



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA - REVISED
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Springfield City Hall
170 North 3rd Street

CALL TO ORDER

- Public announcement that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted in the entry to the meeting room
- Roll call
- Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items are approved in one motion unless removed by a Council Member. Removed items will be placed under the Regular Agenda for consideration and action by the Council.

1. Approve Minutes of the August 1, 2023, Council Meeting
2. Approve Claims
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Approve Pay Application No. 11 in the amount of \$54,346.83 to Judd Bros. Construction Co. for services performed on Municipal Water Well and Improvements
5. Consider approval of a Special Designated Liquor License to Willow Springs Bottling Co. Inc. d/b/a Cornhusker Beverage for a private company party on September 15, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds, 100 Main Street
6. Direct the City Clerk to cause notice to property owners, who have not repaired/replaced/constructed their sidewalks as directed, ordering the repair of the adjacent sidewalk pursuant to Springfield Municipal Code §8-204
7. Approve **Resolution 2023-16** authorizing the Mayor to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form
8. Approve **Resolution 2023-17** designating the city's legal newspaper
9. Close Main Street from Springfield Elementary School at N 10th Avenue to Railroad Street and from Railroad Street north from Main Street to Cedar Street for the Platteview High School

Homecoming Parade scheduled for Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. Close North 2nd Street from Main Street to the Post Office alley for the food truck vendors from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Rod Kehlenbeck, 585 Vine Street – Discuss traffic violators, speeders, and illegal vehicles
2. **Tabled August 1, 2023.** Consider approval of Corridor Overlay District Design Review for PML Construction Inc.'s office and warehouse building on Lot 1, Springfield Commerce Replat Two
3. Consider approval of Ordinance No. 1142 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS ON MAIN STREET; TO ADOPT CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 5-303.01 OF THE SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE
4. Review the 2022 One & Six Year Road Plan for possible changes or additions
5. Andie Ledenbach annual review and proposed merit increase

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Water & Sewer Department – Mike Neitzel
2. Library & Community Building – Michael Herzog
3. Parks Department – Kacie Murtha
4. Street Department – Dan Craney
5. Mayor's Report – Bob Roseland
6. City Staff Reports

The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to adjourn into executive session per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska was held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at City Hall. Present were Mayor Bob Roseland; Council Members: Mike Neitzel, Kacie Murtha, Dan Craney. Absent: Mike Herzog. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting in three public places, one of the designated methods of giving notice. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to the Mayor and all Council Members and a copy of their receipt of notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. The Mayor publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Craney, seconded by Murtha, to approve the Consent Agenda. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Craney.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mike Herzog. Motion carried.

Claims:

General				
EFTPS 8/16/23	6084-10-10	Aflac-Gen	369.42	Aflac
47419	6080-10-10	Health Insurance-Gen	85.56	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
47411	7200-10-10	Dues-Gen	7,484.00	League of Nebraska Municipalities
EFTPS 9/1/23	6080-10-10	Health Insurance-Gen	142.08	Metropolitan Life Ins Co.
EFTPS 8/22/23	7270-10-10	Insurance-Gen	264.43	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47423	6080-10-10	Health Insurance-Gen	146.17	PLIC-SBD Grand Island
47414	7270-10-10	Insurance-Gen	1,874.63	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47413	7340-10-10	Waste Disposal-Gen	30.93	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
Total			10,397.22	
Library				
47419	6080-20-10	Health Insurance-Lib	12.60	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
EFTPS 9/1/23	6080-20-10	Health Insurance-Lib	26.34	Metropolitan Life Ins Co.
EFTPS 8/22/23	7270-20-10	Insurance-Lib	115.50	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47414	7270-20-10	Insurance-Lib	818.81	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47423	6080-20-10	Health Insurance-Lib	100.03	PLIC-SBD Grand Island
Total			1,073.28	
Park				
47419	6080-30-10	Health Insurance-Park	285.12	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
EFTPS 9/1/23	6080-30-10	Health Insurance-Park	39.51	Metropolitan Life Ins Co.
EFTPS 8/22/23	7270-30-10	Insurance-Park	170.21	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47414	7270-30-10	Insurance-Park	1,206.66	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47423	6080-30-10	Health Insurance-Park	123.77	PLIC-SBD Grand Island
47413	7340-30-10	Waste Disposal-Park	72.92	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
47413	7340-30-10	Waste Disposal-Park	121.90	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
Total			2,020.09	
Community Building				
EFTPS 8/22/23	7270-40-10	Insurance-Community Bldg	89.66	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47414	7270-40-10	Insurance-Community Bldg	635.65	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47413	7340-40-10	Waste Disposal-Community Bldg	76.37	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
Total			801.68	
Water				
EFTPS 8/16/23	6084-50-20	Aflac-Water	29.12	Aflac
47417	9090-50-20	New Well-Water	54,346.83	Judds Bros. Construction Co.
47412	7200-50-20	Dues-Water	348.50	League of Nebraska Municipalities
EFTPS 8/22/23	7270-50-20	Insurance-Water	282.67	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47414	7270-50-20	Insurance-Water	2,003.92	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47423	6080-50-20	Health Insurance-Water	62.41	PLIC-SBD Grand Island
47410	7230-50-20	Postage/Shipping-Water	211.65	US Postal Service
47415	7330-50-20	Telephone-Water	49.61	Verizon Wireless
EFTPS 9/1/23	6080-50-20	Health Insurance-Water	41.72	
Total			57,376.43	

Sewer				
EFTPS 8/16/23	6084-60-30	Aflac-Sewer	29.12	Aflac
47412	7200-60-30	Dues -Sewer	348.50	League of Nebraska Municipalities
EFTPS 9/1/23	6080-60-30	Health Insurance-Sewer	54.89	Metropolitan Life Ins Co.
EFTPS 8/22/23	7270-60-30	Insurance-Sewer	212.76	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47414	7270-60-30	Insurance-Sewer	1,508.33	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47423	6080-60-30	Health Insurance-Sewer	78.25	PLIC-SBD Grand Island
47410	7230-60-30	Postage/Shipping-Sewer	211.65	US Postal Service
47415	7330-60-30	Telephone-Sewer	8.58	Verizon Wireless
Total			2,452.08	
Street				
47419	6080-70-40	Health Insurance-Street	318.58	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
EFTPS 9/1/23	6080-70-40	Health Insurance-Street	52.68	Metropolitan Life Ins Co.
EFTPS 8/22/23	7270-70-40	Insurance-Street	384.49	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47414	7270-70-40	Insurance-Street	2,725.75	Nebraska Assigned Risk Pool
47423	6080-70-40	Health Insurance-Street	127.02	PLIC-SBD Grand Island
47415	7330-70-40	Telephone-Street	8.58	Verizon Wireless
47413	7340-70-40	Waste Disposal-Street	64.54	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
47416	8030-70-40	Supplies-Street	344.56	White Cap, LP
Total			4,026.20	

City Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$4,177,681.04; in cash assets; Prestige Treasury-\$207,167.12; Prestige Bond-\$1,287,516.65; Keno Community Betterment-\$469,980.01; Keno Progressive Jackpot-\$50,124.88; Water Deposit Savings-\$4,226.27; Refundable Deposit Savings-\$1,233.90; Water Tower Savings-\$315,142.74; Sewer Restricted-\$318,656.05; Water Capital Facilities Fees-\$171,151.68; Sewer Capital Facilities Fees-\$1,129,961.79; City Sales Tax-\$8,624,018.76; Money Mark Library Bricks-\$975.58; Government Securities-\$119,007.25; Library Savings-\$1,642.35; ASIP Pinnacle-\$1,971,302.66; Time Certificates as follows: Bond-\$80,308.44; Tower-\$60,026.53; Water-\$132,156.39; Library Restricted-\$33,584.52; Cash Receipts-\$393,841.14; Cash Disbursements-\$351,270.94.

Agenda Item 1. Rod Kehlenbeck, 585 Vine Street, was present to discuss concerns he has regarding speeding on Main Street and on 6th Street between Maple and Main Streets by Buffalo Park. Kehlenbeck said he has lived on the corner of 6th Street and Vine Street since 1976 and lately it sounds like the Daytona raceway between speeding vehicles, minibikes and UTVs. Kehlenbeck said that he witnessed a woman driving a UTV with a baby in her lap which is not safe. He noted that these people are going 50 mph or more on Main Street and mentioned he witnessed a car doing cookies in the gravel next to the Community Building and then speeding up Main Street all while a Sheriff Deputy was right down by the fairgrounds doing paperwork. Kehlenbeck said he has a lot of respect for law enforcement, but he is not seeing much law enforcement presence and no tickets being issued. Kehlenbeck does not feel that there is a good reason to drive 40-60 mph on 6th Street right by Buffalo Park where baseball games are played, and where many children play at the splash pad and park. Kehlenbeck is worried about public safety and does not want to witness something awful happen. Mayor Roseland stated that this seems to be a problem throughout town, as we had residents from 5th Avenue and 2nd Street at a council meeting just two meetings ago to discuss speeding. Mayor Roseland noted that the city is working on getting more radar signs to help slow people down. Kathleen Gottsch, City Administrator, reminded everyone at the meeting that UTVs are legal to drive in town, while golf carts and ATVs are not. Murtha said that Kelly Shemek, City Clerk, is working on getting more radar sign quotes for us to purchase and use in town and explains how we can put them up and gather data from people driving on the street once they are up.

Mayor Roseland said that many people have requested speed bumps in town, but there are many issues with installing those. Kehlenbeck said that he does not want speed bumps as then the speeders will end up in his yard when they speed over them. Craney reported that he had noticed quite a few radar signs in a Bellevue residential area to keep speed down. He also mentioned the 12' gradual speed bumps in Hawaiian Village that he finds to be nice and would be hard to get airborne off of; however, these speed bumps are around \$18,000 per speed bump and he does not think that is what the majority of the residents of Springfield would want to spend the money on them. Craney is hoping that the new radar signs will help slow people down. Jim Opitz, 585 Main Street, reported that speeding has always been an issue on Main Street, and feels it is not just seasonal. Opitz sees lots of large construction trucks speeding by often and has never seen anyone get pulled over on Main Street. Brandon Benson, 590 Vine Street, reported that he lives across the street from Kehlenbeck and often sits outside when he works, and has seen far too many near misses with vehicles going in and out of Buffalo Park. Benson would like to see more law enforcement presence and has seen some this past week, so the situation improved but now it has been bad again the past few days. Beverly Hammonds, 260 S. 4th Street, said that on two occasions her husband has been out watering close to the street and had a lady in a vehicle with in-transits swerving towards him. Hammonds mentioned a time when a younger kid went speeding by in a blue car quite fast and a neighbor of theirs yelled slow down and the driver of this vehicle pulled over and yelled obscenities at the neighbor, so we are all hesitant to say anything. Mayor Roseland stated that if the residents can get a license plate number to report to the Sheriff's department that would be helpful. Mayor Roseland also noted that he would be sitting down with Sheriff Davis soon to discuss different options and see if we can have more police coverage in town. Michelle Kalin, 665 La Bates Street, said that she would personally like to see more money spent on law enforcement coverage versus speed bumps. She reported that recently there was a car in City Park spinning around in circles that created so much dust that they could not even identify the car or plate on her nest camera due to all the dust. Kalin also thinks that activity picks up around prom time. Mayor Roseland again reiterated that we are taking this situation seriously and trying to take steps in the right direction to improve coverage in the parks and on city streets. He said new radar signs are the first step in this process, but he still plans to discuss this further with Sheriff Davis for ideas on other ways to help. Lt. Blake Raughton, Sarpy County Sheriff's Department, reported that he knows parking tickets are being written more for no parking between 2:00-6:00 a.m. but he did find out from Captain Tori Boldt that the Sarpy County Sheriff's office was having a routing error, so they have several tickets to drop off at City Hall. Lt. Raughton reported that part of the issue is that they are down on staff and have new recruits in the academy, but just as many staff members are retiring so the number of deputies we have is a constant battle. Lt. Raughton asked if we have a specific time that speeding is more of a problem. Jane Jensen, 710 Main Street, said that the problem time on Main Street is from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Lt. Raughton reported that this is also a prime time for the Sheriff's office getting a lot of calls too. Lt. Raughton asked if there is a specific reason why the no parking from 2:00-6:00 a.m. is in place, as in other communities if this was under a snow emergency, the car would be towed. Neitzel reported that he believes the no parking from 2:00-6:00 a.m. was adopted due to the lack of visibility and allowed people to get off the streets after the bars close and parties are over. Lt. Raughton said that the Sarpy County Sheriff's Department is trying to be more present, and he encouraged residents to call the non-emergency line for some of these complaints or obviously 911 if it is a definite emergency as they can put out a BOLO (be on the lookout). He said they need to see the call volume on their records to prove we need more presence. Lt. Raughton also reported that the issues we are having with speeding vehicles, ATVs, and golf carts are really happening everywhere and not just here in Springfield. Jensen asked what the difference was between a UTV and an ATV. She said she recently saw a guy with two small kids in the back of a gator going fast down Main Street. Mayor Roseland said that UTVs have safety devices such as seatbelts, where ATVs do not. Gottsch reminded residents that the new radar signs are in our new budget which begins October 1 so it will be after that when residents see the radar signs up around town.

Agenda Item 2. Motion by Craney, seconded by Murtha, to approve the Corridor Overlay District Design Review for PML Construction Inc.'s office and warehouse building on Lot 1, Springfield Commerce Replat Two. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mike Herzog. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3. Council Member Neitzel introduced Ordinance No. 1142 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS ON MAIN STREET; TO ADOPT CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 5-303.01 OF THE SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE

and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council Member Craney seconded the motion to suspend the rules and upon roll call vote on the motion the following Council Members voted AYE: Neitzel, Craney. The following voted NAY: Murtha. The following were ABSENT: Herzog. Motion failed due to the lack of votes needed to waive the three readings. Approval of three-fourths of the City Council is required to waive the three readings. Ordinance No. 1142 was read for the first time.

Agenda Item 4. Council reviewed the 2022 One & Six Year Road Plan and agreed to keep the projects the same for the new year.

Agenda Item 5. Motion by Murtha, seconded by Neitzel, to move agenda item 5, regarding Andie Ledenbach's annual review and proposed merit increase, into executive session. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Herzog. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Agenda Item 1. Neitzel reported that water samples were taken in and the well project is going great.

Agenda Item 2. No Department Report from Herzog.

Agenda Item 3. Murtha reported that Tyler Holdorf, Parks Director, put up the disc golf signs. Staff are now working on the dead tree list and planning for removal of dead trees or limbs. Murtha asked Holdorf to investigate to see if we have room for a pickleball court.

Agenda Item 4. Craney reported that Bryan Cherry, Street Commissioner, has poured a lot of concrete in town and will soon start tarring streets that need it.

Agenda Item 5. Mayor Roseland reported that Sarpy County postponed the open house at the new jail. He noted that he will soon be meeting with Senator Holdcroft.

Agenda Item 6. Gottsch reported that the homecoming parade is next Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. She also reported that she recently met with the Springfield Community Foundation and learned that they have lots of ideas for community projects such as a community garden, E-bikes, murals, and pickleball courts. Lastly, Gottsch asked for direction on the levy for budget purposes.

Executive Session

Motion by Neitzel, seconded by Murtha, to enter into executive session at 8:20 p.m. for the purpose of personnel matters. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Herzog. Motion carried.

Motion by Murtha, seconded by Neitzel, to leave executive session at 8:37 p.m. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Herzog. Motion carried.

Motion by Murtha, seconded by Craney, to give Andie Ledenbach, Assistant City Clerk / Utility Billing Clerk, a 4.5% annual merit increase. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Herzog. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Craney, seconded by Murtha, to adjourn. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Herzog. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried.

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Springfield, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Mayor and Council on August 15, 2023; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

Kelly Shemek
City Clerk