was the property at 582 Smiley Avenue, requesting a variance to maintain the existing gravel driveway in violation of Zoning Code Section 153.302(J), which requires all parking surfaces in the City be improved with asphalt or concrete. However, the applicant had requested that that case be heard at the following meeting, which is scheduled on July 25th, and the Board voted 6-0 in favor of that continuance. The New Business was a Public Hearing for Application 20230379; and it was Maple Knoll, 600 Maple Trace. They came requesting a variance to permit and eight foot high chain link fence around the proposed new pickle ball courts, and that was in violation of the Zoning Code Section 153.253(E)(5)(c)(ii), and that was approved with a 6-0 vote. Does anybody have any questions? (None) Then, that will conclude my report.

President Vanover: Mrs. Ghantous, I was advised that the June meeting minutes were revised. Was there any discussion about this? It's unusual to completely revise meeting minutes.

Mrs. Ghantous: I don't know the answer to that. We didn't discuss it at the meeting that I recall. So, I don't know if it happened after that. But, you, know, I could just not be remembering it clearly. I'll try to find out.

President Vanover: Alright. Thank you ma'am.

Mrs. Ghantous: Thank you. That concludes my report.

Board of Health

Mr. Jacobs: The Board of Health is on hiatus until September 14th.

Capital Improvements	Mrs. Ghantous	-	No report
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President Vanover: Mr. Anderson sent me a note and they're on summer schedule, so, there's no report there.

Mayor's Report	Mayor Webster	-	No report
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Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Mrs. McNear: The General Fund update through June 30th for receipts based on that receipt budget of \$24.123 million dollars, we have received 12.205 million dollars, which is 50% of the anticipated budget. That is made up of five general fund receipt resources; Earnings Tax, Real Estate Taxes, Paramedic Services, Local Government Funds, and Transient Tax, for a subtotal of \$11.202 million dollars, which is 92% of the budget. For expenditures, for the same time period for a net expenditure budget of \$24.108 million dollars, we have spent 44%, which is \$10.714 million dollars, and the General Fund balance as of June 30th, 2023, is \$8.175 million dollars, and that concludes my report. Thank you.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Jones: Just a reminder from Charlie Wilson at Parks and Rec, Special Elections at the Springdale Community Center on Tuesday, August 8th. Doors open at 6:00 a.m. This Thursday, there will be a concert, and Art in the Park. That starts at 7:30 p.m. We will be finishing up with fall sports registration. If you have folks that are interested, get them signed up. Those will be going on just for a few more short weeks. And, that concludes my report. Thank you.

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Law Director's Report

Mr. Braun: I don't have anything formal to report, but, unlike Mr. Riggs who gets to go project by project and let you know what he's doing, most of my work is behind the scenes. But, tonight, I did just want to point out that two of the people that are on our team this summer at Strauss Troy are here visiting. We have two of our clerks that are sitting in the audience visiting. We have Chloe Lorenzen who is a second year law student at NKU (Northern Kentucky University), and Jeff Hill who is a third year student at the University of Cincinnati. So, they're observing tonight. I wish I could say that all of the things I do for the City are my own work product, but we have a team of people that assist, and many of you may never get to meet, but, we have two with us tonight. Thank you Mr. President.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Riggs: So, we've got a lot of projects in the final stages, so, I'm sure everyone's noticed. The Crescentville Road Improvements Project; that's one of them. We're working on the final asphalt. The final completion date is August 5th is what we're shooting for now. We're a little bit behind schedule, but the scope to it a little bit. The Northland Boulevard Improvement Project; we had a right-of-way kickoff meeting with ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) on July 18th. Then, the Kemper Road/CSX Railroad Bridge Repair Project. That project, all work is substantially complete, so that can be removed from this list next month. The State Route 4 Urban Paving; I'm sure you guys have noticed that the paving has begun. It is all night work. They're expected to take about three weeks to complete. Then, the Sheraton Lane Reconstruction Project. Last time I mentioned that, there was some conflict with the Altafiber utility. The contractor has been able to work around it and work with Altafiber. They're completing all the concrete work by July 28th, and the final asphalt surface will be placed by August 4th, and the final full project completion is expected by August 18th. Then, we have two new projects added to this list. The Crescentville Road State Route 4 to State Route 747 Resurfacing Project; that's being managed by Butler County Engineer's Office, and it's being lead in two different parts; the curb/catch basin repairs. Very similar to what we do with our own street program. Then, that was lead this year. The next year, we're going to do the asphalt repairs and resurfacing portion of the work. So, the County opened bids for the sewer/catch basin repair project on June 29th, Rack and Ballauer Excavating Company submitted a low bid of \$544,421. The County Commissioners approved the contract award, and they're expected to begin work in late August, or early September. Then the other project is the Tri County Parkway Extensions Project. We submitted a Community Revitalization Grant application on March 5th. We were successful. They're awarding us \$304,800 in funding. And, we're looking to, I believe the resolution accepting the contract may be before you guys this evening. That's all I had.

Mrs. McNear: I have a question about the Sheraton Lane/Ray Norrish. The project is unbelievable. The scent of gas in the air is almost a weekly thing. I saw the fire truck in front of my house again the other day, and I thought, "Oh, it's got to be another gas line cut." So, I open the door, and, of course, I could smell the gas and I went out and confirmed that with the firefighters. And I said, "Oh, I guess they cut the gas line again." And I don't know how many times that's happened. It's at least six times that I know. It's probably happened a lot more times than that, but, I also wanted to mention that the restoration of the yards is terrible. I've got multiple holes in my yard; quite large holes in my yard. They did fill it in, and they covered it with hay. They were supposed to come back and fill it in with topsoil, which they have not done. So, it probably has a six foot depression in the yard. We did tell them we don't want them to seed it. We will seed it ourselves, because we don't want them putting their weed-infested seed in our yard, and we would do that ourselves. But, they have not come back and put topsoil on it. I assume that they are not going to do that, so we'll do that ourselves I guess, but, I just wanted to let you know that they have done a really poor job of restoring the yards. I did pick out a couple of buckets of rocks that they put in the yards that I did not want to have. They were just going to leave that in our yards, so I picked those out myself. But, they did a really terrible job, besides cutting the gas line, they cut our irrigation system. They cut the Spectrum line so many times that they actually ended up laying a line on top of the ground so they would know where the cuts were. Our wifi has been down constantly for weeks and weeks on end, they've done such a terrible job.

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Mr. Riggs: Is that the roadway contract, or is that the Altafiber work that's going on along there?

Mrs. McNear: The Altafiber work that's going on Springdale Lake Drive.

Mr. Riggs: And, I'll follow up with that and see where we're at with permits, but, you know, we do have restoration standards, so, we can hold their feet to the fire, and make sure that's taken care of.

Mrs. McNear: Okay. Like I said, they did cut our irrigation system. I was surprised that they did reimburse us yesterday for the damage that they did, which I was surprised that that happened already. But, it's been very disappointing how much damage they did to the neighborhood. Not just to my property, but, up and down the street. So, I can't imagine that there's anybody on our street that will be engaging with Altafiber for their services. Thank you.

President Vanover: Well, I'll give you a tip of the hat. They started to grind today on Crescentville Road. It is a mess, but, that light at the end of the tunnel we know is not an oncoming train, so, we'll all be glad to see it, but, it is looking nice. And, I know, one of our sister cities lately extended the project, so, that added to it, but, it's coming along. It hasn't been extremely painful, but, the end is in sight and it's looking nice.

Rental Program Committee

President Vanover: As far as Rental Program Committee, there is no report on that either.

Communications

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None

Communications from the Audience

Mr. Haugh: My name is Kevin Haugh. I live on Elkridge Drive. My first question is for the Mayor. Who are the residents of minionville?

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Say that again?

Mr. Haugh: Who are the residents of minionville?

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Who are the residents of what?

Mr. Haugh: Of minionville.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Minionville? They reside back in the area where you sit.

Mr. Haugh: Can you provide names?

Mayor Webster: (off mic) No. You sit there, and you know who you are.

Mr. Haugh: Okay, you said there was 15 of us at the second BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) meeting. I was interested if you could identify any of us by name.

Mayor Webster: (inaudible comment off mic)

Mr. Haugh: You said there were 15 of us at the BZA meeting. I want to know if you can identify us by name.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) I didn't refer to a number at the BZA meeting.

Mr. Haugh: Yes you did. Last meeting.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Did I say 15?

Mr. Haugh: You said 15 sir.

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Mayor Webster: (off mic) Okay. So, what you want me to name them?

Mr. Haugh: Yes sir.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) I can't.

Mr. Haugh: Okay. What exactly is a minion?

Mayor Webster: (off mic) What is a minion?

Mr. Haugh: Yes sir.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Do you have a Webster's dictionary?

Mr. Haugh: I do.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Look it up.

Mr. Haugh: I did.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Okay.

Mr. Haugh: Okay.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Did the description fit or not?

Mr. Haugh: I don't believe so, but.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Okay, fine. That's your opinion.

Mr. Haugh: Okay.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) I looked it up before I made the comment.

Mr. Haugh: Okay. How is that different than a Doylelist?

Mayor Webster: (off mic) I'm not hearing what you're saying. I don't know what your point is.

Mr. Haugh: How is a minion different than a Doylelist?

Mayor Webster: (off mic) I don't know what a "Doylelist" is. You made that up.

Mr. Haugh: No I didn't.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Oh, it's in the dictionary?

Mr. Haugh: No.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Minion is. Doylelist isn't.

Mr. Haugh: They've been referred to in other meetings.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Well maybe that means one's real and the other one isn't.

Mr. Haugh: I'm sorry, could you say that for the record please? (Directed at audience member)

Audience member: (off mic) Please?

Mr. Haugh: Can you say your comment for the record?

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Audience member: (off mic) No.

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Mr. President, the audience doesn't have to answer his questions and neither do I for that matter, so, I'm really finished talking about it.

Mr. Haugh: Okay. My next question is for Mr. Braun and President Vanover. If I were to stand up here and accuse Mr. Hule (Uhl), who is not here, of gathering an army in an effort to overthrow Mr. Jones for the position of City Manager, how would you respond to that?

Mr. Haugh: Do you need me to repeat it? Could you please stop my time while I'm waiting for an answer. Okay. I would be accused of violating Chapter 30, Section 30.05 of the Charter. I'd be gavelled down and told I was destructive and slanderous. Is that correct? Okay, but the Mayor was allowed to do the same thing for 24 minutes, accusing and slanderizing Mr. Anderson, myself, and others in an effort to burn the City down. Let the record show no response. Mr. Mayor, three people asked you what do these people want. Did you ever ask us what we want? Did you ask anyone, any of the minions what we want?

Mayor Webster: (off mic) Mr. Haugh, you have been asked probably a hundred times what do you want. And, nobody, I know Mr. Jacobs down there had a two hour private meeting with you and the purpose, as I understand it, and, correct me if I'm wrong, was to find out what you wanted to just try and satisfy your need. And, he left the meeting, and I don't think he knows to this day what he wants. You've had private meetings with other people. We all asked what you want. We ask you when you're standing up here. "What do you want?" You don't know what you want. You just want to be heard. You want some face time on TV.

(off mic outburst from audience)

Mr. Haugh: I know exactly what I want. Do you want to know what I want?

Mayor Webster: Yes, what do you want? Spit it out. I'd love to hear it.

Mr. Haugh: Okay. I want clear, honest communication and respect from our elected officials. That's all we want. We want respect, responsiveness, and honesty from our officials.

Mayor Webster: You've gotten honesty from your officials. And you have to earn respect. You can't demand respect and get it.

(off mic outburst from audience)

President Vanover: That's enough. (addressing audience)

Mayor Webster: Where's our Police Officer?

Mr. Haugh: Do you want me to provide examples or do you want me to sit down?

Mayor Webster: I'm through talking with you.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance No. 29-2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117 OF THE SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES GOVERNING FIREARM SALES IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

President Vanover: Okay, we're going to pause just a minute. Mr. Jacobs, you had your light on. I missed it earlier.

Mr. Jacobs: I can wait if you have something.

President Vanover: Is it about this? Okay, well, at this point we've heard the reading. This is the second reading, so, it can be enacted upon this evening. Council what's your pleasure?

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Mr. Jacobs: At the Rules and Laws original meeting about this topic, it was a member in-house who brought up the suggestion of striking the language completely, and, for me personally, that's where I am tonight. So, if anybody needs to hear why, I feel like if the City adds language and limitations for vendors that sell firearms, we're going to be the only one in the area and we'd be effectively saying that we don't want any gun vendors or people that are vendors that also sell firearms to locate in the City. So, I just don't see the value in that. So, my preference, after thinking about it, because we've had some time, would be in favor of Ordinance No. 31-2023 (An Ordinance Revoking Chapter 117 of the Springdale Code of Ordinances Governing Firearm Sales in the City of Springdale), just to be on the record for that. Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: I have a question. Do we need to make a motion to accept this and vote "yay or nay" before we move on, or can we strike this altogether? Or we have to just vote it down, correct? I just want to make sure I'm doing the right thing.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 29-2023; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Mr. Hawkins: I feel similarly to Mr. Jacobs in that obviously this had been on the books for a while; it hadn't been used and, so, if we have an ordinance or law, and we're not enforcing it, then we shouldn't have an ordinance or law. In terms of amending it, to be clear, and we'll get to it when we get to Ordinance No. 31-2023. There are still guardrails and guidelines that are set up by our State Legislators, as well as our federal legislation, in terms of making sure things are orderly and folks are in compliance. I think that they're in an excellent position to be able to do that so, I, as well as I, am not going to be in support of Ordinance No. 29-2023.

Mr. Braun: I just want to clarify for the record, is the motion to remove (Ordinance No.) 29-2023 from the agenda.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: (off mic) I just made a motion to approve it.

Mr. Braun: To approve it? To act upon it? So you're just going to vote?

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: Yes.

Mr. Braun: Okay.

Ordinance No. 29-2023 fails with a 0-6 vote (Anderson was absent).

Ordinance No. 30-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DOROTHY LANE, VALKER ALLEY, AND MAXEY LANE AND OTHER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPRINGROSE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 30-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Mr. Jacobs: I was curious if anyone knows whether the development has created an HOA (Homeowners Association) or not. I know we have no control over that, but they have created one?

Mr. Braun: Yes. They have created an HOA, and, I would also like to report to Council that it was with consultation with the HOA that the City brings this recommendation for the dedication of these roads to you. I think that there are additional things that the HOA is working on for that subdivision, and the City is also assisting them with those, but, this is the first step, and, I think the residents of the Springrose subdivision will be very happy that the streets are being dedicated.

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Mr. Jacobs: Thank you.

Ordinance No. 30-2023 passes with six affirmative votes (Anderson was absent)

Ordinance No. 31-2023

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING CHAPTER 117 OF THE SPRINGDALE CODE OF ORDINANCES GOVERNING FIREARM SALES IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

Mrs. Ghantous made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 31-2023; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded.

Ordinance No. 31-2023 passes with six affirmative votes (Anderson was absent)

Ordinance No. 32-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN HEALTH ACCOUNTS OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE RELATED TO THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 32-2023; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Mr. Jones: Very briefly, I sent out your pending legislation report Friday, and in that, it kind of outlines that the family deductible had changed with regard. The family is the same as last year, the single has actually decreased, and in light of that, instead of \$1,400 reimbursement, it will be \$1,000 this year. So, actually, what Council is approving this evening is a lesser amount for individuals, and, it would be the same for families. Thank you.

Ordinance No. 32-2023 passes with six affirmative votes (Anderson was absent)

Public Hearing

Resolution No. R11-2023

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024

Mr. Williams: Thank you sir, and good evening everybody. A few words on the tax budget. Required per the ORC (Ohio Revised Code), collected by Hamilton County. The main purpose of this is to determine if the county needs to put additional levies on the City's books. One thing that is interesting is that the look at balances; projected balances for the year end 2024. It's always for the end of the next year. In this document, you'll see that there are funds that have a four year spreadsheet of activity. That is due to any fund that receives real estate taxes, or the like. So, for the general fund, it is real estate taxes. The other funds that have this are (Tax Increment Financing) TIF-related where they do receive service payments from the County. The additional funds are in Exhibit 7, and those are just at summary level 2024. Then, there's also required information about capital improvements noted for 2024, and amounts needed for debt payments for bonds and notes. Any questions regarding that? (None)

President Vanover: Thank you sir.

Mr. Williams: Thank you.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup made a motion to adopt Resolution R11-2023; Mrs. Ghantous seconded.

Resolution No. R11-2023 passes with six affirmative votes (Anderson was absent)

Mayor Webster: Before we leave "Ordinances and Resolutions", I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank City Council for your actions on the defeat of Ordinance No. 29-2023, and

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also the passage of Ordinance No. 31-2023. I think this clears the path now for Vance Firearms to proceed with opening a facility here in Springdale. That's good for them, and it's really good for the City. It's several jobs, and, a very valuable business, and one that's very well thought of throughout the community. Thank you very much Council.

President Vanover: Thank you.

Old Business

President Vanover: Well, I guess while we're in Old Business, Council, you were notified that Mr. Bob Diehl has tendered his resignation on Planning Commission, and, we need, in order to keep that Board filled, because they have a meeting coming up here in about two weeks, that we need to fill that position, so, Mr. Braun, you have a resolution prepped?

Mr. Braun: I do not have a resolution prepped, but we can appoint by motion.

President Vanover: Okay, well at this point, I'll open the floor for nominations for a replacement on Planning Commission.

Mrs. Ghantous: I would like to nominate Michelle Miller. I know her because I've been serving on the Board of Appeals with her for four or five years; awhile. I have some information about her that I'd like to share with you for anybody that doesn't know her. Michelle was born and raised in Springdale, and graduated from Princeton High School. She attended the University of Cincinnati briefly while starting her career as a financial services professional. She worked in the financial services field for almost 20 years. After raising her children, she changed her profession to focus on the legal industry. She has worked at Givaudan Flavors Corporation for more than 20 years, where she is currently the Legal Operations Manager. She handles a wide variety of legal duties in the commercial sector, as well as managing litigation and financial reporting aspects of the legal division. Michelle has been fortunate not only to grow up in Springdale, but, she and her husband raised their two daughters here as well. Michelle coached both of their daughters in soccer and volleyball in the Springdale Youth Sports, as well as supported the Springdale Sailfish when her daughters were on the team over a ten year period. Michelle was also a Girl Scout Leader for several years. Michelle began her service to the City on the Recreation Commission in the early 2000's. For the past several years, she's been on Board of Zoning Appeals. Michelle serves as a Board Member on Springdale Offering Support. She also served as the auction coordinator for the Princeton Education Foundation's annual Gala, and is an ardent supporter of Animal Protective League. I find her to be a fair and reasonable person, and, I think she would be a wonderful addition to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Hawkins: More of a general question. Are we going to be meeting on the first Wednesday in August?

President Vanover: No.

Mr. Hawkins: Okay. Just checking. One last time, any other names? (None) We'll close nominations, and I guess by acclamation, we still have to vote.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: (off mic) Do you need a second?

President Vanover: Yes.

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: (off mic) I will second.

Motion to have Michelle Miller replace Bob Diehl on Springdale Planning Commission passes with six affirmative votes (Anderson was absent)

Mr. Ramirez: So, her position at the current BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) will it be eliminated, or will she keep all positions?

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President Vanover: No. She will have to resign to move to Planning (Commission), and that appointment on BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) is a Mayoral Appointment, so, we just give Mayor Webster another duty, another chore.

Mr. Ramirez: Thank you.

New Business - None

Meetings and Announcements

Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup: August 10th at 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission will be meeting in these chambers. Thank you.

Mrs. Ghantous: Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, the 25th at 7:00 in the chambers here.

Communications from the Audience

Ms. Wells: Hello, I'm Katie Wells. I live on Bernhart Court. I would like to apologize for my outburst that I had earlier. It's just very difficult to deal with libel and slander from my own Mayor, so, again, I do apologize for that. I do want to thank Tom Vanover for upholding the decorum of the room today. That's awesome, and I just request that we can be consistent with that moving forward. Thank you very much.

Update on legislation still in development

Mr. Hawkins: As you review your Internal Memorandum, Item Number I was addressed with Ordinance No. 30-2023; An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Dorothy Lane, Valker Alley, and Maxey Lane and Other Public Improvements Associated with the Springrose Meadows Subdivision and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 6-0 vote. We also had Item Number II that was addressed with Ordinance No. 29-2023; An Ordinance Amending Chapter 117 of the Springdale Code of Ordinances Governing Firearm Sales in the City of Springdale. That failed with a 0-6 vote. We had Item Number III addressed with Ordinance No. 31-2023; An Ordinance Revoking Chapter 117 of the Springdale Code of Ordinances Governing Firearm Sales in the City of Springdale. That passed with a 6-0 vote. We had Item Number IV addressed with Ordinance No. 32-2023; An Ordinance Authorizing Contributions to Certain Health Accounts of Full-Time Employees of the City of Springdale Related to the City's Health Insurance Plan and Declaring an Emergency. That passed with a 6-0 vote. We also had Resolution No. R11-2023 as Item Number V; A Resolution Adopting the 2024 Tax Budget of the City of Springdale for the Year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. That passed with a 6-0 vote. We also had a matter of appointing Michelle Miller to the Planning Commission and that passed with a 6-0 vote.

Recap of legislative items requested for next Council meeting

Mr. Hawkins: There's nothing unless there's anything from Council or the Administration.

Mr. Jones: We're good as far as legislation. The only thing I would add is we always put on there that we have some introductions of new employees coming. In addition to Mr. Coleman's very detailed report, and thank you, we have other positions too that need to be recognized, and we'll be bringing those folks in in the near future. A Captain at the Fire Department, new Police Chief, and so forth. Thank you.

Adjournment

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Sullivan-Wisecup seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director

Minutes Approved:
Tom Vanover, President of Council

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