



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, November 7, 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 October 17, 2023, Council Meeting
2. Approve Claims and Payroll
3. Waive the Community Building rental fee for the Springfield Youth Athletic Association soup supper scheduled for Monday, November 20, to be held in conjunction with Making Spirits Bright – A Springfield Holiday Tradition
4. Close Main Street from 9th Street to 1st Street for the parade of lights and close North 2nd Street from Main Street north to the alley adjacent to the Post Office for the tree lighting ceremony as part of Making Spirits Bright – A Springfield Holiday Tradition
5. Waive the Community Building rental fee for local Boy Scout Troop 711 to use the building for their annual weekend lock-in on January 19-21, 2024
6. Approve Pay Application No. 13 in the amount of \$104,884.38 to Judd Bros. Construction Co. for services performed on Municipal Water Well and Improvements
7. Rehire Macy Czech as a Library Aide

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Sarpy County Sheriff's Monthly Service Report

2. Laura Harrison, Grow Sarpy Business and Community Relations Manager – Grow Sarpy 3rd Quarter Report
3. Lana Graham – 590 Cedar Street – Request city provide a second new water meter at no charge
4. **Tabled October 17, 2023.** Consider approval of **Resolution 2023-12** entering into an agreement with Olsson for services on the Buffalo Park and Urban Park infrastructure projects
5. Consider approval of **Resolution 2023-22** authorizing the Mayor to sign the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent Form for 2023
6. Review rebranding materials and consider use of a new icon and logo

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

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, November 7, 2023, at City Hall. Present were Mayor Bob Roseland; Council Members: Mike Neitzel, Michael Herzog, Kacie Murtha, Dan Craney. 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 Herzog, seconded by Neitzel, to approve the Consent Agenda. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Claims and Payroll:

Check #	Account ID	Account Description	Debit Amount	Name
General				
47677	7480-10-10	Janitorial-Gen	250.00	5 Tool Restoration & Cleaning Service
EFTPS 11-8-23	6084-10-10	Aflac-Gen	369.42	Aflac
47680	7205-10-10	Subscriptions-Gen	495.00	American Legal Publishing Corporation
47681	6084-10-10	Aflac-Gen	51.10	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.
47685	7045-10-10	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Gen	692.00	Core Technologies, Inc
47692	8140-10-10	R&M Equipment-Gen	193.39	Eakes Office Solutions
47695	7205-10-10	Subscriptions-Gen	5.00	First National Bank of Omaha
47695	7045-10-10	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Gen	17.11	First National Bank of Omaha
47695	8010-10-10	Office Supplies-Gen	129.88	First National Bank of Omaha
47695	7330-10-10	Telephone-Gen	191.39	First National Bank of Omaha
47695	9010-10-10	Office Equipment-Gen	423.50	First National Bank of Omaha
47691	9010-10-10	Office Equipment-Gen	88.42	Five Points Bank
47691	8140-10-10	R&M Equipment-Gen	126.29	Five Points Bank
EFTPS 11/1/23	2140-10-10	Deferred Compensation-Gen	4,124.59	ING
EFTPS 11/1/23	2100-10-10	Federal W/H Payable-Gen	3,221.25	Internal Revenue Service
EFTPS 11/1/23	2120-10-10	FICA Payable-Gen	6,264.86	Internal Revenue Service
47702	7200-10-10	Dues-Gen	150.00	International Institute of Municipal Cl
47705	8130-10-10	R&M Building-Gen	212.18	Langfeldt Overhead Door Inc.
47735	7250-10-10	Publication Costs-Gen	561.52	Lee BHM Corp
47742	8030-10-10	Supplies-Gen	25.98	Menards
EFTPS 11-1-23	6080-10-10	Health Insurance-Gen	142.08	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co
47713	7320-10-10	Natural Gas-General	49.50	Metropolitan Utilities District
EFTPS 11/8/23	2130-10-10	State W/H Payable-Gen	2,578.39	Nebraska Department of Revenue
47718	7200-10-10	Dues-Gen	156.00	Nebraska Notary Association
47722	7310-10-10	Electricity-Gen	233.66	OPPD
47725	7230-10-10	Postage/Shipping-Gen	9.28	Petty Cash
47726	6080-10-10	Health Insurance-Gen	146.17	PLIC - SBD Grand Island
EFTPS	7045-10-10	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Gen	2,760.00	Sage Software
47728	7046-10-10	Prof Svcs-Building Inspector	2,354.92	Sarpy County Building Inspector
47729	7060-10-10	Animal Control-Gen	403.00	Sarpy County Fiscal Administrator
47730	7050-10-10	Law Contract-Gen	10,162.00	Sarpy County Treasurer
47732	7020-10-10	Prof Svcs-Legal-Gen	1,093.00	Seidler & Seidler, P.C.
47734	8030-10-10	Supplies-Gen	12.99	Springfield Ace Hardware
47734	9010-10-10	Office Equipment-Gen	13.99	Springfield Ace Hardware
47739	7280-10-10	Laundry-Gen	116.16	Walkers Uniform Rental
47724	7340-10-10	Waste Disposal-Gen	33.27	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
Total			37,857.29	
Sales Tax				
47725	9089-15-10	Community Events-Sales Tax	61.89	Petty Cash
Total			61.89	
Library				
47679	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	393.87	Amazon Capital Services
47681	6084-20-10	Aflac-Lib	26.40	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.
47682	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	68.37	Baker & Taylor
47685	7330-20-10	Telephone-Lib	50.00	Core Technologies, Inc
47687	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	163.62	Diamond Lake Books
47695	7330-20-10	Telephone-Lib	101.16	First National Bank of Omaha
47693	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	167.93	Lerner Publishing Group
47704	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	187.92	Lerner Publishing Group Inc

47731	7480-20-10	Janitorial-Lib	375.00	Marcie Schmieder
47709	8130-20-10	R&M Building-Lib	49.24	Menards
EFTPS 11-1-23	6080-20-10	Health Insurance-Lib	26.34	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co
47713	7320-20-10	Natural Gas-Lib	52.99	Metropolitan Utilities District
47710	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	79.78	MicroMarketing, LLC
47717	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	52.00	Nebraska Life Magazine
47722	7310-20-10	Electricity-Lib	224.94	OPPD
47726	6080-20-10	Health Insurance-Lib	100.03	PLIC - SBD Grand Island
47733	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	113.75	Smart Apple Media
47678	9062-20-10	Security System-Lib	80.00	The ADT Security Corporation
47724	7340-20-10	Waste Disposal-Lib	73.91	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
47741	8060-20-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib	74.97	Willow Lane Education
Total			2,462.22	
Library Restricted				
47696	8060-21-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib Rest	52.48	Cengage Learning Inc/Gale
47683	8060-21-10	Books/Videos/Maps-Lib Rest	91.68	Center Point Large Print
47691	9010-21-10	Office Equipment Lib Rest	93.51	Five Points Bank
Total			237.67	
Park				
47743	8120-30-10	Fuel-Park	348.18	BRP Investments
47690	7350-30-10	Rental-Park	102.70	Eagle Services
47700	9040-30-10	Tools & Misc Equip-Parks	29.91	Home Depot Credit Services
47706	9020-30-10	Vehicle-Parks	525.00	Line-X of Omaha
EFTPS 11-1-23	6080-30-10	Health Insurance-Park	26.34	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co
47712	8160-30-10	R&M Grounds-Park	6,100.00	Millard Sprinkler
47722	7310-30-10	Electricity-Park	522.15	OPPD
47726	6080-30-10	Health Insurance-Park	123.77	PLIC - SBD Grand Island
47734	8030-30-10	Supplies-Park	21.00	Springfield Ace Hardware
47736	9020-30-10	Vehicle-Parks	684.95	Tractor Supply Co.
47737	9020-30-10	Vehicle-Parks	10,644.86	Ty's Outdoor Power & Service
47738	9020-30-10	Vehicle-Parks	799.40	Ultimate Truck Accessories
47724	7340-30-10	Waste Disposal-Park	231.54	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
Total			20,159.80	
Community Building				
47684	7455-40-10	Internet-Community Bldg	72.98	Chater Communications
47694	7480-40-10	Janitorial-Community Building	230.00	Executive Janitorial Corporation
47723	9400-40-10	Refund-Community Bldg	50.00	Jacob Oritz
47709	8130-40-10	R&M Building-Community Bldg	39.96	Menards
47742	8030-40-10	Supplies-Community Bldg	205.31	Menards
47713	7320-40-10	Natural Gas-Community Bldg	59.36	Metropolitan Utilities District
47722	7310-40-10	Electricity-Community Bldg	111.67	OPPD
47734	9040-40-10	Tools & Misc Equip-Comm Bldg	13.99	Springfield Ace Hardware
47739	7280-40-10	Laundry-Community Bldg	171.92	Walkers Uniform Rental
47724	7340-40-10	Waste Disposal-Community Bldg	87.83	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
Total			1,043.02	
Water				
EFTPS 11-8-23	6084-50-20	Aflac-Water	29.12	Aflac
47681	6084-50-20	Aflac-Water	9.75	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.
47743	8120-50-20	Fuel-Water	140.45	BRP Investments
47695	9155-50-20	GIS-Water	60.00	First National Bank of Omaha

47698	7045-50-20	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Water	1,512.50	GIS Workshop, LLC
47699	7290-50-20	Uniform Allowance-Water	106.00	Haney Shoe Store
47744	9090-50-20	New Well-Water	104,884.38	Judds Bros. Construction Co.
EFTPS 11-1-23	6080-50-20	Health Insurance-Water	54.89	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co
47711	7420-50-20	Testing-Water	69.06	Midwest Laboratories
47715	7450-50-20	Licenses-Water	28.75	NE Dept of Environment and Energy
47715	7450-50-20	Licenses-Water	28.75	NE Dept of Environment and Energy
47716	7450-50-20	Licenses-Water	230.00	NE Dept of Environment and Energy
47715	7180-50-20	Education-Water	260.00	NE Dept of Environment and Energy
47715	7180-50-20	Education-Water	260.00	NE Dept of Environment and Energy
EFTPS-10/2023	2200-50-20	Sales Tax-Water	3,125.89	Nebraska Department of Revenue
47720	7330-50-20	Telephone-Water	236.18	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication
47745	7330-50-20	Telephone-Water	236.18	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication
47719	7420-50-20	Testing-Water	432.00	NE Public Health Environmental Lab
47721	9090-50-20	New Well-Water	2,359.45	Olsson
47688	7430-50-20	Digger's Hotline-Water	36.22	One Call Concepts, Inc.
47722	7310-50-20	Electricity-Water	1,455.46	OPPD
47725	7230-50-20	Postage/Shipping-Water	2.55	Petty Cash
47725	7040-50-20	Prof Svcs-Other-Water	10.00	Petty Cash
47726	6080-50-20	Health Insurance-Water	62.40	PLIC - SBD Grand Island
47708	7260-50-20	Printing-Water	410.50	Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott
47746	7330-50-20	Telephone-Water	97.44	Verizon Wireless
Total			116,137.92	
Sewer				
EFTPS 11-8-23	6084-60-30	Aflac-Sewer	29.12	Aflac
47681	6084-60-30	Aflac-Sewer	9.75	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.
47743	8030-60-30	Supplies-Sewer	10.36	BRP Investments
47743	8120-60-30	Fuel-Sewer	140.44	BRP Investments
47695	9155-60-30	GIS-Sewer	60.00	First National Bank of Omaha
47698	7045-60-30	Prof Svcs-Tech Support-Sewer	1,512.50	GIS Workshop, LLC
47699	7290-60-30	Uniforms Allowance-Sewer	105.99	Haney Shoe Store
47701	8140-60-30	R&M Equipment-Sewer	1,659.52	Inland Truck Parts & Service
EFTPS 11-1-23	6080-60-30	Health Insurance-Sewer	54.89	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co
47711	7420-60-30	Testing-Sewer	230.65	Midwest Laboratories
47722	7310-60-30	Electricity-Sewer	2,460.59	OPPD
47725	7230-60-30	Postage/Shipping-Sewer	2.55	Petty Cash
47726	6080-60-30	Health Insurance-Sewer	78.26	PLIC - SBD Grand Island
47732	7020-60-30	Prof Svcs-Legal-Sewer	780.00	Seidler & Seidler, P.C.
47708	7260-60-30	Printing-Sewer	410.50	Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott
47746	7330-60-30	Telephone-Sewer	17.21	Verizon Wireless
Total			7,562.33	
Street				
47697	8140-70-40	R&M Equipment-Street	773.68	A.E.S. of the Midwest Inc
47743	8120-70-40	Fuel-Street	1,273.91	BRP Investments
47689	8140-70-40	R&M Equipment-Street	67.00	Dultmeier Sales
47700	9040-70-40	Tools & Misc Equip-Street	22.38	Home Depot Credit Services
47703	9155-70-40	GIS-Street	1,690.36	JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
47707	8215-70-40	R&M Streets & Alleys-Street	2,250.00	Logan Contractors Supply
47707	9037-70-40	Heavy Machinery-Street	58,640.00	Logan Contractors Supply
47709	8030-70-40	Supplies-Street	5.60	Menards
47742	8225-70-40	R&M Street Signs&Posts-Street	5.98	Menards
47742	8030-70-40	Supplies-Street	43.74	Menards

47742	9040-70-40	Tools & Misc Equip-Street	124.25	Menards
EFTPS 11-1-23	6080-70-40	Health Insurance-Street	52.68	Metropolitan Life Insurance Co
47713	7320-70-40	Natural Gas-Street	115.00	Metropolitan Utilities District
47714	8140-70-40	R&M Equipment-Street	129.66	Mill Creek Auto Parts
47714	8030-70-40	Supplies-Street	155.88	Mill Creek Auto Parts
47720	7330-70-40	Telephone-Street	151.23	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication
47745	7330-70-40	Telephone-Street	155.38	Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication
47722	7310-70-40	Electricity-Street	2,535.50	OPPD
47726	6080-70-40	Health Insurance-Street	127.02	PLIC - SBD Grand Island
47727	7290-70-40	Uniform Allowance-Street	250.00	Red Wing Business Advantage Account
47734	8040-70-40	Supplies-Safety/Medical-Street	84.51	Springfield Ace Hardware
47736	9040-70-40	Tools & Misc Equip-Street	9.99	Tractor Supply Co.
47736	8225-70-40	R&M Street Signs&Posts-Street	57.32	Tractor Supply Co.
47746	7330-70-40	Telephone-Street	17.21	Verizon Wireless
47739	7290-70-40	Uniform Allowance-Street	20.52	Walkers Uniform Rental
47724	7340-70-40	Waste Disposal-Street	73.19	Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc
47740	8215-70-40	R&M Streets & Alleys-Street	623.18	Westover Rock & Sand, Inc.
Total			69,455.17	
Keno				
47686	9174-80-70	Keno CB Project	8,845.11	Cunningham Recreation
47734	9174-80-70	Keno CB Project	81.99	Springfield Ace Hardware
Total			8,927.10	
		Water Deposit Refunds	591.06	
		Payroll	72,619.19	
		VOYA Retirement ER	7,229.60	
		Medical Reimbursement	1,322.29	
Total			81,762.14	

Agenda Item 1: Cpt. Tori Boldt reviewed the Sarpy County Sheriff’s Monthly Service Report. She reported that the department has seen an increase in thefts of Hyundai and Kia vehicles in Sarpy County, not specifically in Springfield though. Cpt. Boldt also mentioned that the Sarpy County Sheriff’s Office has a new Community Engagement Unit that looks forward to being invited to community events. The Sarpy County Sheriff’s Department wants to engage with our residents as much as possible and help in any way needed.

Agenda Item 2: Laura Harrison, Grow Sarpy Business and Community Relations Manager, reviewed the 3rd Quarter Report. Harrison reported that Grow Sarpy is still in the process of filling the vacant role of Executive Director and is hoping to have this role filled by the right applicant by January 2024. Sarpy County has two new projects in the Springfield area. Harrison reported that unemployment rates are at 2% meaning we have a very small workforce, and we need this to open up more, so we can keep people in the area and get new projects in our area for growth.

Agenda Item 3: Lana Graham, 590 Cedar Street, requested that the city provide a second new water meter to her at no charge. Graham’s water meter stopped reading in March 2021. Andie Ledenbach, Utility Billing Clerk/Assistant City Clerk, reported that Graham was provided a new meter in January 2022. Typically, residents are given a 90-day period to get the new meter installed prior to being charged the \$50 penalty fee for not having an operable meter. Graham informed City Hall that she could not find the meter anywhere at her house but feels like the \$50 fee she has been paying for five months should go towards another new meter. Heath Shemek, Water Operator, was able to pick up a zero read on the lost meter near Graham’s house, so city staff knows it is on the property somewhere.

Neitzel said that after talking to Shemek and learning that water meters are still in limited quantity and we still need to supply new ones to new construction homes, he feels that Graham should have to buy a new meter. Craney noted that he also feels Graham should have to buy a new water meter, and if it is not installed in 60 days' time the water be disconnected. If Graham should find the previous meter and it is in working order, we could reimburse her for that meter, but Craney feels that even though Graham has been paying the \$50 fee for a penalty that it is still cheaper than her paying the flat minimum water usage charge plus the \$50 monthly penalty. Herzog feels that this has been going on for a year and a half and that is far too long. Mayor Roseland advised the Council that he thinks Graham should buy a new water meter and, if she finds the other one previously provided and it is in working order, we can reimburse her for the cost. Motion by Herzog, seconded by Craney, to have Graham pay for a new water meter and, if she finds the previously provided water meter and it works correctly, the city will reimburse her for the cost of the new meter; however, the \$50 monthly penalty fee shall not be applied towards the new water meter and the new water meter must be installed within 60 days of receiving it to avoid disconnection of water service. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4: Council Member Murtha introduced **Resolution 2023-12** and moved its adoption. Council Member Neitzel seconded the foregoing motion and on roll call on the passage and adoption of said resolution, the following voted YEA: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. The following voted NAY: None. Whereupon the Council President serving as Mayor declared said motion carried and said resolution passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION
2023-12**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield, Nebraska, a Municipal Corporation, and Olsson, Inc. wish to enter into a Master Agreement Work Order through which Olsson shall provide engineering services for a new shade structure, restroom facility, playground equipment with surfacing, utility installation, paving and accessories at Buffalo Park and a new shade structure with accessories at Urban Park; and

WHEREAS, engineering services include project planning, topographic survey, and civil design services; and

WHEREAS, civil design services for Urban Park shall include coordination with the city and Crouch Recreation for selection of a Poligon structure and features and preparation of construction documents; and

WHEREAS, civil design services for Buffalo Park shall include preparation of a conceptual site plan and cost estimate; and

WHEREAS, survey work should be completed in December 2023, Urban Park design completed in January 2024, and Buffalo Park design completed in March 2024; and

WHEREAS, compensation for the described services shall be \$22,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Springfield, Nebraska that the Mayor is authorized to enter into the Master Agreement Work Order attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

City Council Member Murtha moved the adoption of said resolution.
City Council Member Neitzel seconded the motion.

Record of Vote:

Ayes: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Approved: Robert Roseland, Mayor

SEAL

Attest: Kelly Shemek, City Clerk

Agenda Item 5: Council Member Neitzel introduced **Resolution 2023-22** and moved its adoption. Council Member Herzog seconded the foregoing motion and on roll call on the passage and adoption of said resolution, the following voted YEA: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. The following voted NAY: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion carried and said resolution passed and adopted. A true, correct and complete copy of said resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION
2023-22**

Signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent 2023

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Springfield, Nebraska, as follows:

WHEREAS, State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2511 through 39-2515 details the requirements that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment of the City Street Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form; and

WHEREAS, the NDOT requires that each certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the city street superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes; showing the appoint of the City Street Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable), and Class of License (if applicable), and type of appointment, i.e., employed, contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another incorporated municipality and/or county), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

WHEREAS, the NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy a resolution of the governing body authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by that the Mayor of the City of Springfield is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent completed form(s).

Adopted this 7th day of November, 2023, at Springfield, Nebraska.

City Council Member Neitzel moved the adoption of said resolution.

City Council Member Herzog seconded the motion.

Record of Vote:

Ayes: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Approved: Robert Roseland, Mayor

SEAL

Attest: Kelly Shemek, City Clerk

Agenda Item 6: Herzog requested that the Council review rebranding materials and consider the use of a new icon and logo. Herzog noted that he does not like the new logo or icon. He noted that Springfield was originally founded as a railroad town, and not the farm community the logo portrays. Herzog is also concerned about how much this will cost the city to redo existing logos we have on many things throughout Springfield. Kathleen Gottsch, City Administrator, said that the Springfield Community Foundation received a grant to help pay for the rebranding project, so the city is not contributing financially towards the marketing services. Gottsch noted that there has been a lot of community discussion and involvement in helping make decisions on this project. Changes to logos on materials and physical property will be made over time and as materials wear out or need replaced. Craney said he likes the new logo and mentioned that the old logo is at least twelve years old, so he feels it is time for something new, and the icon portrayal is correct because we are a city in the middle of cornfields. Craney would like to see the different department names put on city work trucks so if residents have a question, they know who to stop. Mayor Roseland thinks it would be beneficial to have the work trucks numbered as well. Motion by Craney, seconded by Neitzel, to accept the new branding icon and logo. AYES: Neitzel, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: Herzog. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Agenda Item 1. Neitzel reported that Heath Shemek, Sewer/Water Operator, is still waiting for water meters that are on backorder. Shemek reported that a curb stop on N. 4th Street that was replaced this week as it would not shut off. Luckily, staff was able to repair it quickly.

Agenda Item 2. Herzog reported that the Community Building continues to be busy. The library recently received the gold level award from the Nebraska Liberty Library Association, which is the highest award they can receive. The library just had a great turn out for a pumpkin decorating contest and will be starting their winter programs soon.

Agenda Item 3. Murtha reported that the parks have been winterized. She said that Tyler Holdorf, Parks Director, continues to help other staff work on the float for the tree lighting parade as well as make decorations for Springfield Creek Trails and Recreation Area for the holiday season.

Agenda Item 4. Craney reported that the street department is wrapping up stuff prior to winter. The hot tar machine has already got quite a bit of use and is working great.

Agenda Item 5. Mayor Roseland thanked Kathleen Gottsch, City Administrator, for stepping in for him at the sewer agency meeting last week.

Agenda Item 6. Kathleen Gottsch, City Administrator, reported that the Making Spirits Bright soup supper, parade, and tree lighting is coming up on Monday, November 20, 2023. Council Members are invited to walk in the parade or ride in their decorated vehicles if they wish.

Adjournment

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Craney, to adjourn. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha, Craney. NAYS: None. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 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 November 7, 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