



**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018 AT 2:00PM
AT TOWN HALL, 118 LION BOULEVARD, SPRINGDALE, UTAH**

Meeting convened at 2:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stanley J. Smith, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, Adrian Player and Mike Alltucker

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Town Attorney Greg Hardman, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording. See attached sheet for attendees signed into the meeting.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to approve the agenda for the special meeting March 6, 2018; seconded by Randy Aton.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Information/Non-Action Items

General discussion & announcements: Mayor Smith read a letter from the Utah Local Governments Trust (Attachment #1) congratulating the Town of Springdale for efforts with safety and loss prevention. For completing the 2017 Trust Accountability Program, the Town was awarded \$1,940.80 which would be applied to the worker's compensation premium.

- Mr. Wixom acknowledged the Safety Committee, Public Works Department, Robby Totten, Dawn Brecke and the entire team for their ongoing efforts.

Discussion of alternative funding sources to support the Rockville/Springdale Fire Protection

District: Mayor Smith indicated public comment would not be taken.

Mr. Aton said the District Board held a meeting on February 28th which was attended by Commissioner Iverson, Commissioner Renstrom, and Hurricane Valley Fire Chief Tom Kuhlman. In previous public meetings, the community had expressed opposition to property tax increases to fund an increase in the District budget. As a result, the county Commissioners took over financial responsibility from the Board.

During the February 28th meeting, the public expressed their desire to keep control of the District in-house and not contract with Hurricane Valley. In response, Commissioners wanted a proposal showing how this was fiscally viable.

- The Board looked at a variety of ways to fund the District but none were achievable without raising property taxes and standby fees. Commissioners were unwilling to do this.
- A contract with Hurricane Valley had been drafted. Jeff Carlson and Mr. Aton would meet with the Hurricane Chief tomorrow to review this contract.

Mr. Aton indicated this contract was a short-term fix. The influx of tourism greatly impacted the number of EMS calls. Residents felt the largest share of funding should come from tourism dollars and the Board

intended to work on securing additional funding from the state to support the District's long-term operational costs.

- The Board wanted the Town's help to lobby the state legislature and provide financial help with consulting fees. Mr. Aton understood this would be a lengthy process.

County Commissioners wanted Hurricane Valley to run the local station. Proposed coverage would man the fire station 24/7 with two cross-trained people. If back-up was needed it would come from down canyon. Mr. Aton indicated other county fire stations were manned with two-cross trained personnel, but they also had a lot of volunteers.

Mr. Player asked for the estimated shortfall between the proposed service level versus the way the District had been run including a pay raise.

- Mr. Aton was unsure of the exact number. The answer would depend upon the increase in hourly compensation and if benefits were offered.
- Mr. Aton indicated the proposed budget was not sustainable without raising revenue to match rising costs.

Ms. Zumpft asked what would happen if the District wasn't successful in finding a 'fix' or a way to sustain the District locally.

- Since the county Commissioners originally established the District they could also take it away. If this happened, Mayor Smith indicated responsibility would fall to Springdale and Rockville to provide fire and EMS protection.

Mayor Smith said he had a commitment from the county to work together in approaching the legislature. If a consultant was needed one could be hired. Government acted slowly therefore it was important to get the ball rolling now.

At this time there were two options. One was to contract with Hurricane Valley. The second was to utilize the District's reserve funds to make up the budget shortfall in wages. Mr. Aton felt the Commissioners preferred option one at this time.

- There were a number of items in the contract that needed to be worked out, including the transfer of licenses. It would take a couple of months to implement a smooth transfer.

Council members acknowledged the uncertainty of the situation. It was frustrating to current fire station personnel. The Council expressed their commitment and support to partner with the District Board to find long-term funding solutions.

Action Items – Administrative

Ratification of Planning Commission appointment for the 2018 Chair and Vice Chair:

Motion made by Adrian Player to ratify the Planning Commission appointment for the 2018 Chair and Vice Chair as Joe Pitti and Mike Marriott; seconded by Mike Alltucker.

Aton: Aye

Zumpft: Aye

Smith: Aye

Player: Aye

Alltucker: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to go into closed session for the purposes of a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, and pending or reasonably imminent litigation; seconded by Adrian Player.

Aton: Aye
Zumpft: Aye
Smith: Aye
Player: Aye
Alltucker: Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

Closed session commenced at 2:37pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stanley J. Smith, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, Adrian Player and Mike Alltucker
ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, Town Attorney Greg Hardman, Public Works Director Robby Totten, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording.

Closed session adjourned at 3:52pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stanley J. Smith, Council members Randy Aton, Lisa Zumpft, Adrian Player and Mike Alltucker
ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Rick Wixom, DCD Tom Dansie, Town Attorney Greg Hardman, and Town Clerk Darci Carlson recording.

Action Required by Closed Session

Motion made by Lisa Zumpft to direct staff to proceed with direction as discussed in closed session; seconded by Adrian Player.

Aton: Aye
Zumpft: Aye
Smith: Aye
Player: Aye
Alltucker: Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Zumpft asked about budget work meetings.

- Mr. Wixom said typically Council scheduled a work meeting in April. The tentative budget must be adopted in May then a final budget must be adopted prior to June 22nd.
- Council set a budget work meeting for Tuesday, April 10th starting at 10:00am.

Adjourn

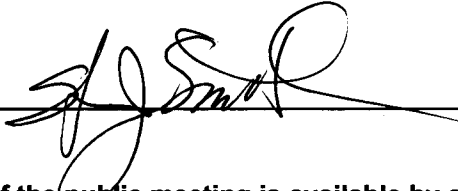
Motion to adjourn at 4:05pm made by Randy Aton; seconded by Lisa Zumpft.

Aton: Aye
Zumpft: Aye
Smith: Aye
Player: Aye
Alltucker: Aye
Motion passed unanimously.

Darci Carlson

Darci Carlson, Town Clerk

APPROVAL:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. J. Smith', written over a horizontal line.

DATE:

3/14/18

A recording of the public meeting is available by contacting the Town Clerk's Office. Please call Darci Carlson at 435-772-3434 or via email to springdale@infowest.com for more information.



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Meeting Town Council Special Meeting Date 3/6/18

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