

CITY OF SPRINGBORO
425 S. PIONEER BOULEVARD, SPRINGBORO, OH

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008

6:00 PM

COUNCIL

John Agenbroad, Mayor

Marie Belpulsi, Deputy Mayor
Scott Anderson
Sheila Lairson

Jim Chmiel
Tom LaDu
John D. Parise

CITY STAFF

Chris Thompson, City Manager

Chris Pozzuto, Assistant City Manager
Jeff Kruthoff, Police Chief

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, October 2, 2008 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the City's temporary facility in the Dalco Building, 425 S. Pioneer Boulevard, Springboro, Ohio.*

ITEM 2. ATTENDANCE. *No absences.*

ITEM 3. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA. *–Two legislative agenda items were reviewed for the October 2, 2008 City Council Regular Meeting.*

- 1) **ORDINANCE: THIRD READING.** *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 244.29 (C)(2), 244.29(D)(2) AND 244.29(G)(3), TRAVEL AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, CHAPTER 244, EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, TITLE SIX – ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, OHIO.*

No discussion.

- 2) **RESOLUTION:** *A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STONE EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF "WEST MILL STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS."*

Ms. Thompson pointed out that based on the lowest bid received from Stone Excavating the engineers were able to recalculate the City's share of the cost for the project, which reduced the cost from \$594,080.00, as stated in the legislative cover memorandum, to \$450,122.10. Ms. Thompson commented that the City was able to save money on this worthwhile project.

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

Road Salt: *Ms. Thompson informed Council that a supplemental appropriation ordinance for road salt would be presented at the next meeting. Ms. Thompson explained that the road salt situation this year has become critical for the entire region and throughout the state including ODOT. The City's last road salt bid was \$141*

per ton. The Hamilton County Purchasing Consortium will make its fourth attempt to bid for salt next week. Hamilton County did not receive any bids after their last attempt. Ms. Thompson mentioned that there is a rumor of a company in southwest Ohio willing to sell salt at \$50 per ton. If this information is true, Hamilton County will seek them out and Springboro will be on the list of bidders. The City is buying about 1,800 tons of salt, which is an estimate of what the City needs to get safely through the season. The City has 800 tons of salt on hand, but the 1,800 tons of salt still needed will result in a supplemental of \$250,000. Ms. Thompson explained that there is still no logic behind the salt bids including the bids received through SWOP4G. Other counties and communities received substantially lower bids and others did not receive bids at all including Springboro and Franklin. However, Clearcreek Township and Franklin Township did receive bids. The cities have asked OML to follow up with the Attorney General's Office to look into the matter, and supposedly they are going to ask the salt mine operators in Lake Erie to increase production.

Ms. Belpulsi asked if there was a possibility that Clearcreek Township could purchase a surplus of salt and the City could then buy salt from the Township? Ms. Thompson explained that if the City knew this situation was going to occur before the Township put their bid in that might have been possible, but now the Township is locked into buying what they asked for because the supply is limited.

Mr. Schaeffer confirmed that the Attorney General's Office is looking into the situation. Mayor Agenbroad asked if a determination were made against the salt suppliers, would they credit that money back to the communities? Ms. Thompson commented that it would probably take years to pursue that option. Mr. Schaeffer commented that if a lawsuit is filed and restitution is part of the suit, then it could be a possibility.

Mr. Parise asked if the cost was based on a shortage of salt or the transportation of salt? Ms. Thompson answered that the suppliers are claiming the cost is based on a shortage of salt. Mr. Schaeffer explained that the shortage is due to the fact that the salt has not been mined because there is no shortage of salt. Ms. Thompson commented that supposedly under Lake Erie are the most prolific salt mines in the country, but none of it stays in the State of Ohio. Ms. Thompson added that there is salt to be had, but it has to be mined and it is not being mined. Mr. Parise asked what makes this year so different from any other year? Ms. Thompson answered that the suppliers have elected not to boost production. Mr. Parise asked if this is actually a manufactured situation rather than a natural one? Ms. Thompson replied yes, which is why the Attorney General is looking into it.

Ms. Belpulsi inquired regarding the company in the southwest rumored to be selling salt at \$50 per ton? Ms. Thompson explained that Hamilton County is going out for bids again next week and the City should know more about that opportunity then. Ms. Thompson reiterated that Springboro would be on the list of bidders for that company.

Ms. Thompson also commented that salt is not a capital item; therefore, it must be taken from the General Fund and transferred to the Street Fund, as the Street Fund does not have a surplus of funds.

Ms. Belpulsi asked if the City is taking any other measures besides salt to keep road conditions safe during winter weather? Ms. Thompson replied yes, the City has brine tanks, which can be used under certain conditions and will help if the City has advanced notice of the weather conditions.

In addition, Ms. Thompson mentioned that the raw mulch at North Park created from mulching the windstorm debris is available to residents for pick up. The City will advertise the free untreated mulch on the website.

Windstorm Follow-up: Ms. Thompson, Finance Director Robyn Brown, and Public Works Director Barry Conway will meet with FEMA next week regarding a reimbursement for expenses incurred by the City due to the extended power outage. City expenses resulting from the power outage amounted to approximately \$260,000, which covers everything from equipment to fuel. Again, members of the administrative staff will interview with FEMA at Warren County on Monday.

New City Building: The wall that was knocked down during the windstorm has been restored. The elevator shaft is poured and they are preparing to construct a mock-up of the brick. John Fabelo (Architect) would like to see the brick and stone mock-up before the final construction of the walls. The building slab will be

poured in halves. The slab and all of the interior floor work will be complete by November 13 according to the schedule.

Ms. Lairson asked if they could pour the slab in the cold weather? Ms. Thompson replied yes, they do not anticipate that the weather will affect this part of the construction.

2008 Street Resurfacing Program: This year's street resurfacing program is behind because the asphalt plants were closed due to the power outage caused by the windstorm. The program should be finished toward the end of October, which is unusually late. The contractor is currently working on the concrete on Springwood and other streets that were scheduled for replacement this year.

Ms. Belpulsi asked if the cost of the street resurfacing contract was locked in because she read in the newspaper that some of the northern cities like Troy and Tipp City are not resurfacing this year due to the increased costs of asphalt? Ms. Thompson replied yes; the City's contract is locked in. She explained that the contract was bid in the spring and accepted in the summer in order to begin the work in the fall.

New City Building IT Services: Two bids were received for IT Services for the new building, which includes Council Chambers. The bids were substantially different in cost and Architect John Fabelo will be asking for more information regarding the differential. One of the two bidders is a local company, but costs twice as much as the other bidder. Ms. Thompson commented that Computer Systems Administrator Matt Lang, Lori Martin, Chris Pozzuto, and she will be involved in certain aspects of the IT Services for the new building.

Ms. Belpulsi asked if the IT Services would include computer screens for Council Chambers? Ms. Thompson explained that this bid is not for equipment, but rather the system design and cabling. The staff members mentioned above will be meeting with the contractor to discuss how to incorporate visual presentations and coordinate with MVCC for video and broadcasting.

Austin Road Interchange Update: There will be a lot a work and time committed to the Austin Interchange project over the next several months. The next step in the process is to work out the details of the SIB loan and terms of financing. The Austin Interchange is the only project being bid this December, which is good because ODOT will not be bogged down with numerous project bids at the same time. Also, the Governor will be in Miamisburg on October 16 because Miamisburg is receiving some type of community recognition. While Governor Strickland is visiting, he will tour the Austin Interchange area and will receive a 20-25 minute presentation prepared by Montgomery County regarding the interchange project, which will include information on the economic impact of the interchange and the regionalism that occurred with the project. Ms. Thompson encouraged Council Members to attend, as they would like a good turn out of elected officials from all of the participating jurisdictions to show that everyone is still on board with the program and anxiously waiting for construction to begin in December. The Mayors will be making part of the presentation. The meeting will be held at 10:00 AM in downtown Miamisburg in the Market Square Building.

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

Calendar Update: 3rd U.S. District Representative Office Hours for October have been canceled, but Congressman Turner's Outreach Coordinator Marty Heidi will be here tonight with a report from the congressional office. Beggar's Night is Thursday, October 30, 6:00-8:00PM.

Upcoming Events: Springboro Day at Heatherwoode, Sunday, October 12, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM, cookout on the deck. Warren County Municipal League monthly meeting/dinner, Wednesday, October 15 at Shaker Run Golf Club beginning at 6:00 PM. Ms. Belpulsi commented that the program for this month's WCML membership meeting would be presentations from the area City Managers. Springboro Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner, Monday, October 20 at the Dayton Wright Brothers Airport, Aviation Sales Hangar beginning at 6:00 PM. Ms. Martin will RSVP based on Council's availability.

2008 Charter Amendments – Copies of the "2008 Proposed Charter Amendments" information piece mailed to residents on October 1 and the legal advertisement published in the Star Press for two consecutive weeks on October 2 and October 9 were distributed to Council. This information is also posted on the City's

website for reference. Springboro households should begin receiving the information next week in preparation for the November 4 election.

Upcoming Council Meeting Schedule: The City's CIP will be presented at the Council Work Session on October 16 beginning at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers. The City's Budget will be presented at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers.

ITEM 6. CITY COUNCIL. –Issues/Reports.

Mr. LaDu – No issues/reports.

Mr. Parise – Mr. Parise will present a Park Board report at tonight's City Council Regular Meeting under Reports. Mr. Parise will specifically report on the E. Milo Beck Park dedication ceremony held tonight at 5:45 PM. Mr. Parise also stated that he would have some closing comments regarding a relief fund drive for the Deem Family.

Mr. Chmiel – No issues/reports.

Ms. Lairson – No issues/reports.

Mr. Anderson – Mr. Anderson reported that he attended the OML Annual Conference in Columbus yesterday. He also received an appointment to the Resolutions Committee, which he participated in during the conference. Mr. Anderson attended several conference seminars and commented that it was a great turn out with 200 plus guests at the opening luncheon.

Ms. Belpulsi – Ms. Belpulsi will present a Planning Commission report at tonight's City Council Regular Meeting under Reports.

Mayor Agenbroad – No issues/reports.

At this time, Chief Kruthoff briefly commented that Springboro resident John Moore was recently seriously injured in Springboro. Mr. Moore was a former Clearcreek Firefighter, and a very good friend of the Mayor's son. Mr. Moore is currently working for the Kettering Fire Department and was helping a neighbor in the midst of the recent windstorm when he received a tremendous head injury and significant spinal damage. It appears that Mr. Moore could potentially be a paraplegic as a result of the injuries. There is a fundraiser for the Moore Family next Friday and there are a couple of relief fund accounts accepting donations, one at National City Bank and another through the Southbrook Church. Chief Kruthoff commented that he knows Mr. Moore, as they serve together on the safety committee for Southbrook Church. Also, Mr. Moore is a good friend of a number of police officers and firefighters. A flyer was circulated regarding the fundraiser to be held on Friday. All of the union trades are going to make Mr. Moore's house handicap accessible.

Mayor Agenbroad will comment on the John Moore Fund once again at tonight's City Council Regular Meeting.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT. With no further discussion, Mayor Agenbroad adjourned the October 2, 2008 City Council Work Session at approximately 6:40 PM.

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ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting to order on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the City's temporary facility in the Dalco Building located at 425 S. Pioneer Boulevard, Springboro, Ohio.

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

ITEM 3. ROLL CALL. Agenbroad, Present; Anderson, Present; Belpulsi, Present; Chmiel, Present; LaDu, Present; Lairson, Present; Parise, Present.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING.

Mr. LaDu motioned to approve the Minutes of the September 18, 2008 City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting as submitted by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Belpulsi seconded the motion.

No corrections.

VOTE: Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Parise, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Lairson, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes. [APPROVED 7-0]

ITEM 5. PRESENTATIONS: MVCC QUARTERLY UPDATE – TOM IRELAND, INTERIM DIRECTOR. Mr. Ireland presented an MVCC (Miami Valley Communications Council) by commenting on some of the services that the MVCC provides as follows: The MVCC's Municipal Training Academy provides training for elected officials and employees of the member municipalities and affiliate municipalities. Three courses coming up next month are: Confined Space Entry, Hazard Communication, and Fall Protection. These courses have proven to be extremely effective for the municipalities saving each one a lot of money and providing some educational services that cities might not be able to receive otherwise. Another MVCC program is the Best Practices Teams, traditionally referred to as the Affinity Groups, which include GovTech, City Managers of the member cities meet monthly to talk about leadership and technology initiatives, the Alliance for Public Service Officials, which meets approximately once every two months to talk about city service issues and

cooperative service related issues, the Community Information Managers meet periodically to share ideas about making information about the communities available to the citizens in a constantly improving manner, the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit, which is an affiliation of all the member city police chiefs who meet once per month as well as police agents who meet periodically to discuss best practices and ideas for improving safety for the citizens, and the Municipal Training Academy Committee, which is composed of staff members from the various cities who put together the training curriculum for the coming months. The MVCC also provides emergency response services, which all of the cities took advantage of during the recent windstorm. One of those services is the CodeRed System, which is capable of reaching approximately 60,000 citizens per hour through a telephone alerting service provided by the MVCC. The telephone alerting service can be sent to a list or it can be sent to a geographical area as small as a few houses or as large as an entire municipality. Another mode of communication is the scrolling message capability provided on the MVCC channels, which are scrolling messages at the bottom of the screen that alert citizens to various situations occurring within the community. The MVCC also has a mobile video production unit, which the MVCC can dispatch to a scene, and hopefully in the future will be able to transmit video from the unit. The mobile video production unit also doubles as a mobile command post for the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit. The MVCC also has one individual on staff that develops web pages for the communities as well as for the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit. The MVCC provides a variety of video services and operates four television channels. The Springboro City Council Meetings are aired live on Channel 6. City Council Meetings are also placed in the MVCC archives and are available for streaming over the Internet for approximately one year. This City Council meeting will be rebroadcast five or six times over the next two weeks to give citizens a chance to see it. The MVCC also provides television production courses for citizens. Citizens that take those courses often end up being MVCC volunteers and help produce videos for member cities. The MVCC has an excellent studio and many cities have taken advantage of it. The studio was used this afternoon for the League of Women Voters, as they were interviewing various candidates for state and local office. The MVCC also has an individual on staff that does police surveillance video enhancement, and he has received an award from the FBI for his work. Upcoming MVCC events include the Game of the Week. The MVCC televises the high school football game of the week each week. The Game of the Week this week is Miamisburg at Springboro for the Springboro Homecoming on October 3. The MVCC also produces Springboro's "45066" show, which Mayor Agenbroad is involved with. It is a 30-minute monthly show, which has been produced for seven years. The MVCC will also be broadcasting the Springboro Christmas Festival Parade using the mobile video production unit. Mr. Ireland closed his comments by requesting that he would like to hear from Council concerning anything the MVCC is doing right and anything they are doing wrong or anything they are not doing that Council would like the MVCC to do. Mr. Ireland thanked City Council for their time this evening.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked Mr. Ireland for his presentation.

ITEM 6. LEGISLATION: City Council held a Work Session at 6:00 PM tonight for approximately 40 minutes to discuss the following legislation as well as other City matters.

- 1) **ORDINANCE O-08-34: THIRD READING.** "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 244.29 (C)(2), 244.29(D)(2) AND 244.29(G)(3), TRAVEL AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, CHAPTER 244, EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, TITLE SIX – ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, OHIO," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This is the third reading of an ordinance amending Travel and Miscellaneous Expenses, Chapter 244, Employees Generally. This legislation will amend the travel section of the City code to allow for a choice for an employee or Member of Council between the process that the City currently uses, which requires detailed receipts to be submitted for all actual travel expenses or for an employee or Member of Council to seek a per diem rate. The per diem rates are established by the General Services Administration, as required for the Federal Internal Revenue Service. The rates are well established by that particular division of the government. If a per diem were chosen, that would be the rate of reimbursement the traveler would receive.

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

Ms. Belpulsi motioned to adopt Resolution O-08-34. Mr. Chmiel seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Parise, Yes; LaDu; Yes; Lairson, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes. [APPROVED 7-0]

- 2) **RESOLUTION R-08-44:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STONE EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF "WEST MILL STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This resolution authorizes a contract with Stone Excavating, Inc. for the construction of the "West Mill Street Roadway Improvements." This project would widen and reprofile West Mill Street between S. Main Street and the east side of the bridge over Twin Creek. The length of this project is approximately 1,800 ft. The project is an Issue II funded project, which will require the City to pay 51% of the cost and the Ohio Department of Transportation to pay 49% of the cost. The City's share was originally estimated to be approximately \$594,000, but when the bids came in, as the legislation documents, Stone Excavating bid \$882,592, 51% of that amount being lower than the original estimate at \$450,122. Staff has recommended that Stone Excavating be approved for this Issue II project.

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

Ms. Lairson motioned to adopt Resolution R-08-44. Mr. LaDu seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Lairson, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Parise, Yes; LaDu; Yes. [APPROVED 7-0]

ITEM 7. REPORTS:

Mayor's Report – Mayor Agenbroad reported that he and City Manager Chris Thompson attended a meeting today with officials of Montgomery County, Miamisburg, and Miami Township to discuss the Austin Interchange Project. The project is going well and construction will be underway in the spring of 2009 with a late 2010 completion date. Mayor Agenbroad also reminded the community that John Moore was injured in the community trying to help someone during the recent windstorm. Mr. Moore lives in Springboro and used to work in the community as a firefighter, and still is a firefighter. There will be a fundraiser for Mr. Moore on October 17 from 6:00-9:00 PM at Southbrook Church, 9095 Washington Church Road. Tickets are \$20/individual or \$50/family. If possible, please help the Moore Family. The next General Election is November 4, 2008. The voter registration deadline is October 6; the Board of Elections office will be open until 9:00 PM on that day. For questions about voting, please contact the Board of Elections at 513-695-1358 or 937-425-1358. Please exercise your right to vote. Springboro Day at Heatherwoode will be hosted by the City on Sunday, October 12. The 3rd U.S. District Representative Office Hours scheduled for Friday, October 24 have been canceled. Springboro Beggar's Night is Thursday, October 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The next City Council Work Session will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers to accommodate the City's annual CIP presentation. The next City Council Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, as scheduled. All meetings will be held at the City's temporary facility in the Dalco Building located at 425 S. Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, unless otherwise posted.

City Manager's Report – Ms. Thompson commented that she was not in attendance at the last Council Meeting, but she knows Council was very gracious in thanking staff for all of their efforts during the power outage caused by the windstorm. Ms. Thompson would also like to commend the staff for their efforts. There were a great many members of staff both salaried and hourly who stayed extra hours and worked. Ms. Thompson reported that on Monday the City would be meeting with FEMA through the Warren County Emergency Management Administration to seek reimbursement for some of the City's costs. To give

residents a sense of what is involved, the City's efforts to clean up or collect debris, the debris site that the City established at North Park, the rental of equipment, the fuel and generators to operate the City's water and sewer plants, lift stations, and booster stations, etc. during the power outage totaled about \$260,000. Warren County will be assisting all of the county communities in trying to recoup some of those funds from FEMA.

Committee Reports –

Mr. LaDu – No reports.

Mr. Parise – Park Board – The Park Board invited City Council and other distinguished guests to the dedication of E. Milo Beck Park. The event was fun for all attendees with popcorn and apple cider and a panoramic view. Mr. Parise added that this new park will be a real feather in the City's cap.

Mr. Chmiel – No reports.

Ms. Lairson – No reports

Mr. Anderson – No reports.

Ms. Belpulsi – Planning Commission – The Planning Commission met in formal session on Wednesday, September 24 to consider the following item: Site Plan Review – 5 Greenwood Lane, northwest corner of West Central Avenue (SR 73) and Greenwood Lane, reuse of the building for a Chipotle Restaurant, which will be coming to town sometime next Spring. The City welcomes Chipotle to the Springboro business community. The next Planning Commission Work Session will be held on October 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, as scheduled.

ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS. Ms. Martin made the following comments regarding the 2008 Proposed Charter Amendments: As Mayor Agenbrood mentioned, Election Day is right around the corner and the City would like Springboro voters to know that Springboro has one issue on the ballot this November, which is the 2008 Proposed Charter Amendments. Every eight years the City reviews the Charter with the help of nine citizens appointed by Council, which form the Charter Review Commission. This year's Charter Review Commission and Council invested a great deal of time and effort into the proposal of changes, working with staff, legal counsel and consulting the charters of numerous area cities, with the intent to bring the Charter up-to-date with modern trends in City policies and practices, in compliance with state law, or to simply remove obsolete language. The proposal includes a large number of recommendations many of which may appear minor, but are important in their own right and were necessarily recommended. By the end of next week, every household in the City of Springboro should have received information and the full text of the proposed Charter Amendments in their mailbox. The City asks voters to please take the time to review the amendments and to consider supporting this effort to strengthen the City's Charter, which serves as the foundation of Springboro government. When considering the proposed Charter amendments, the City would ask that voters please keep in mind that the amendments do not make any changes to Springboro's form of government or representation or affect the City's day-to-day operations and services, and above all, do not increase City taxes or fees of any kind. The information citizens will receive includes a sample of the ballot question, which has been assigned Issue Number 15 on the November election ballot. Information regarding the Charter Amendments is also posted on the City's website and will appear in the local Star Press newspaper the next two weeks. The City thanks voters for their consideration. It was a long process this year, and the nine citizens that served on the Charter Review Commission put a lot of time and effort into their report. Again, the City asks for the voters' support on Issue 15 for the City of Springboro.

ITEM 9. FINAL COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMENTS. Mr. Parise made the following statement: On behalf of the Deem Family who lost their home due to a fire during the power outage, he would like to thank his neighbor Jessica Brown and Sherrie Herald who works at the local YMCA for helping put together this relief fund for the Deem Family. He especially would like to thank the good folks of Springboro who opened up

their hearts and wallets to help ease the trauma that the Deem Family is obviously experiencing. Thank you Springboro.

ITEM 10. GUEST COMMENTS. 1) **Benjamin Jones, Springboro** – Mr. Jones commented that he reviewed the Council Meeting minutes from the last month and a half and he did not see this particular topic come up and based on what he has personally witnessed felt this was a trend the Council should be made aware of. It involves a potential legal issue as well as, and this may be the bigger issue, a safety issue. He is speaking about Clearcreek Park. He is a coach there and he knows that the City recently expanded the parking arrangement there; however, at certain times of the day especially on Saturday mornings we exceed the amount of parking there in such a way that there is nowhere else to park; therefore, people are forced to park on the grass. Lately, the Springboro Police Department has been pretty strictly enforcing ordinance 646.13. He does have it memorized verbatim, but it has to do with parking on City grass. They have been ticketing heavily, and the fine is around \$120. It is very disappointing, and he thinks it makes us as a City look kind of bad because it is a "catch 22" situation. Parents and grandparents and friends and family have no alternative but to park on the grass in some cases. How has this become a safety issue? Well, now folks are vying for these last available spots or trying to get one that is about to become available. And, he has seen on two separate occasions kids that were almost hit by a vehicle. He coaches five year olds and there are a lot of little ones running around; it is really chaotic. He would invite Council if they do not believe him to go down there at about 10:25 AM on Saturday morning, and they will see what he means. The police cannot even find a place to park when they are writing tickets; it is rather frustrating. He has talked with other coaches and parents about it, and they are rather upset. Obviously, at this point in the season it is too late, but he would say in the long term there would need to be some dialogue opened up with the various leagues that participate such as the youth soccer leagues, etc. and maybe spread out the games a little bit to allow for proper parking. Short term, he does not believe that Council is out to generate revenue from the citizens in this manner. It is probably an oversight on something that has developed and grown, and we have more and more kids, and it just continues. He asks that the Council consider this and look into this and maybe call off the hounds a little bit and maybe make an exception or maybe even create an overflow area. He could talk with someone offline, maybe the City Manager, about an area that is away from the actual fields that would be safe and easy access to allow for the surplus of cars that we have. Mr. Jones thanked Council for their attention.

Mayor Agenbrood thanked Mr. Jones for his comments. Mayor Agenbrood also commented that the City has been looking into this issue, and will continue to look into it.

Ms. Thompson commented that the City has always tried to work with the Baseball Association and the Soccer Association through all of these issues. It is her understanding that the Police Department issued three tickets last weekend. But, regardless of how many tickets were given, the City has always tried to work through the league presidents and the associations concerning this issue. Ms. Thompson explained that part of the problem, she agrees with him, is scheduling because they schedule a game when another game ends and there is no opportunity for one group to leave while the other is arriving. The City does not do the scheduling, the association does, and therefore that might be something that the members of the association could help with to relieve the situation by just giving maybe a fifteen-minute leeway period. The leagues have talked about it for years, but no one seems to really adhere to it. Ms. Thompson continued her comments by stating that the other issue is that not everybody playing on the fields is from Springboro. The City does not keep Clearcreek Township residents from playing at its facilities because those kids go to school together and we do not think as a Council and as a City that it is appropriate to say that if a child is not living in the City limits they cannot play, but that does cause a burden of over 1,000 kids on those fields. Ms. Thompson commented that there is no easy answer. She also stated that she does not adhere to giving tickets on a regular basis in mass quantities, and she wants Mr. Jones to know that that is not what the City is trying to do or did. Ms. Thompson commented that she agrees with him that there are situations where it is unsafe because there is just so much activity and she does think that scheduling has a great deal to do with that. Ms. Thompson further commented that she was a parent in Springboro for the entire time her children were growing up and was very active in both the Baseball and Soccer Associations, and she does have a sense and knows what Mr. Jones is talking about. She added that, at that time, they only had one park where the kids could play. At least now, the City is able to provide North Park and Clearcreek Park for play. Again, Ms. Thompson stated that she agrees with Mr. Jones, she knows what he is saying, and she

knows it is congested, but she thinks they need to work together, and if Mr. Jones could encourage maybe a representative from the coaches or the association president to give the City a call to see if everyone could work together on scheduling issues, the City would be happy to do it. Ms. Thompson further commented that the City put a lot of money into the paving and parking at Clearcreek Park. Also, the City just purchased 3.88 acres of additional land to the west of the park, and in good conditions they could possibly make that an overflow area where the field is, but Ms. Thompson also shared with Mr. Jones that traditionally when the City has provided an overflow parking area, people would not walk that far to park. Ms. Thompson closed her comments by stating that there are a lot of different issues concerning the parking situation at the parks, and she does appreciate Mr. Jones comments. She followed up by stating that if Mr. Jones can help the City or if he could ask the association to sit down with the City that would be great.

Mr. Jones stated that he was only a volunteer. Ms. Thompson stated that she knows he is a volunteer and knows that the presidents of the associations are volunteers also, but the City cannot help to relieve the problem if staff cannot speak to anybody. She added that it is hard to work together, if nobody follows up. Again, Ms. Thompson asked if an association representative could give the City a little time, staff would be happy to sit down with them. Otherwise, there are things that she certainly thinks the City could suggest that might help a little, but it will never get fixed because Springboro does not have the land to provide all of the parking and the fields at the same time unless the Township starts building some parks that City children can use also and work together regionally on this issue, but the City will try to make the parks safer.

- 2) **Marty Heide, 7861 Dearpath Court, Springboro** – Ms. Heide introduced herself as the Warren County Outreach Coordinator for Congressman Mike Turner representing the 3rd U.S. District. Ms. Heide provided an update of some of the services available through Congressman Turner's Dayton District Office as follows: In the past, Ms. Heide has presented information regarding flags flown over the Capital, tours of Washington, D.C., new regulations pertaining to passports, the economic stimulus package, and military academies, but the most important service the office provides is "casework." Casework is defined as the liaison in the congressional office working with a constituent and a federal agency. Examples of Federal agencies are Social Security, IRS, Immigration, Department of Transportation, FAA or any federal agency. The congressional office has two full-time caseworkers in the district office and they have about 35 years of experience between them. The office receives an average of 60 to 80 phone calls per day. Those phone calls represent people calling and asking for assistance on an application or a process that they have initiated with a federal agency and they just need some help with, for example, an application to increase veterans benefits or to correct a social security error. The office is able to expedite an existing case under certain circumstances, and the office can facilitate a process and expedite a process under certain circumstances, but the office needs supporting documentation regarding the case. Every federal agency has a liaison assigned to deal with just the congressional caseworkers; therefore, they have an immediate contact within that agency. The congressional office can monitor a case that has been filed such as social security disability by making sure the case stays on track and makes its way through the system properly. Ruth Snyder is the social security casework manager, and she receives regular reports from Social Security. Ms. Snyder has approximately 900 open cases; she closes about 10 per week and opens 10 per week. The office can also obtain proof of military service very quickly. For example, if a veteran were to pass away and the family would like the burial in the National Cemetery or would like military honors, the office could turn that request around in about one day. The congressional office cannot demand that a decision be made by a federal agency in an expedited manner unless of course there is a good reason. The office cannot get involved in court cases or anything to do with the judicial system. The office cannot demand that an agency reverse its decision. Typically, if a decision is made that is negative and not in favor of the applicant, then the agency usually tells the applicant what they need to do next such as file an appeal or request a hearing. Also, the office cannot handle state related cases because there are State Representatives such as Shannon Jones to whom they refer people that call regarding state issues. Congressman Turner's Dayton District Office does not ever turn anyone away. The office always gives constituents a point of contact or someone to call. If it is not a federal issue, the office refers them to their State Representative's office. If it is someone that needs help with rent or food, the office refers them to the United Way. They always connect or refer the caller to a person or organization that might be able to assist them, and it has proven to be a very caring and productive office. The Dayton District Office has received very high accolades regarding how the office functions. The procedure to ask the office for assistance involves a letter to Congressman Turner, which should include the name and address and pertinent information and "the ask," which is simply put what the

constituent wants the Congressman's Office to do. Please keep the letter brief, but always include exactly what you want the office to do with as much clarity as possible, and the letter has to have a signature. The signature is satisfying the Privacy Act of 1974, which gives the office the authority to act on the constituent's behalf with the federal agency. Finally, Ms. Heide stated that if anyone needs veterans assistance or assistance with social security disability, problems with the FCC or other federal agency, please refer them to Congressman Turner's Dayton District Office.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked Ms. Heide for her update and information.

Mayor Agenbroad asked if there were any other guests that wished to be heard to come forward and state their name and address for the record and make their comments accordingly.

No other guests came forward.

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.

Ms. Belpulsi motioned to adjourn the meeting; whereby, the Thursday, October 2, 2008 Springboro City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:33 PM. Mr. LaDu seconded the motion.

No discussion.

VOTE: Lairson, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes; Parise, Yes; LaDu, Yes. [APPROVED 7-0]

John H. Agenbroad, Mayor

Presiding Officer

Lori A. Martin, Clerk of Council