

City Council Meeting
July 20, 2009
6:00 P. M.

Present: William Isley, Herbert Toles, Hugh Marlin, Wayne Tucker, Katrina Hennings, John Coyne, David Jones and Brian Skinner

Visitor: Gayle Wallace – reference Technology Park

Mayor Isley opened with the invocation. John Coyne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Isley suspended the regular order of business to recognize our visitor Gayle Wallace.

Mrs. Wallace who lives in Camel Rock Subdivision addressed concerns about the City of Springville to purchase the Wright property for a Technology Park. Mayor Isley replied the City is not going to consider purchasing the property at this meeting, only an option on the property for a study to see if property is feasible for a technology park and sports complex.

Mrs. Wallace said she and others moved into the area for peace and quiet and asked why the City could not build the technology park somewhere else since the property is adjacent to the subdivision they live in. She also stated property value would decrease and traffic will increase.

Mayor Isley replied he feels that citizens have been misinformed about the technology park and provided written evidence that property values increased in Auburn after the technology park was built. Mayor Isley advised he and members from the Economic Development Council, the City Council, Commercial Development Authority and Industrial Development Board recently visited the Auburn Technology Park in Auburn and there were no smoke stacks, no odor, and buffers existed that kept the park from being seen by residential homes. A technology park would allow a place for our citizens to work. It would also bring in extra revenues for a needed City sports complex. The City Council is doing a lot of research before taking action and will do what is in the best interest of the City and its citizens.

Mayor Isley advised he has received a verbal commitment from the St. Clair County Commission of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to purchase an option on the Wright property in order to perform studies and feasibility before proceeding with the project.

Councilmembers discussed certain attributes and concerns of purchasing an option on the Wright property including the specific characteristics of the option itself. David Jones made a motion to fund the Springville Industrial Development Board with up to ten thousand dollars (\$10, 000) to purchase an option for the Wright property. John Coyne seconds the motion. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Ordinance 2009-07 to authorize the impoundment of motor vehicles driven by individuals who are unlicensed, driving with an expired license, or driving while revoked or suspended. Motion was made by Wayne Tucker to suspend the rules and consider at this meeting. Herbert Toles seconds the motion. Mayor Isley called for verbal votes; Toles yea, Marlin yea, Tucker yea, Hennings yea, Coyne yea, Jones yea, Skinner yea, and Mayor Isley voting yea.

Motion was made by Wayne Tucker to adopt Ordinance 2009-07 as presented. Herbert Toles seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The financial statement for the month of June 2009 was presented. After discussion, a motion was made by David Jones to approve all the receipts and disbursements in the statement. Hugh Marlin seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed a letter sent by Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) stating the City of Springville did not receive the 100% grant funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the Main Street Streetscape Project; However if the City wishes to proceed with the Transportation Enhancement funding of 80 % federal funds of \$ 304,886.40 and the local 20 % match of \$ 76, 221.60 with no funds available for the preliminary engineering. Motion was made by Katrina Hennings to submit a letter on behalf of the City of Springville to proceed with the regular TE 80/20 funding. John Coyne seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Isley reported;

1. He received a phone call from Senator Spencer Bachus office stating that the City of Springville has been approved for \$ 250,000 to refurbish or build a new senior citizens building.
2. He is requesting funding from the St. Clair County Commission to assist in providing meals and transportation for the senior citizens organization and hopes to have in place soon.
3. He advised the transportation project for Al Highway 174 is scheduled to start in October.

Resolution 2009-16 to advertise for proposals for the provision of the infrastructure and implementation of Wireless broadband internet service to citizens in the city limits and police jurisdiction. Mayor Isley stated the advertisement is part of the requirement to apply for the grant and if the City does not receive 100% funding it will come back to the Council to decide if we will pursue the project. Motion was made by Wayne Tucker, second by Hugh Marlin to suspend the rules to consider Resolution 2009-16 as presented. Mayor Isley called for verbal votes: Toles yea, Marlin yea, Tucker yea, Hennings yea, Coyne yea, Jones yea, Skinner yea, and Mayor Isley voting yea.

Motion to approve Resolution 2009-16 as presented was made by David Jones, second by Herbert Toles. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2009-05 to restrict the discharging of fireworks inside the city limits of Springville was presented again for consideration. Council briefly discussed, motion was made by Herbert Toles to adopt Ordinance 2009-05 as presented. Wayne Tucker seconds the motion. Motion carried with 7 members voting yea, and Mayor Isley voting nay.

Ordinance 2009-06 a contiguous annexation request from Mark and Marie Kilpatrick at 186 Fern Creek Circle was presented again for consideration. Motion to approve was made by David Jones. Motion was second by John Coyne. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the City Council Work Session and City Council meeting held on July 6th were presented. Motion to approve was made by David Jones, second by Herbert Toles. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Skinner asked the status of the Crown Binder Building. Mayor Isley advised the owner of the building is willing to pay for a structural engineering report and will provide it to the Springville Historical Commission for their review. Skinner asked when the barricades will be removed from around the building. Mayor Isley replied, not until a report is provided.

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Herbert Toles responded to a letter Mayor Isley sent in reference to meetings between city councilors and department heads being scheduled through the Mayor's Office. Toles asked if this meant a councilmember would have to schedule a meeting to discuss agenda items. Mayor Isley stated no, the letter was not intended for that purpose.

Wayne Tucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Brenda Roberts, City Clerk

Mayor William Isley