

**SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION
OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 25, 2010**

Work Session was called to order: 6:00 pm

Present: Mayor Isley, Councilmember's: Herbert Toles, Wayne Tucker, Katrina Hennings, John Coyne, David Jones, Brian Skinner.

Absent: Councilmember Hugh Marlin

Mayor Isley stated the purpose of this special called work session is to strive to improve communication between the various city board members and the city council.

Mayor requested to revise the agenda to include recognition of State Representative James McClendon to discuss upcoming legislation house bill #264. He felt this would be of interest to the City of Springville. Mayor Isley also called for discussion from Brian Skinner on Workman's Compensation Insurance. Council agreed unanimously to approve the revision of the agenda to include these requests.

Mayor acknowledged members of other city boards that were present for the work session. Mayor Isley then opened the work session with suggestion of up-dating our website to include all board meetings/dates, and suggested the minutes from all board meetings be sent to the City Clerk to forward to the City's web-site for easier access.

Charles Griffin, Zoning Board of Adjustments suggested regular set meetings with City Council, Board of Adjustments and Planning and Zoning at least twice a year or more if needed. Mayor Isley agreed this would allow better communication between all.

Next item of discussion was the new revised Zoning Ordinance. Numerous questions, suggestions, and concerns were discussed by council members, board members and City Attorney, James Hill. Some items of discussion are listed below:

1. Home Occupation-Clarifies more in-depth of requirements.
2. Concerns of commercial/store front properties becoming non-commercial use. (Legality of alcohol/liquor sales for businesses' in these above referenced areas).
3. Compare with surrounding cities' requirements for the placement of modular homes.
4. Lot size requirements in R1 areas suggested
5. Adult Entertainment Zoning
6. Lot size and setback Requirements for Mobile Homes

7. Other issues included bingo halls, motor cross tracks, dog kennels, and livestock in residential areas
8. Historical District and other uses.

Mayor asked if the council would like to have a couple of work sessions to discuss all of the above concerns of the new zoning ordinance before it is placed back on the agenda for approval. Suggestion was made to include all of the related boards to be at the work sessions and if any questions or comments were addressed by the public to send to them to attention of the City Council, Board members or Mayor, etc. by e-mail, web-site, etc.

Other Items of Discussion on Agenda were as follows:

Mayor advised council members to survey their districts for damaged/pop-up pavement caused by the wintry weather and report them to Earl. There may possibly be EMA funding for repair of these streets.

Discussion on workmen's compensation: Mayor stated Brian Skinner has put a lot of hard work and expertise into matter and has determined the city can get a better rate/plan with another company with a substantial savings to the city. Council agreed to allow further negotiations and decisions by Mayor in accordance with these companies and quotes.

Discussion from Representative James McClendon in regards to House Bill 264, relating to sprinkler systems in residential homes, was on the state legislation agenda in Montgomery. He informed the Mayor and council his desire to support this bill. but only if it allowed the local municipalities (Springville) to have authority to establish their ordinance and requirement codes in their cities. The Mayor and Council thanked him for all his effort and support in the cities interest in the matter.

Mayor recognized Ken Crowe from the St. Clair County Commission who spoke on the possibility of stimulus money from EMA to repair damaged streets due to wintry weather and advised to submit a list to him for these considerations.

The special called work session was adjourned at 7:30pm by the request of David Jones.

Jennifer Disker, Assistant City Clerk

William Isley Jr., Mayor