



**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2021
AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER, 126 LION BLVD., SPRINGDALE, UTAH**

In addition to the anchor location, the meeting was available to the public for live viewing/listening. If a member of the public did not have access to the internet, they could join the meeting audio via telephone.

The Special Meeting convened at 10:08am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stanley J. Smith, Council members Adrian Player, Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, and Suzanne Elger participated via Zoom

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Town Treasurer Dawn Brecke, Police Chief Garen Brecke, Public Works Superintendent Rob Totten, Parks & Recreation Director Ryan Gubler, Streets Superintendent Robert George, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the agenda for April 14, 2021. Seconded by Adrian Player.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Aton: Aye

Elger: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

A. Discussion/Information/Non-Action Items

1. General Discussion and Announcements – None were made.

B. Administrative Action Items

1. Public Budget Hearing: Resolution 2021-08 to open and amend the FY 2020/21 budget: Mr. Wixom indicated this budget amendment contained three elements: employee recognition for their work through the pandemic, a Pioneer Cemetery parking area, and a BRIC application to help fund an erosion control project.

Ms. Elger asked the total number of employees.

- There were 32 employees. All full-time and two-part time employees would receive the monetary recognition.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to go into public hearing for Resolution 2021-08 to open and amend the FY 2021/seconded by Suzanne Elger.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Aton: Aye

Elger: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Public comment: None were made.

Motion made by Liza Zumpft to go out of public hearing. Seconded by Adrian Player.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Aton: Aye

Elger: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Elger was pleased with the bonuses for staff. She said they did a great job during the pandemic and this was a small 'thank you' to express the Town's gratitude.

- The other Council members agreed.

Mayor Smith had no issue rewarding staff for what had been difficult for everyone.

Motion made by Suzanne Elger to approve Resolution 2021-08 to open and amend the FY 2020/21 budget and direct the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Adrian Player.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Aton: Aye

Elger: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Award of contract to Wilkinson Ferrari & Co., LLC for public affairs services: Mr. Wixom said upon review, the legal team added a 'Termination' section allowing either party the ability to terminate the agreement with written notice.

Ms. Elger asked about annual hourly rate increases and if these were on a calendar year or contract year.

- Mr. Wixom was unsure.

Ms. Elger asked about costs and indemnification.

- Legal indicated if the Council wanted more control over the budget, they could set caps for certain expenditures. The section related to indemnification shifted responsibility to Springdale should inaccurate information be provided to Wilkinson Ferrari and they were pulled into a lawsuit.

Ms. Elger asked about an interest rate for past due invoices.

- This could be clarified however Mr. Wixom did not suspect any invoices would be paid late.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the contract with Wilkinson Ferrari & Co., LLC for public affairs services to Springdale and direct the Mayor to sign. Seconded by Adrian Player.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Aton: Aye

Elger: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Administrative Non-Action Items

1. Budget work session to discuss the FY 2021-22 budget: Mr. Wixom described his conservative budgeting philosophy which had worked well for many years. He referenced a chart in the staff report

illustrating tax revenues from July 2020 through April 2021 compared to those generated in FY20 and FY19. Tax revenues drove nearly the entire budget with fund balance making up the rest.

Discussion moved to the Legislative Council Department account. The biggest change in contributions to this account was the History Center. The Town received \$390,000 from the county. At this point, \$55,000 had been spent. The construction bid came in at \$395,000 leaving a \$65,000 gap. Mr. Wixom proposed this amount come out of RAP tax funds. According to code, RAP tax funds could be used to fund this gap. Each year, Springdale received approximately \$35,000 in RAP tax revenues. The intention was to spend the money annually on recreation, cultural or arts-related projects. Applications were encouraged.

Mr. Player recalled a few years ago the Town Council approved compensation for elected and appointed officials; however, this initiative and any associated action had been tabled due to COVID. He asked if this subject could be put back on the table.

- Mr. Aton noted that as a member of the Hurricane Valley Fire Board, he received \$75.00 per month for his work. Given the amount of time preparing and attending Town of Springdale meetings, he said compensation for elected and appointed officials was appropriate.
- Mr. Player said justification for this request was discussed previously.
- Mr. Wixom said almost every municipality offered compensation to their Mayor and Council members.
- Mayor Smith felt compensation should also be extended to Planning Commissioners given the amount of time they spent in this role.
- Ms. Elger added compensation could help recruit others in the community into service.

Mayor Smith encouraged all Council members to participate in the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) conferences. This was a great opportunity to get training and stay current on important issues. He recommended more money be put into the budget for all Council members to attend.

The Council reviewed the Administrative Department Account. Generally speaking, very little changed. The Professional Services line item included the public affairs contract.

- Ms. Carlson proposed funds for 'swag' for the Ironman event in St. George that would support the event and promote Springdale.
- Given the money and effort the state extended to promote tourism, Ms. Zumpft did not support encouraging more people into our community.
- Mr. Aton countered these people came to Springdale and spent money.
- Mayor Smith said the idea was not to entice more people but the right kind of people to our area.

The Non-Departmental Account was reviewed.

- Ms. Zumpft asked if the credit for fireworks would carry over if they were canceled again. Staff was unsure but would investigate.

The Government Buildings Account covered expenses for Town Hall including phone systems, alarm monitoring, cleaning, etc.

The Council discussed the Public Safety Account.

- Mr. Wixom indicated there was not a significant change from the previous year.
- Chief Brecke intended to change out five vehicles, keeping one for the Parking Department or other staff. Graveyard shift used the e-bikes frequently.

The Streets Department Account included road maintenance activities.

- Stormwater master plan recommendations were added to the capital priorities list and then worked into the budget as they were initiated.

The Council discussed the Parks Department Account. This budget included grounds and parks maintenance.

- Mr. Gubler informed the Council his department was working to convert grass areas to desert landscape in order to conserve water. If a grass area was used for recreation it would remain. Grass at the Jolley-Gifford Cemetery would also stay in place. Staff was also overhauling the antiquated irrigation system. The Council supported these initiatives.

The Community Development Account was reviewed.

- This account budgeted for much of the Town's consultant work.
- Mr. Dansie said the Town received an Active Transportation Grant from the Health Department, and the Winderland Lane Traffic Study received a grant from UDOT.
- Ms. Zumpft felt HB-98 could potentially affect building standards if passed in the Special Legislative Session. Any ordinance revisions addressing this issue could require additional consultant resources.

The Community Center Account was considered.

- Ms. Zumpft requested another \$1,000 be added for public entertainment should it be needed in the upcoming year.

The History Center Account was discussed.

- Construction funds received from the county and the additional RAP tax money added to close the gap, would be spent by June of 2022. In addition, there were expenses associated with History Center operations that were also included in this account.

The Council reviewed transfers moving from the General Fund to other funds.

- Mr. Wixom said the Council would need to look at irrigation rates in the near future since they had not been analyzed for 12 years. Once fully implemented, usage data from recently installed water meters would help inform decisions.

Capital Projects were reviewed.

- Parks Department - The revenue source for this account was park impact fees. Projects for the upcoming year included the Memorial Grove design, a recreation building architectural program, playground sunshades, and parking improvements to the tennis/pickleball court parking area.
- Streets Department – The revenue source for this account was transfers from the General Fund. Funds would be appropriated for the Tiley Hill sidewalk project, the addition of curb and gutter on Foothill to help with stormwater, and improvements to Big Springs. Staff had been working to get all streets up to the same standard to simplify maintenance moving forward.

The Town continued to set aside funds for the purchase of water shares; however, none had been purchased for several years.

The Council considered Water Fund revenues and expenses.

- Mr. Aton expressed the need for covered water storage to guard against evaporation.
- Mayor Smith emphasized the need for protection of the water ponds and tanks.
- Two employees would be added to the utility division of Public Works in the upcoming fiscal year.

The Sewer Fund, Building Authority, and Transportation Fund, were reviewed without changes.

Mr. Wixom explained the Department Managers collaborated on the budget in advance to bring the Council solid input and recommendations.

The Council decided to increase revenue projections in order to cover the small deficit in the proposed budget. Since strong visitation would likely continue, revenues in the upcoming year were anticipated to be higher.

- Not included in the budget were the American Recovery Program Funds. Funds could total \$70,000 and could be used for revenue recovery and response, lost interest, and infrastructure projects.
- Mr. Wixom explained TRT and Resort Tax revenues with the Council. He said the economic impact of Zion National Park and how it affected Springdale was recession-resistant.

The Council would consider the new fiscal year budget again in May. In June, the final FY 2021-2022 budget approval would be on the agenda. Any changes to the budget worksheets from this point forward would be marked and brought to the Council's attention.

The Council took a lunch break. The meeting resumed at 1:05pm.

Motion made by Adrian Player to go into Closed Session for the purposes of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Seconded by Randy Aton.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Aton: Aye

Elger: Aye

The Closed Session began at 1:06pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stanley J. Smith, Council members Adrian Player, Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, and Suzanne Elger participated via Zoom

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Town Attorney Greg Hardman participated via Zoom, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording.

Closed Session ended at 3:10pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stanley J. Smith, Council members Adrian Player, Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, and Suzanne Elger participated via Zoom

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Town Attorney Greg Hardman participated via Zoom, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to proceed with strategies discussed in Closed Session and authorize the Mayor to attend meetings with Dixie State University. Seconded by Adrian Player.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Aton: Aye

Elger: No

Motion passed.

Ms. Elger qualified her vote by stating they weren't enough.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 3:11pm made by Lisa Zumpft. Seconded by Adrian Player.

Player: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Aton: Aye

Elger: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Darci Carlson

Darci Carlson, Town Clerk

APPROVAL: _____



DATE: _____

6/10/21

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None outside the Council and staff.