



**MINUTES OF THE WORK MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE, UTAH
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 50 SOUTH MAIN STREET
MARCH 18, 2008 – 5:15 P.M.**

The following are the minutes of the Work Meeting of the Springville City Council. The meeting was held on **Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 5:15 p.m.** in the Springville City Civic Center Council Chambers at 50 South Main Street, Springville, Utah. Adequate notice of this meeting, as required by law, was posted in the Civic Center and on the City's website, and delivered to members of the Council, media, and interested citizens.

Mayor Gene R, Mangum presided. In addition to Mayor Mangum, the following were present: Cl. Phillip Bird, Cl. Ben Jolley, Cl. Dean Olsen, Cl. Mark Packard, Cl. J. Niel Strong, City Administrator Troy Fitzgerald, City Attorney John Penrod, and City Recorder Venla Gubler. Also present were: Community Development Director Fred Aegerter, Finance Director David Allen, Lieutenant David Caron, Public Safety Director Scott Finlayson, Power Director Leon Fredrickson, Public Works Director Brad Stapley, and Library Director Pam Vaughn.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Mangum called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Minutes – There were no minutes.
2. Calendar – Mayor Mangum commented that this is the last formal meeting for month of March. The next Council meeting will be held on April 1.
3. Discussion on this evening's Regular Meeting agenda items – The assignments were noted. Mayor Mangum commented that there is a special meeting at 6:45 p.m.
4. **DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. **Presentation by the Utah County Department of Substance Abuse** – Pat Bird, Prevention Manager

Mayor Mangum turned the time over to Mr. Pat Bird. Mr. Bird presented the Council with items from the State's media campaign called "Parents Empowered." He reported that this media campaign highlights parents' role as the #1 influence on their children. The campaign gives parents tools and ideas to reach their children and prevent substance abuse.

Mr. Bird introduce his companion, Ms. Becky Canning. He reported that he has a PowerPoint presentation that gives the results of a survey done in the community. He noted that the City's recent survey found Springville residents' primary concern is substance and drug abuse. He would like to help the City with a community coalition to create a prevention program. They have grants and funding to offer Springville. First he would like to offer statistics from Springville High School and Springville Junior High School. The information comes from Nebo School District and Utah County Department of Substance Abuse Prevention.

Mr. Bird observed that contrary to the rumors heard, Springville has a healthy community. However, some work can be done in certain areas. It appears that the Council has the support and willingness of the community to support substance abuse prevention initiatives.

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This is Springville's prime opportunity. He defined a coalition as a form of community problem solving and disclosed that it entails a five step process. A coalition is a group of knowledge and skills that taken together create an effective core competency. Coalitions succeed with goals about preventing the onset and progression of substance abuse, including underage drinking. Coalitions extend thinking and results from individuals to a population level change.

Mr. Bird presented statistics from 8th, 10th, and 12th grades in 2005 and 2007. He reported that the survey was anonymous and compares Springville with the rest of Utah County and the State of Utah. He pointed out huge reductions from 2005 to 2007 in Springville, and lower rates of reported use than Utah County in general and the State of Utah. The sample size is 149 students from Springville High School and 159 students from Springville Jr. High. Cl. Strong asked about the statistical sample. Mr. Bird reported that the survey was performed by an independent firm and students were randomly chosen through a computer program. About a 5-percent sample was thrown out with an honesty question. Students had parent authorization to be included.

Cl. Jolley commented that he can see two real issues—one is that prescription drugs are higher than the State and County average by 7/10-percent. Mr. Bird agreed. Lt. Caron agreed that the incidence has increased over the years. He has seen a steady increase. Cl. Jolley observed that prescription drugs are not seen as "dirty drugs" in the DARE program. Lt. Caron commented that these drugs come from doctors. Parents make them accessible to their children. Mr. Bird observed that the need is to change attitudes. Adults have learned to ask for drugs by name from advertising. He emphasized that Springville's incidence is less than 10-percent. This amount is half the rates of the nation. Mayor Mangum asked why Springville is worst in the state for prescription drugs. Lt. Caron pointed out that Springville's rates are statistically insignificant, although there is more problem now than in the past. Mr. Conover suggested that doctors are overprescribing. Mr. Bird reported that the doctors have an ethical obligation to take care of pain.

Attorney Penrod asked if oxycontin is included in the opiate category. Mr. Bird replied that this substance is included in the prescription drugs. Attorney Penrod asked why meth is not on the list. Mr. Bird replied that meth is an adult issue and does not appear to be a problem for children. He reported that alcohol is the substance of choice for junior high students, but the incidence is cut in half by 12th grade. Administrator Fitzgerald asked a question about validation. The student survey asks about use in the last 30 days. He asked if the incidence for seniors is lower because the ones using have dropped out of school. Mr. Bird acknowledged that survey results may be distorted by drop outs, but Springville's drop out rate is very low. Lt. Caron agreed. He commented that some go to an alternative high school, but he has always been "astounded" by Springville's graduation rate. Administrator Fitzgerald commented that would like to isolate the good effort that is causing trend to happen so it can be emulated.

Mayor Mangum commented on the trend for experimentation in the 10th grade. Lt. Caron agreed. He commented that the loss of stability in Jr. High is common nationwide. Mr. Bird agreed that the transition to Jr. High is a risk factor. He presented data on admissions to Utah County facilities in 2000, 2003, 2004, and 2006. Heroin and opiates together is the #1 problem for adults, but marijuana and alcohol affect youth admissions. He presented data on where these admissions live by city. He admitted that the data may be skewed by a larger population getting caught in Santaquin, Spanish Fork and Springville. It may also be affected by socioeconomic factors. Parents in the north county area can afford private care more easily, and there are more treatment programs in the north end of the county.

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Lt. Caron commented that Springville adopted an enforcement program years ago that has now possibly been surpassed by Spanish Fork and Payson. He noted that sometimes offenders will turn themselves in rather than let themselves get caught. However, it is nice to know that the program is effective. Utah County provides more treatment for youth in the south end of the county. Mr. Bird reported nonillicit drug deaths in Utah. Springville lies right in the middle of the field. He commended Springville for their proactive choices. He asked if there were other questions.

Mayor Mangum asked if Mr. Bird could leave a copy of the survey. Mr. Bird reported that the data belongs to Nebo School District and can be obtained from them. Ms. Canning commented that Springville City Council and residents can work together to identify and create prevention programs that will produce a safe place to live. Cl. Jolley expressed appreciation for the County's efforts to educate the City Council for the benefit of the residents. Attorney Penrod asked the steps in creating a community coalition. Mayor Mangum asked for contact numbers and commented that this is a topic important to the Council and members of the community. Mr. Bird thanked the Council for their time. He reported that he had ordered Springville a start up kit on the steps to building a coalition.

b. Annual Report on the Springville City Victim Advocate Program – Colleen Coronado

Ms. Coronado referred to her report and noted that assaults have increased. Cl. Jolley asked if the court is recommending clients to her program, or if they come to her directly. Ms. Coronado replied that people come to her both ways, although most contact her because of word of mouth. She has also been making presentations to high school students, which increases her exposure. She has also received clients from attorneys who recommend her services.

Lt. Caron observed that Ms. Coronado does a great job with victims. She holds their hand and gives comfort to those who come to her. The job is thankless because the people want help, but they don't. Attorney Penrod reported that the prosecutor and court feel the same way. Her role is very beneficial. She has recently found some help too. Mayor Mangum commented that Springville's population is growing, but the statistics are holding or are less. Ms. Coronado reported that she handles what she can, and stays very busy. Lt. Caron commented that trends are cyclic, but Ms. Coronado helps people to learn how to solve problems without violence. The longer the program continues, the more positive impact for victims is created.

Mayor Mangum asked if Ms. Coronado was able to get the job done with the grant money only. Ms. Coronado replied that she cannot broaden the program, but the grant has enabled her to handle the current load. She admitted that she needs backup on occasion and noted that it is hard to be two places at one time. Mayor Mangum expressed appreciation for her hard work and helpful willingness to be a friend. The Council discussed the statistics and how they are counted. Administrator Fitzgerald suggested that the program request funding during the budget process.

Administrator Fitzgerald suggested that the discussion return to the community coalition. He asked for some ideas. Mr. Bird suggested working with the police and key leaders to identify and isolate a specific problem area. Once an issue is defined to work on, the programs and strategies can be created with support from the City. Mayor Mangum asked which leaders are the best and most effective to involve. Mr. Bird suggested business leaders, law enforcement, school, parents, and other local organizations who work to benefit youth. Mayor Mangum asked about

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solutions. Mr. Bird offered information on strategies, such as the “Clean-Out the Cabinet” message to parents, campaigns to reduce driving under the influence, retailer training, and other prongs to a comprehensive approach.

Mayor Mangum suggested involving the volunteer coordinator. Administrator Fitzgerald replied that he would suggest a more permanent committee or an ad hoc organization. Cl. Jolley suggested a careful choice of vested individuals who can fulfill the tactics rather than create strategies. He commented that the Chamber of Commerce could be involved. He noted that the City newsletter and website can be used to advantage. Mr. Bird agreed and suggested some bylaws and rules for the coalition. Mayor Mangum thanked Mr. Bird.

5. MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Airport Board Minutes of March 6, 2008
- b. Library Board of Trustees Minutes of February 21, 2008

Mayor Mangum drew attention to the minutes attached to the staff reports and asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

6. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Administrator Fitzgerald reported that the Museum has a new exhibit opening that is very special. He invited the Council to an opening reception and brunch on Saturday, March 29. He also asked if the Council would like to participate in a policy committee at the Utah League of Cities and Towns. He noted that those interested should contact him.

CLOSED SESSION, IF NEEDED – TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

CL. JOLLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN THE WORK MEETING AT 6:34 P.M. CL. STRONG SECONDED THE MOTION, AND ALL VOTED AYE.