The City Council of the City of Springville held a regular council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on April 6, 2020. The purpose of the meeting was to take action related to COVID19 pandemic response and to perform essential minimum functions of the government body. The meeting was held by way of teleconference as authorized by a proclamation of Governor Kay Ivey on March 18, 2020 and public notice of the meeting was posted not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

VOICE ROLL CALL:
Present: Mayor William Isley, Herbert Toles, David Vinson, David Jones, Sherry Reaves, Tim Walker, Katrina Hennings, Wayne Tucker
Absent: None

Mayor William Isley called the meeting to order. Mike Ennis gave the invocation.

James Hill stated that public notice of the meeting was provided not less than 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting, that the meeting was held electronically as authorized by a proclamation of Governor Kay Ivey on March 18, 2020, and that the matters to be considered are matters related to the response to the COVID19 pandemic and/or to perform essential minimum functions of the government body.

Mayor William Isley reviewed a FAQ document that is posted on the city website and Facebook page and specifically reiterated information related to business closures and park operation.

Richard Harvey gave a situation report related to the COVID19 pandemic and the Stay-At-Home order issued by Governor Kay Ivey.

Sherry Reaves made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 work session and regular meeting. Katrina Hennings seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

David Vinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2020 emergency council meeting. Tim Walker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

City Attorney James Hill advised the recommendation was, related to part time employees, to temporarily lay off, or “reduce force” in the library and related to the City’s crossing guards. The recommendation was in the interest of the economy due to the COVID-19 virus and due to the fact the library was closed and school was out. Mayor William Isley that the librarian has requested that one of the part-time library employees who provides programming for school-related activities (the “Storyteller”) still be scheduled to work. Sherry Reaves made a motion to enact a temporary lay-off/reduction of part-time library employees and part-time crossing guards with the exception of a part-time storyteller who may work as scheduled by the Librarian. Katrina Hennings seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

Sherry Reaves made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-03 regarding a one step pay increase (5%) for all full-time and part-time police and fire department employees in response to the COVID19 pandemic. David Vinson seconded the motion. The council discussed the time.
period that the pay increase would be effective to be only during the emergency declaration and requested that the pay increase be made a permanent increase. Sherry Reaves amended her motion to approve Resolution 2020-03 with the amendment that the pay increase for fire and police department employees be made a permanent increase. David Vinson seconded the amended motion. There was discussion related to future employment due to the step pay system. The council determined that the increase would be only for current employees and would not change the pay scale and starting pay of employees hired after the expiration of the emergency declaration. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

Herbert Toles made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-04 to authorize the issuance of a complaint and summons in lieu of arrest in order to reduce the jail populations, with exceptions in certain cases and as set forth by the Governor’s Proclamation of March 26, 2020. The resolution will be in effect during the emergency declaration. Wayne Tucker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

David Vinson made a motion to authorize Mayor William Isley to enter into a contract with ALDOT for a funding agreement for the 2 million-dollar ATRIPPI grant for the construction of the 4-way stop project. Katrina Hennings seconded the motion. Wayne Tucker said that he had reservations related to a clause in the contract regarding cost over-runs and questions to the engineer about the project. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye except Wayne Tucker and Tim Walker. Motion carried.

James Hill introduced Ordinance 2020-06 to regulate and oversee small cell technology infrastructure on city rights-of-way and to encourage providers to use existing infrastructure for installation of equipment and towers. Action must be taken before the end of April if the city wants to govern the installation of infrastructure. David Jones made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 2020-06. Tim Walker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with results as follows: Toles-aye, Vinson-aye, Tucker-aye, Hennings-aye, Walker-aye, Jones-aye, Reaves-aye, Isley-aye. Motion carried. The council discussed the ordinance as it related to public property and installation of towers on city buildings and property and regulation of the functionality of wireless services by FCC. Katrina Hennings made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-06 as presented with any necessary amendments to be made to the ordinance at the next meeting. Tim Walker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

Mayor William Isley discussed the submission of department head reports and the continuity of city services during the pandemic emergency declaration.

With no further business to come before the council, Wayne Tucker made a motion to adjourn. Herbert Toles seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Attest:

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City Clerk                                  Mayor