

Spring City Council Work Meeting April 26th, 2007

Expression of Choice

Kent Kummer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Mayor Eldon Barnes, Councilmen Boyd Mickel, Thomas Allred, Michael Workman and Gary Parnell. Councilman Bryan Sorensen was excused.

Attending

James Bennett, Zach Barnes, Kent Kummer, Dennis Watson, Kaye Watson, David High [Messenger], Neil Sorensen, Al Tripp, John Stewart, and Kimberly Stewart.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time. Mayor Barnes stated that there would be more comments towards the last of the meeting.

City Web Site

Mayor Barnes stated that Scott Edgar would put together a web page for the city for an initial set up fee and run it on a volunteer basis, as well as giving Spring City the domain for free. Mayor Barnes stated that by April 2008 the city needed to have the meetings posted on the internet and would like council to consider setting up a city web site.

Councilman Workman stated that the city was working with Kimberly Stewart and the Friends of Spring City. Mayor Barnes stated that he had looked the web site and there was not much city information. Councilman Parnell stated that the web site had not been updated. Councilman Allred stated that if Agendas were posted on a city web site it would be helpful.

Mayor Barnes stated that this item would be placed on the next agenda.

Road Bids

Mayor Barnes stated that he had talked with Councilman Sorensen about road bids and Councilman Sorensen was pursuing the matter.

James Bennett stated that there were some places in town where drainage needed to be addressed. Mayor Barnes stated this item would be placed on the next agenda.

Impact Fee Ordinance

Mayor Barnes stated that he proposed to implement the Impact Fee Ordinance. Mayor Barnes stated that the council could read the ordinance tonight or take it home if council had not had the opportunity to read the ordinance. Mayor Barnes stated that this item would be placed on the next agenda.

Garbage Collection

Mayor Barnes stated that placing a Garbage Collection ordinance in place would aid the city. Councilman Thomas Allred stated that North Sanpete Disposal would need all the addresses of the citizens. Mayor Barnes stated that if an ordinance was put into place concerning garbage that citizens would need to show proof before they could acquire utilities. Councilman Allred stated that this would help solve the problem of garbage being dumped on land surrounding the city. James Bennett stated that there were people who were dumping garbage by the water tank. Councilman Mickel stated that the ordinance should include mandatory pickup.

Mayor Barnes stated that this item would be placed on the next agenda as a suspension item.

Water Ordinance

Mayor Barnes stated that the ordinance showed council some suggestions that would reassign duties and help with conflicts as counsel deems necessary.

Council discussed changes that would be presented to the public. Council made changes that would be available to the public.

Subdivision Issues

Mayor Barnes stated that sewer needed to be installed in subdivisions outside city limits to ensure that the culinary water would not be contaminated.

Councilman Mickel stated that a subdivision outside city limits was being advertised as requiring one acre lots in the buffer zone. Councilman Mickel stated that the buffer zone recommendations had been sent to the county but were not in place at this time.

James Bennett stated that fire hydrants were needed to ensure that residents outside city limits were protected in a fire.

Councilman Workman suggested that the city allow water hook ups outside city limits and also sewer hook ups, but require that two shares be given to the city for future culinary water to help with the infrastructure of the city. Councilman Workman stated that when the county held public hearings the city needed to be present to suggest that those building in the buffer zone would be required to hook onto the city sewer system. Neil Sorensen stated that the county wanted two shares of water to drill a well in the county.

Mayor Barnes suggested that the ordinance states that requirements be set by resolution. Mayor Barnes suggested that council change the ordinance and then set in place by resolution requirements.

Animal Control

Mayor Barnes stated that the requirements for Animal Control Officer be changed due to state regulations.

Council discussed the definition of kennels. Councilman Workman stated that council make provisions for working dogs. Councilman Mickel stated that the limit of dogs per household needed to be regulated. Officer Barnes wanted the vicious dog definition revised. Neil Sorensen stated that the ordinance needed to be enforced.

Kaye Watson stated that a definition needed to be set as to what a working dog is. Dennis Watson stated that some people would get more and more dogs creating a nuisance and that commercial and non-commercial definitions should be set.

Councilman Parnell stated that the Animal Control ordinance be left as it was created and that the nuisance ordinance needed to be enforced.

Planning and Zoning Alternates

Mayor Barnes stated that the Planning Commission needed to set in place two alternates. Mayor Barnes stated that he would like council's suggestions. Mayor Barnes stated that John Gavrilla, Jamie Thompson, Amanda Willey, and John Stewarts names had been submitted. Mayor Barnes would like to know councils opinion of who should be selected.

ATV Ordinance

Councilman Mickel stated that he would review the ordinance and make suggestions or present council with suggestions in June.

Business Licenses

Mayor Barnes stated that the issue of Business Licenses had been resolved.

Department Issues

James Bennett stated that 180 water meters had been installed. James Bennett stated that the trailer park needed a master meter to keep track of water being used by the trailer park. James Bennett stated that some of the trailers did not have individual water meters and that those that had meters were hard to read due to the fact they were under the trailers. Mayor Barnes stated that he would contact the trailer park owner and discuss this with him. Councilman Mickel suggested that a master power meter also be placed.

Old School Future

Councilman Mickel wanted the resolution to be defined as to what major expenditures were. Councilman Parnell stated that changes would be made to take out major expenditures and the city would not be liable. Councilman Parnell wanted the resolution placed on the next agenda.

Water Rates

Councilman Workman stated that the resolution for water rates needed to be revised. Councilman Workman stated that the resolution need to state up to 1,000 instead of 1,000 gallons. Councilman Workman wanted this resolution placed upon the next agenda.

John Stewart stated that the city needed to place elderly rates. Councilman Workman stated that the rates were too low for the city to receive grants. Mayor Barnes stated that some loans had higher interest for water bonds and the city needed to set in place water rates to help in the conservation of water. Neil Sorensen stated that this resolution would give breaks to those who owned weekend homes. Dennis

Watson stated that a higher rates needed to be placed on those who go over 10,000 gallons. Dennis Watson stated that the city had not fixed the problem of conservation of water.

Electric Rates

Mayor Barnes stated that the kilowatt usage needed a higher rate. Mayor Barnes stated that he knew this was not a popular option but was needed. Mayor Barnes stated that capital projects were being drained and those funds were needed to make improvements to the current system. Mayor Barnes stated that lines, poles and maintenance were increasing in price. Mayor Barnes stated that this item would be placed on the next agenda.

Electric Hook ups

Mayor Barnes stated that the figures given to council had been placed by the employees based on actual costs. Mayor Barnes stated that this item would be placed on the next agenda.

Water Hook ups

Mayor Barnes stated that the figures submitted to council had been placed by the employees based on actual costs as well. Mayor Barnes stated that this item would be placed on the next agenda.

Sewer Hook Ups

Mayor Barnes stated that the figure submitted to council had been placed by the employees based on actual costs. James Bennett stated that the current fee of \$1,900 was close to the cost most sewer hook ups were based on the side of town, east or west.

Budget 2007-2008, Recommendations

Mayor Barnes asked council to review the recommendations for the 2007-2008 budget.

Road Policy and Guidelines

Mayor Barnes stated that a meaningful policy needed to be set in place. Council placed this item as a suspension item.

Public Comments

Neil Sorensen stated that the fire department had 20 SCBAS and a brush truck and would like to sell the old equipment as well as the ambulance. Mayor Barnes stated that the surplus did need to be sold.

Neil Sorensen stated that he knew of private funding that was willing to donate to the fire department. Neil Sorensen stated that he would like the promise that the money would go to the fire department. Mayor Barnes stated that the money would be set aside for the fire department. Mr. Sorensen inquired if he could keep a percentage of the money for finding the money. Kimberly Stewart stated that other grants were

set this way as an incentive for finding grants. Councilman Mickel stated that he would agree if he believed it was legal. Mayor Barnes stated that an agreement needed to be set in place.

Dennis Watson stated that he was unsure of letting water and sewer outside city limits. Mr. Watson wanted to know if the city was capable of supplying water outside city limits. Mr. Watson stated that he did not agree that there should be a garbage ordinance that made everyone have a garbage container and that there were some residents that took their garbage to the landfill. Mr. Watson stated that he had heard that the fire district was enforcing an increase. Mr. Sorensen stated that there was an increase that would be implemented soon.

Kimberly Stewart stated that the city needed to consider an increase in water use and prepare for growth.

Al Tripp inquired about having the city look into setting up another Hydro Plant.

Adjournment

Councilman Boyd Mickel made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Gary Parnell seconded the motion. All present were in favor.