



## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.  
Springfield City Hall  
170 North 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 December 6, 2022, Council meeting
2. Approve Treasurer's Report

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Josh Charvat, Interim Executive Director, Grow Sarpy – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report
2. Consider approval of a Special Designated Liquor License to Springfield Baseball Association (SBA) for their fundraising event on February 3, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds 4-H Building, 100 Main Street, Springfield
3. Jason Krenzer, Springfield Baseball Association (SBA) – Request financial assistance for infield improvements at the Buffalo Park baseball field, including product to relevel and resurface the dirt portion of the infield
4. **Tabled December 6, 2022.** Appoint City Council President
5. **Tabled December 6, 2022.** Appoint Members of the Springfield Board of Health – Mayor Bob Roseland, City Council President, Lt. Dennis Svoboda, Jeff Kreifels

6. Discuss well project
7. Continued discussion regarding the city acquiring the SSAP soccer complex

### **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, December 20, 2022, at City Hall. Present were Mayor Bob Roseland; Council Members: Mike Neitzel, Michael Herzog, Kacie Murtha. Absent: 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.

City Clerk reported a balance on hand of \$3,773,215.35; in cash assets; Prestige Treasury-\$205,941.99; Prestige Bond-\$1,201,776.20; Keno Community Betterment-\$438,515.00; Keno Progressive Jackpot-\$50,043.62; Water Deposit Savings-\$4,211.05; Refundable Deposit Savings-\$1,229.46; Water Tower Savings-\$282,761.31; Sewer Restricted-\$285,741.07; Water Capital Facilities Fees-\$140,063.40; Sewer Capital Facilities Fees-\$776,799.13; City Sales Tax-\$6,385,875.14; Money Mark Library Bricks-\$972.07; Government Securities-\$116,644.12; Library Savings-\$1,636.44; ASIP at Pinnacle-\$1,962,554.58; Time

Certificates as follows: Bond-\$79,683.16; Tower-\$59,623.07; Water-\$131,684.12; Library Restricted-\$33,400.44; Cash Receipts-\$724,257.55; Cash Disbursements-\$542,472.50.

### **Regular Agenda**

**Agenda Item 1:** Josh Charvat, Interim Executive Director with Grow Sarpy, reviewed the 3rd Quarter Report. He said Grow Sarpy is right on track and has four new projects to market, most being manufacturing projects. Charvet said that the board plans to appoint a new executive director next week. Grow Sarpy plans to shift to lobbying streets in addition to continuing their school trade development and career development by connecting students to employers. Herzog inquired if rising federal interest rates were impacting growth. He also asked if the area has too much open warehouse space available. Charvat said he doesn't think interest rates are impacting growth in our area. He said there is only a 1.9% vacancy rate in the metro area. The area is still getting calls from national developers looking to move to the area. Herzog asked which cities were our biggest competitors. Charvat said Kansas City and Des Moines are Omaha's main competitors as they have a bigger labor force.

**Agenda Item 2:** Motion by Neitzel, seconded by Herzog, to approve a special designated liquor license to Springfield Baseball Association for their fundraiser event on February 3, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds 4-H building, 100 Main Street, Springfield. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Craney. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 3:** Jason Krenzer, President of Springfield Baseball Association (SBA), reviewed SBA's plan to improve the baseball infield at Buffalo Park before the season starts. Krenzer said work needs to be done at home plate, the pitcher's mound and main infield area to correct low spots and drainage ultimately improving player safety. He said that the last records he could find of major work being done in these areas was in 2016. He said that the recent drought also hurt the grass portion of the infield, so they've had to resod some spots. Most recently the SBA has added crushed red rock in high traffic areas and walkways, as well as addressed drainage issues. SBA has a unique relationship with Platteview High School and the city, so he felt it was important to give the city and the school the opportunity to be a part of funding for the necessary infield work. Krenzer noted that baseball is attracting more popularity and he wants to keep the program growing for the community. SBA currently has three teams, but SYAA is adding a 14U team this season that will play at Buffalo Park as well. SBA has applied to host Class B state next year as it would be great for the town to show off our wonderful facility. Steve Stehlik with SBA mentioned that the main concern is making it safer for the players on the field. Krenzer said he met with School Superintendent Dr. Ryan Saunders, Athletic Director Josh Siske and the high school baseball coach and was given a verbal commitment that the school district would commit to paying for the home plate reconstruction and mound repair. Murtha asked if the school would be willing to split the cost of all work with the city. Gottsch said she would reach out to Dr. Saunders to discuss a cost share based on the city and school interlocal agreement for field maintenance and improvements. She asked when SBA would need the work done to ensure there was adequate time to make financial arrangements. Krenzer said they would like to have it done by March 1 before spring baseball begins. Motion by Murtha, seconded by Herzog, to table agenda item 3, regarding Springfield Baseball Association's request for financial assistance for infield improvements at the Buffalo Park baseball field, until the January 17, 2023, Council meeting. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha. NAYS: None. Absent: Craney. Motion carried.

**Agenda Items 4 and 5:** Motion by Herzog, seconded by Neitzel, to table agenda items 4 and 5, regarding appointing a City Council president and appointing members of the Springfield Board of

Health, until the January 3, 2023, Council meeting. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Craney. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 6:** Kathleen Gottsch, City Administrator, said that the preliminary total for three water service connections comes to \$11,825. She stated that she could not speak as to why these properties were never required to hook on to either city water or sewer mains when those mains were originally installed. Bill Seidler, Jr., City Attorney, said that he recalled it was due to how much it would cost and who was going to pay for it. He recalled discussion about only doing one bore under Hwy 50 and running a lateral sewer main on the east side of the highway. Council discussed potential options to connect those properties that are not hooked up to city water or sewer. Council requested Olsson provide a cost estimate for the other four properties north of Main Street that are on city water and sewer but only through a private line that was installed without proper city permission. Council agreed to increase the well capacity to at least 800 GPM as recommended by Olsson. Olsson is working on cost estimates to increase the size of the motor to pump more than the original 500 GPM as well as other items that would need to be revised to increase pumping capacity. Olsson said that there is contingency funding in our SRF application that could be used to cover this increase. It would be handled through a change order.

**Agenda Item 7:** Council reviewed an update from Kurt Schanou with SSAP regarding the city's potential acquisition of the soccer fields. The SSAP Board expressed disappointment that the city would not pay for the complex. The city told Schanou in previous conversations that the city could make improvements to the complex much sooner if the property was given to the city. Schanou asked the city to put together an improvement plan and timeline for the SSAP Board's consideration. Council requested Gottsch put together a plan that could be shared with SSAP.

### **Department Reports**

**Agenda Item 1.** No department report from Neitzel.

**Agenda Item 2.** No department report from Herzog.

**Agenda Item 3.** Murtha reported that the new swings came in for City Park and the parks department tied down the shade structure awnings for the winter months. She also reported that the street department has a plan for snow removal this coming week. Murtha mentioned that she toured Opus' development in Council Bluffs along with City Planner Jeff Ray to get an idea as to what they are planning to develop in Springfield.

**Agenda Item 4.** No department report from Craney.

**Agenda Item 5.** Mayor Roseland reported that he will soon be meeting with Sarpy County Commissioner Jim Warren and Developer Jerry Torczon.

**Agenda Item 6.** Gottsch reported the city has been contacted by a boy scout trying to obtain his Eagle Scout and what projects he could do. City staff came up with repairing the old bird houses, building bat houses down by the trail, or making butterfly houses. Council was in favor of the boy scout working on those projects. Gottsch asked Council if they were okay with the library closing on December 22 due to blizzard like conditions. Council agreed the library could close due to weather.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Herzog, seconded by Neitzel, to adjourn. AYES: Neitzel, Herzog, Murtha. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Craney. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 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 December 20, 2022; 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.

Kathleen Gottsch  
City Clerk