

**CITY OF SPRINGBORO  
320 W. CENTRAL AVENUE, SPRINGBORO, OH**

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011**

**6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL**

**John Agenbroad, Mayor**

**Tom LaDu, Deputy Mayor      Marie Belpulsi**

**Jim Chmiel                              Sheila Lairson**

**Bruce Moore                             David Vomacka**

**CITY STAFF**

**Chris Thompson, City Manager**

**Chris Pozzuto, Assistant City Manager**

**Alan Schaeffer, Law Director**

**Lori Martin, Clerk of Council**

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Work Session to order on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Ave., Springboro, Ohio.

**ITEM 2. ATTENDANCE.** Council: All present. Staff: Ms. Thompson, Mr. Pozzuto, Police Chief Kruthoff, Mr. Schaeffer, and Ms. Martin were present.

**ITEM 3. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. –Three legislative agenda items were reviewed for February 17.**

- 1) **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FEES AND RATES FOR MONTHLY TRASH COLLECTION, THEREBY AMENDING APPENDIX A OF CHAPTER 1464 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO; REPEALING THE INCREASE TO THE CITY'S WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGES BASED ON THE INFLATIONARY INDEX AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 1464.04, APPENDIX A, OF CHAPTER 1464 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, REPEALING ANY INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES OTHERWISE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2011, 2012 AND 2013 AND IN LIEU OF ALL SUCH INCREASES, INCREASING THE CITY'S WATER RATES AND WASTEWATER RATES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2011, JANUARY 1, 2012 AND JANUARY 1, 2013; AND AMENDING PART TEN-STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES, TITLE FOUR-UTILITIES, CHAPTER 1050 STORM WATER, SECTION 1050.03 RATES AND COLLECTION OF CHARGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Mr. LaDu stated that he would comment on this legislation during tonight's Regular Meeting and present a slide show explaining the water and sewer rate increase.*

- 2) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH MAIN STREET FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

*No discussion.*

- 3) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ELECTRIC GENERATION SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH DPL ENERGY RESOURCES (DPLER) FOR MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS.

*Ms. Belpulsi stated that she would abstain from the vote on this item at tonight's Regular Meeting.*

**ITEM 4. CITY MANAGER. –Issues/Reports.**

**Water and Sewer Rates:** *Ms. Thompson stated that the Utility Department has received between twenty and fifty phone calls regarding the water and sewer rate increase, which is before Council this evening for a first reading. Most of the calls were from fixed income senior citizens. Ms. Thompson further stated that possibilities have been discussed by the Finance Committee that would ease some of the burden for individuals at certain income levels. Ms. Thompson also stated that Council has been supplied with copies of e-mails received by the Clerk of Council and staff. Ms. Thompson commented that one resident who contacted the City asked why tax revenue cannot go to the Water and Sewer Funds. Ms. Thompson explained that the majority of the property tax revenue goes to the County and Township, with the City receiving only 1.3 cents per dollar. Ms. Thompson further explained that income tax revenue goes to the General Fund and is not utilized to support the water and sewer enterprise funds. Ms. Thompson added that once this was explained to the resident, it seemed to clear up some confusion and they were satisfied.*

*Ms. Thompson commented that she would like to commend Utilities Supervisor Dee Mullins, Customer Service Manager Lois Boytim, and the rest of the staff involved for how they are handling residents' questions regarding the rate increase; everyone has done a great job.*

**Executive Session:** *Ms. Thompson requested an Executive Session, following the Work Session discussion, to consider the employment of a public employee.*

*At this time, Mayor Agenbroad requested an Executive Session under R.C.121.22(G), following the Work Session discussion, to consider the employment of a public employee.*

**Mr. LaDu motioned to enter Executive Session under R.C.121.22(G), following the Work Session discussion, to consider the employment of a public employee. Ms. Lairson seconded the motion.**

*No discussion.*

**VOTE: LaDu, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; Lairson, Yes. [7-0]**

**ITEM 5. CLERK OF COUNCIL. –Issues/Reports.**

**Goal Setting Session:** *Ms. Martin referred to the three-month calendar she distributed to Council Members showing Council's availability in regard to setting a date for a goal setting session. Upon review of the calendars, it appears that the first available dates would not be until April.*

*Ms. Thompson offered to prepare a list of Goals and Objectives based on last year's meeting and report on the status of those goals. In addition, she would include goals for 2011, based on input from Council, and present this information to Council electronically in the upcoming weeks for review.*

*Mr. Vomacka commented that there is no reason that goals established in 2011 must be met in the same calendar year. The goals are simply a guide, which outlines projects, etc. that Council would like to work toward accomplishing. Mr. Vomacka further commented that if the goals meeting was to be held after the first quarter of the year, it would still be beneficial.*

*After further discussion, it was the general consensus that it would be best to go forward with the goal setting session.*

Based on this conclusion, Ms. Thompson commented that presently there are no legislative items scheduled for the Thursday, April 21, 2011 Council Meeting. Following further discussion, it was decided that Council would reschedule the Thursday, April 21 Regular Meeting to April 7; thereby, conducting two Regular Meetings on April 7 in order to fulfill the requirements of the City Charter, which mandates that Council hold two regular meetings per month, and would hold the Goal Setting Session on Thursday, April 21 at 5:30 PM in the Community Room. There were no objections to the above stated meeting schedule changes.

**Related Party Transactions Questionnaire:** Ms. Martin confirmed that all Council Members received the Related Party Transaction Questionnaire, as required by the Auditor on an annual basis, and advised that Council return the completed form to her or mail it directly to the Auditor in the SASE provided.

**Calendar Update:** Ms. Martin reported that Marty Heide, Warren County Outreach Coordinator for the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. District, will be in the Community Room on Friday, February 25, 2011 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM conducting office hours on behalf of Congressman Mike Turner.

**Ohio Municipal League Legislative Luncheon:** Ms. Martin reminded Council that the OML Annual Legislative Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 in Columbus at the State House.

**Municipal League Breakfast:** Ms. Martin reported that she has registered all Council Members, who responded to the invitation to attend the breakfast this Saturday, February 19.

**Legal Committee Meeting:** Ms. Martin confirmed that all Legal Committee Members will be in attendance at the meeting on March 3, 2011 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers Conference Room.

**ITEM 6. CITY COUNCIL. –Issues/Reports.**

**Mr. Moore** – Mr. Moore will present a Tree Authority Report at tonight's Regular Meeting under Committee Reports.

**Mr. Chmiel** – No issues/reports.

**Ms. Belpulsi** – Ms. Belpulsi will present a Planning Commission Report at tonight's Regular Meeting under Committee Reports.

**Mr. Vomacka** – No issues/reports.

**Ms. Lairson** – No issues/reports.

**Mr. LaDu** – Mr. LaDu will present a Finance Committee Report at tonight's Regular Meeting under Committee Reports.

**Mayor Agenbroad** – Mayor Agenbroad stated that he would present a proclamation recognizing March 2011 as American Red Cross Month at tonight's Regular Meeting under Presentations.

**Executive Session:** At approximately 6:29 PM, City Council entered Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee.

**With no objections, City Council exited Executive Session at approximately 6:55 PM; whereby, no votes were taken.**

**ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT.** With no further discussion, Mayor Agenbroad adjourned the February 17, 2011 City Council Work Session at approximately 6:55 PM

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011

7:00 PM

COUNCIL

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**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting to order on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Springboro Municipal Building, 320 W. Central Avenue, Springboro, Ohio.

**ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Mayor Agenbroad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 3. ROLL CALL.** Agenbroad, Present; Belpulsi, Present; Chmiel, Present; LaDu, Present; Lairson, Present; Moore, Present; Vomacka, Present. Staff: Ms. Thompson, Mr. Pozzuto, Police Chief Kruthoff, Mr. Schaeffer, and Ms. Martin were present.

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2011.

Mr. Vomacka motioned to approve the Minutes of the City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting of February 3, 2011, as submitted. Ms. Lairson seconded the motion.

No corrections.

**VOTE: LaDu, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Chmiel, Abstain; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; Lairson, Yes. [6-0-1]**

**ITEM 5. PRESENTATIONS:** MAYOR JOHN AGENBROAD PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH TO THE DAYTON AREA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

At this time, Mayor Agenbroad presented a proclamation in recognition of March 2011 as American Red Cross Month. (A copy of the proclamation is attached for the record.) The proclamation will be forwarded to the Dayton Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.



**ITEM 6. LEGISLATION:** City Council held a Work Session at 6:00 PM tonight for approximately 29 minutes to discuss the following legislation as well as other City business. During the Work Session, Council entered Executive Session

for approximately 26 minutes to consider the employment of a public employee; whereby, no votes were taken.

- 1) **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE: FIRST READING.** "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FEES AND RATES FOR MONTHLY TRASH COLLECTION, THEREBY AMENDING APPENDIX A OF CHAPTER 1464 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO; REPEALING THE INCREASE TO THE CITY'S WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGES BASED ON THE INFLATIONARY INDEX AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 1464.04, APPENDIX A, OF CHAPTER 1464 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, REPEALING ANY INCREASE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES OTHERWISE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2011, 2012 AND 2013 AND IN LIEU OF ALL SUCH INCREASES, INCREASING THE CITY'S WATER RATES AND WASTEWATER RATES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2011, JANUARY 1, 2012 AND JANUARY 1, 2013; AND AMENDING PART TEN-STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES, TITLE FOUR-UTILITIES, CHAPTER 1050 STORM WATER, SECTION 1050.03 RATES AND COLLECTION OF CHARGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," was read by the Clerk of Council.

This is the first reading of an ordinance to amend fees and rates for water and sewer utilities and trash collection service and storm water utility.

Ms. Thompson deferred to Mr. LaDu to comment on this item. Mr. LaDu commented that the Finance Committee forwarded a recommendation to Council to increase water and sewer rates and as Chair of the Finance Committee he would like to comment on the recommendation. Mr. LaDu thanked staff for preparing and mailing the letter informing residents of the rate increases. Mr. LaDu explained how the City reached the decision to increase the water and sewer rates as follows: Along with the rest of Warren County during the 1980's and 1990's, Springboro's population grew dramatically adding thousands of new water and sewer users. During that time, the City insured we could purchase water from the City of Franklin if needed and imposed watering bans during the summer months; however, at the same time, our existing sewage treatment plant was getting close to overload. Seeing the impending infrastructure shortfalls, City Council approved the issuance of tens of millions of dollars worth of bonds to fund the construction of our own water treatment plant and to expand our sewage plant. Although expensive, these projects were designed to ensure Springboro would be self-sufficient for many decades. We also acquired property in Carlisle for well field development as our source of water; both good things. For many years, the usage fees, tap-in fees, and transfers provided the funds to make the nearly \$3 million annual debt payment by cost of living increases. The small increases annually only covered inflationary increases in labor, plant management, and other variable costs.

As our population growth has slowed, tap-in fees, capital recovery and other fees have also slowed, providing less and less revenue to help pay the debt payments. Because these funds have a dedicated source of revenue, the Ohio Revised Code classified these as Enterprise Funds, which implies they should be self-supporting, including debt payments, without transfers from other funds. Even with current levels of transfers, without an increase in rates, projections show both of these funds rapidly heading toward negative balances. For more than a year, Council's Finance Committee and staff have been reviewing dozens of scenarios to find the means to keep these funds out of the red, including cutting costs. Inherent with these funds, the opportunity to cut costs is minimal. Recurring costs are fairly fixed and only when something breaks or needs repair is there a spike in costs, like the \$200,000 needed to repair/replace the lining of a treatment pool at the water plant. These are not things that can be postponed like street paving; when you turn on the faucet, water must flow. Not only do we need additional revenue for the existing debt payments, we need to build a sufficient balance in these funds to pay for expensive maintenance to keep things running smoothly.

The proposed legislation will implement increases in the water and sewer rates over the next three years. In an effort to help mitigate the impact to our residents, a suspension in the Storm Water Utility and a reduction in Trash fees are also proposed.

No one wants to raise fees, but it needs to be done and needs to be done soon. Fortunately, we all have the ability to mitigate some of the financial impact by reducing our water usage. Finally, if residents have any questions, please contact the City Building at 748-4343.

Mr. LaDu's comments were accompanied by a slide presentation shown below.

<p><b>Water / Sewer Rates</b></p> <p>Why are rates being increased?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Population growth from 5,000- over18,000 residents from 1989-present</li><li>•Water plant construction = \$14M</li><li>•Sewer plant construction = \$18M<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Unfunded state mandates</li></ul></li><li>•Unfunded federal requirements<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General inflation</li></ul></li></ul>	<p><b>When will the new rates be effective?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•The new rates will become effective on April 1, 2011</li></ul> <p><b>How do the new rates effect me ?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•75% of all water and sewer customers use 5000 gallons of water or less per month</li><li>• at 5000 gallons per month the increase will result in an \$8.62/ per month increase the first year; \$13.90 /per month increase in year 2; and a \$7.89 /per month increase the 3<sup>rd</sup> year.</li></ul>	<p><b>What will the City do to minimize the rate increase ?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the storm water utility monthly fee of \$3.00 will be waived thru the remainder of 2011 and reduced by \$1.00 per month thru 2013</li><li>• each customer will receive a \$1.00 per month reduction on their trash fee for the next 3 years</li><li>• no cost of living increase for water and sewer for the next 3 years</li></ul>
<p>For questions please contact the City at 937-748-4343 and the Utility Department will be able to assist you in answering questions concerning your bill.</p>		

Mayor Agenbroad presented the item for questions/comments. No questions/comments.

**No action required at this time.**

- 2) **RESOLUTION R-11-9:** "A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH MAIN STREET FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This resolution represents the City's intention to appropriate certain lands located along the east side of South Main Street for sidewalk construction. The City has been working with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission to widen the bridge over Clearcreek to accommodate a sidewalk that would eventually lead to Springboro High School. Phase II of this project consists of constructing a sidewalk between Heather Glen and Heatherwoode Boulevard to Edinburgh Drive and the Springboro High School entrance; therefore, the sidewalk would extend all along the east side of south State Route 741. The City has to acquire land for that sidewalk, and this legislation declares the City's intention to acquire the land and notifies residents who own the land of the City's intent to appropriate that property in order to build the sidewalk.

Mayor Agenbroad presented the item for questions/comments. No questions/comments.

**Mr. LaDu motioned to adopt Resolution R-11-9. Ms. Lairson seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: LaDu, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; Lairson, Yes. (7-0)**

- 3) **RESOLUTION R-11-10:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ELECTRIC GENERATION SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH DPL ENERGY RESOURCES (DPLER) FOR MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into an electric generation supply agreement with DPL Energy Resources for municipal accounts. Ms. Thompson acknowledged and thanked

John Weithofer, Executive Director of the Miami Valley Communications Council, who did all of the work on this project. Springboro is not as highly impacted by this agreement as the other seven members of the MVCC communities, as Duke Energy provides most of these services to the City. The City has four accounts that this agreement will affect and will save money on those accounts. Currently, the City's billing for those accounts is about \$100 per month, but the City will save approximately \$2,000-3,000 over the course of a year by virtue of Mr. Weithofer's efforts. The four accounts serve streetlights located in the northern portion of Springboro, specifically McDaniels Drive, Glenridge Boulevard, and parts of South Tech Business Park.

Mayor Agenbroad presented the item for questions/comments. No questions/comments.

**Mr. Chmiel motioned to adopt Resolution R-11-10. Ms. Lairson seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: LaDu, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Belpulsi, Abstain; Chmiel, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; Lairson, Yes. (6-0-1)**

**ITEM 7. REPORTS: Mayor's Report** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. District Office Hours will be held on Friday, February 25, 1:00-2:00 PM in the Community Room. The next City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011 beginning with the Work Session at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, as scheduled. In addition, a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011 beginning at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers for the following: a request to rezone approximately 0.36 acres of land located at 10 Fairway Drive from O-R, Office-Residential District to PUD-O, Planned Unit Development-Office.

**City Manager's Report** – No report.

**Committee Reports** –

**Mr. Moore** – No reports.

**Mr. Chmiel** – No reports.

**Ms. Belpulsi – Planning Commission** – The Planning Commission met on Wednesday, February 9 in Work Session to review the following two items: Application for Rezoning – 945 West Central Avenue (SR 73), ED, Employment Center, to B-1, Highway Business District; Revision to Approved General Plan – The Springs PUD, Planned Unit Development. The Commission continued its discussion regarding the revision to the approved plan for The Springs PUD, which has been ongoing the past six or seven meetings. The Commission had a good discussion with the developer and the numerous residents in attendance. The next Planning Commission Formal Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, as scheduled.

**Mr. Vomacka** – No reports.

**Ms. Lairson** – No reports.

**Mr. LaDu – Finance Committee** – The Finance Committee met this evening at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers to discuss the water and sewer rate legislation on Council's agenda tonight and also directed staff to investigate ways to assist fixed income residents with respect to the water and sewer rate increase. The Committee hopes to come up with some ideas to help those folks even beyond the suspension of the storm water fee and the reduction in the trash fee. In addition, the Committee reviewed the year-end financials.

**ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS.** At this time, Mayor Agenbroad commented that during this evening's Work Session Council discussed altering Council's regular meeting schedule in April to hold two regular

meetings back-to-back on April 7 to satisfy the meeting requirement mandated by the City Charter and hold a Special Meeting on April 21 to discuss City goals.

**Ms. Belpulsi motioned to reschedule the Thursday, April 21 Regular Meeting to Thursday, April 7 directly following the April 7 Regular Meeting and to hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 21 to discuss City goals. Mr. Vomacka seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

**VOTE: Lairson, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes. [7-0]**

Ms. Martin will post the meeting schedule changes accordingly.

**ITEM 9. FINAL COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMENTS.** Mr. Moore commented that earlier this evening before the Work Session began, Chief Master Sergeant Greg Rush along with his son Austin stopped by to present a gift, an American Flag, to he and Mayor Agenbroad. These flags were flown in about seven different aircraft over Afghanistan during Sergeant Rush's tour of duty there. They were flown in an AC-10 Warhawk, MP1B Predator, MQ-9 Reaper, C130-J Super Hercules, MC12W Liberty, HH60Hawk Helicopter and were flown over the Kandahar Airfield where Sergeant Rush was stationed in Afghanistan. Sergeant Rush also presented Mr. Moore and Mayor Agenbroad with the Red Horse Medallion of his squadron. Mr. Moore thanked Sergeant Rush and his son Austin and their entire family including daughter Kaylen and wife Angie for the great sacrifice they made. Finally, Mr. Moore thanked all of our military wherever they are and wherever they are serving; we greatly appreciate the sacrifices they make to keep America safe and secure. Again, thank you to Chief Master Sergeant Greg Rush for his service.

Mayor Agenbroad stated that he echoed and appreciated Mr. Moore's comments.

Mayor Agenbroad also commented that this past Saturday a Valentine's Dance was held at Heatherwoode with 48 people in attendance. The Heatherwoode Staff did a great job with the dance, and the food was outstanding. They plan to host another dance next year and will get the invite out to residents.

At this time, Mayor Agenbroad also recognized the scouts that were in attendance.

**ITEM 10. GUEST COMMENTS. 1) Donald Marks, 13 Wilbur Lane in Settlers Walk, Springboro –** Mr. Marks thanked the Council for a clear communication regarding the City's plan to implement increases in water and sewer service rates over the next three years. He commended Council on their willingness to, as he would say "kick the hornets' nest" on this matter; however, looking around the room he may be the only "bee in the bonnet." Mr. Marks also thanked Ms. Martin for her time the other day when they talked about this issue, as it was the first time he had ever been to the City Building. Mr. Marks further commented that the rate table speaks clearly to the increase in combined water and sewer rates of 59.7% over a three-year period with a 2.5% COLA adjustment in the fourth year that brings it to 63% over a four-year period just for the water and sewer without regard to the reduction in the trash fee, which he hopes the City is saving money by only doing the bi-weekly collection of the recyclables. Also, Mr. Marks stated that he never did understand the surface water utility; he does not know where that money went or where it is going. With consideration given for the adjustments, the overall percentage rate increase is 46% over four years, 23% in the first year, 17.5% is the second year, and 10% in the third year. Mr. Marks stated that, in his mind, they are somewhat excessive increases and might constitute a burden on some of our citizens. Mr. Marks further stated that he thinks few people will average a 23% increase in their salaries or certainly anyone on a fixed income is not necessarily going to be increasing their income by 10.5%, which is the average over those four years. Mr. Marks commented that he understands that City revenues are down and based on hearing Mr. LaDu's comments a little while ago –he thanked Mr. LaDu for his discussion– about the reserves and the

fact that they were extremely low he can adjust his comment regarding reserves to state that we all like to have a reserve to fix the roof or put braces on the kids, but unfortunately we have to go to credit very often when that happens and you already mentioned bond issues and he does not know what all is involved in a bond issue for anticipated expenditures for capital improvements and things like that, but finally he recognizes the fact that the issue has been addressed carefully by the Finance Committee and that this may be the only course of action that the City can take and so be it, but he would hope that there could be some more consideration and maybe residents would be involved in communicating with you relative to these increases. Mr. Marks further commented that it is his understanding that the sewer rate is linked directly to water usage and if that is correct would it be a possible consideration that since we have in our records and can calculate the average usage for every home for nine months of the year, September through May, and for those summer months of June, July, and August when the citizens are watering their lawns and not putting that water into the sewer system; could we adjust rates so that anything above the average for those three months for each household might be considered for the sewer rate. Mr. Marks thanked Council for their time.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked Mr. Marks for his time and comments.

Mr. LaDu asked Ms. Thompson to address the sewer deduction during the summer months.

Ms. Thompson explained that the City does have a sewer reduction program for those summer months. Ms. Thompson stated that she honestly could not give Mr. Marks the exact calculation, but she thinks it is based on the household's average usage the prior year. Ms. Thompson explained that the Utility Supervisor takes the household average for the prior year and reduces the summer sewer rate to reflect the fact that not all of the water used is in fact going into the sewer system. Ms. Thompson confirmed for Mr. Marks that water usage and sewer usage are directly linked and an adjustment for sewer usage is made. Ms. Thompson stated that if Mr. Marks would like to share his e-mail address with her after the meeting, she would be happy to provide that calculation to him. Ms. Thompson added that there was a resident in Settlers Walk that she sent the calculation to last year because the same thing came up with respect to the homeowners association irrigation system and the fact that the City does not charge for the water that goes into the sewage system. Again, Ms. Thompson stated that she would be happy to send Mr. Marks that information.

Mr. Marks thanked Ms. Thompson and will provide her with his contact information after the meeting.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked Mr. Marks commenting that he appreciated that Mr. Marks came to the meeting to express his opinions this evening further commenting that Mr. Marks is carrying the load for the folks sitting at home thinking about it, and he does appreciate it. Mayor Agenbroad added that Council deliberated on this issue for six months to a year and the last thing they wanted to do this year was to increase the rates, but they did not want those fund balances to drop so low that the City would have to institute some of those huge increases that some of the other cities are experiencing now; therefore, Council wanted to make sure the City was financially healthy by taking everything into consideration. Again, the Mayor stated that he appreciated Mr. Marks' time this evening.

Mr. Marks thanked Mayor Agenbroad.

**ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION.** No Executive Session.

**ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT.** Mayor Agenbroad thanked the MVCC for tonight's telecast and scheduled rebroadcasts of this Springboro City Council Meeting.

Mr. Vomacka motioned to adjourn the meeting; whereby, the Thursday, February 17, 2011 Springboro City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:26 PM. Ms. Lairson seconded the motion.

VOTE: LaDu, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Moore, Yes; Vomacka, Yes; Lairson, Yes. [7-0]

—MEETING ADJOURNED—

John H. Agenbroad

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John H. Agenbroad, Mayor

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Presiding Officer

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Lori A. Martin, Clerk of Council