

SPRING GROVE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2021, 6:00 PM
Spring Grove Communications, Room 100

Mayor Solberg called the September Spring Grove City Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council present: Mayor Scott Solberg, Council Members; Karen Folstad, Chad Rohland, Travis Torgerson and Trent Turner.

Staff present: Administrator Amundson, and Kathleen Taylor.

Guest present: Russell and Mary Lou Gerard, Pat Longmire, Joe Kessler, Sean Young, Charlene Selbee with Fillmore County Journal, Jordan Gerard with Caledonia Argus.

ADOPT AGENDA

Council Member Folstad moved to adopt the agenda with the correction of spelling of Accessory, seconded by Council Member Turner, all voted in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Rohland move to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Torgerson, all voted in favor, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

None

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Solberg moved to go into public hearing to address the proposed changes in Chapter 1106 Definitions and Section E Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses in the Zoning Ordinances at 6:02 pm.

Changes include; in Chapter 1106 – Definitions, strike out or a portion of the main building and add A detached garage shall be considered an accessory building. An attached garage shall not be considered an accessory building.

In Section E. Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses, item 2, add Detached garages shall be considered an accessory building.

Item 3, correct to read E. 9.c.

Item 9, subsection c, add, A principal building may have only one accessory building in addition to any detached garage.

Item 10. Strike the second sentence of “an accessory building used for vehicle storage as permitted in Section 1108, W.3, shall contain not less than 240 square feet of floor area. A detached garage shall not exceed the total building floor area as permitted by 1108, E.8.c”.

There were no statements from the public.

Council Member Rohland moved to close public hearing at 6:05 pm and return to regular meeting, seconded by Council Member Torgerson, all voted in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Administrator Amundson gave an update on converting the current emails from SpringGrove.coop to springgrovemn.com. IT technician Rob Mason is working on the conversation, and hopefully have start using the new emails the first part of November. The cost to set up the new email will be \$3,979.92.

Full time custodian position was discussed. This position would be responsible for cleaning City Hall, Fest Building including the restrooms, Log Cabin and restrooms, overnight parking area, concession stands, restrooms at football field, and fill in at the Corner when needed. Wage would depend on experience level. Per Council Member Rohland tabled until November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

WHKS has been contacted to conduct a survey to determine where the exact easement is on parcel 26.0528.000 owned by John Sylling. There is currently a question on the location of said alley. The estimated cost should less than \$1,000.00. The goal of the survey is to determine where the actually location of the alley is and for the City of Spring Grove to take responsibility of the maintenance. No action was taken.

Pat Longmire from Red's Hometown Market expressed interest in obtaining the liquor license that is currently held by The Corner municipal liquor store. Mr. Longmire stated he feels the municipal liquor store is losing money where it should be making a profit and if he had the operation, it would show a profit. Mayor Solberg explained how the profits from the liquor store are used and the fund is required to maintain a certain balance. No action was taken.

Electrical rates for 2022 were presented with a 3% increase. The increase would result in less than \$3.50 increase in residential statements. Council Member Folstad moved to approve the electrical rates effective January 1, 2022, seconded by Council Member Turner, all voted in favor, motion carried. New rates will be published in the paper of record and posted.

MAYOR/COUNCIL

Next Council Meeting will be November 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm. Meeting change will be posted and published in paper of record.

MEETING REPORTS

EDA – Discussion on Red's taking over city's liquor license. 2030 workshops conclusion and waiting for results of surveys.

PARKS & REC – no meeting

PLANNING & ZONING – Questioning if comp plan is going to be updated. Recommended changes to Accessory Building ordinance.

LIBRARY – They are still looking for parttime help. One volunteer has agreed to work one day a week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – no meeting

Council Member Turner moved to adjourn at 7:00 pm, seconded by Council Member Rohland, all approved, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted;

Attested by: _____

Julie Amundson

Clerk/Administrator