

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

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008

6:00 PM

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**COUNCIL**

**John Agenbroad, Mayor**

**Marie Belpulsi, Deputy Mayor**  
**Scott Anderson**  
**Sheila Lairson**

**Jim Chmiel**  
**Tom LaDu**  
**John D. Parise**

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**CITY STAFF**

**Chris Thompson, City Manager**

**Chris Pozzuto, Assistant City Manager**  
**Jeff Kruithoff, Police Chief**  
**Dan Boron, City Planner**

**Alan Schaeffer, Law Director**  
**Lori Martin, Clerk of Council**

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**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Agenbroad called the Springboro, Ohio City Council Work Session to order on Thursday, November 20, 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.** **–Four legislative agenda items were reviewed for the November 20, 2008 City Council Regular Meeting.**

- 1) **ORDINANCE: SECOND READING.** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING OR REPAIRING CERTAIN SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAY APRONS IN THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, COUNTY OF WARREN, OHIO AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. R-08-6.

No discussion.

- 2) **ORDINANCE: FIRST READING:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 660.18, OUTDOOR PARKING AND STORAGE ON PREMISES ZONED AND USED FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE.

Mr. Parise commented that this ordinance would give people the right to park recreational vehicles in their driveways from May to September, and in a denser neighborhood this could create an RV parking lot during those months. Mr. Parise would like the ordinance to be modified by reducing the time period or number of days per week recreational vehicles can be parked in the driveway.

Mr. Anderson asked what the present ordinance allowed for with respect to parking recreational vehicles? Mr. Boron explained that the current ordinance allows residents to park recreational vehicles in rear yards only, screened by evergreens or a hedge, on a concrete slab. The current ordinance also allows recreational vehicles to be parked for 72 hours on premises and in the right-of-way (street); whereas, the proposed ordinance allows residents to park recreational vehicles in the driveway from May 1- September 30. Mr.

Boron added that the proposed ordinance is based on analysis of communities in the Miami Valley and Cincinnati areas.

Mayor Agenbrood confirmed that what mostly precipitated this change to this ordinance was an inordinate number of complaints regarding RVs.

Chief Kruthoff commented that the proposed change to the ordinance is based on neighbor disputes and complaints. Chief Kruthoff further explained that one resident in particular has been policing his neighborhood for recreational vehicle parking violations and filing complaints with the police department on a repeated basis. Chief Kruthoff added that the police department does not have the resources to follow up on the complaints every 72 hours.

Mr. Parise reiterated that the proposed change in regulations would allow residents to park a recreational vehicle in their driveway for four months and other residents might have a hard time backing out of their driveways.

Chief Kruthoff commented that the vehicles would not be permitted to block the sidewalk.

Mr. Chmiel commented that most people have smaller driveways and would not park the vehicle in the driveway because it would block the garage or sidewalk.

Mr. Parise commented that he thinks the time period permitted for parking recreational vehicles in the proposed ordinance is a little extreme.

Ms. Thompson pointed out that this is only the first reading of the ordinance.

Ms. Belpulsi asked if staff had information on the impact of these regulations on residential areas? Mr. Boron commented that they have numbers, but no information regarding the impact. Ms. Belpulsi asked what communities staff surveyed in preparing this ordinance? Mr. Boron replied, the communities of Harrison, Fairfax, and Northwood.

Mr. Parise stated that he understands that there is a resident who complains every time a recreational vehicle is in violation of the code, but he believes the ordinance, as it is proposed, is too extreme and he would like to see a happy medium.

Mayor Agenbrood suggested that staff could take the ordinance under advisement and Council could revisit the issue at the second reading. Mayor Agenbrood also suggested that the time frame for parking recreational vehicles could be modified to allow RV parking from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Ms. Thompson commented that the problem is very restricted as far as complaints. She explained that the complaints are coming from one neighborhood, and rather than spot zoning, staff has recommended an ordinance that covers everyone. Ms. Thompson confirmed that staff would give the ordinance further consideration and possibly recommend some alternatives.

- 3) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF MIAMISBURG, MIAMI TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND RG PROPERTIES FOR ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE AUSTIN INTERCHANGE DISTRICT.

Ms. Belpulsi asked why this document is so detailed if the City is not committing to any development plans? Mr. Schaeffer stated that the best way to explain this document would be to refer to it as "an agreement to agree," but not setting forth what the "agreement to agree" is.

Ms. Thompson pointed out that the agreement has an element that Council has heard before, which is the proposal of an ice arena as part of the development. Ms. Thompson commented that this memorandum of

understanding would be an "agreement to agree" to go in a certain direction or to agree to look at what the proposal means specifically.

Mr. Anderson inquired regarding language on the last page under "Implementation?" He questioned the phrase, "terms set forth in the Memorandum Of Understanding will be memorialized by the Development Agreement. . ." Mr. Schaeffer explained that the phrase simply means that the terms of the MOU would be "set forth" in the agreement, if and when all parties agree to a development plan.

- 4) **RESOLUTION:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO EMPLOYEE PAY RANGES AND ANNUAL WAGE SCALE INDEX ADJUSTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2009.

No discussion.

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

**Citizen Correspondence:** Ms. Thompson commented that she recently received two positive e-mails thanking the City. One of the e-mails referred to the paving project on Settlers Walk Boulevard; the other referred to the installation of the new sidewalk/handrails/flower boxes near the corner of Main and Market Streets in the Historic District. (Please refer to the written record of the Regular Meeting under Reports for the full text of the e-mails.)

**Miracle Field:** Ms. Thompson presented a draft landscape plan along SR741 in front of the proposed Miracle Field. The landscaping would protect the appearance of the SR741 corridor at the entrance to the City. The total cost of the landscaping project would be \$18,000.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of Council that they would prefer to contribute the in-kind donation of \$18,000 to install landscaping along SR741 rather than make a monetary contribution to the project.

Ms. Thompson confirmed that the City is willing to make an in-kind donation of \$18,000 to perform the landscape plan along SR741 at the entrance, and any future requests for contributions to the project would have to come back to Council. Council concurred. Ms. Thompson commented that the article in the newspaper indicated that the Miracle Field project is \$51,000 short of Phase I, and the schools do not want to maintain the facility once the YMCA's commitment expires.

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

**Calendar Update:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. District Office hours will be held on Friday, November 21, 1:00-2:00 PM in Council Chambers. There will be no District Office hours in December. The City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and 28 to observe the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Council Meeting Schedule:** The first Council meeting in 2009 will be held on January 8, 2009 due to the New Year's Day holiday. The Work Session will begin at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, as usual. The second Council Meeting in January will be held on January 22, 2009. In short, City Council will meet on the second and fourth Thursday in January instead of the first and third Thursday.

**Upcoming Events:** The Annual Christmas in Historic Springboro Festival will be held on November 21, 22, and 23. Opening Ceremonies will take place at 6:00 PM on Friday, November 21, and the Parade will take place on Saturday, November 22 at Noon. Ms. Martin distributed a memo regarding parade details for Council participants. The Volunteer Appreciation Event/Holiday Open House will be held on Friday, December 12, 6:00-10:00 PM at Heatherwoode. Invitations to the event were mailed this week.

In addition, Ms. Martin announced that she would be out of the office on vacation November 19 through November 26. Assistant Court Clerk Kelly Sizemore will serve as Acting Clerk in Ms. Martin's absence.

**ITEM 6. CITY COUNCIL.**

**-Issues/Reports.**

**Mr. LaDu** – No issues/reports.

**Mr. Parise** – Mr. Parise commented that a placeholder was put in the 2009 budget for a potential leaf collection service, and he would like to be given the same consideration by putting a placeholder in next year's budget for a snow removal program. Mr. Parise commented that he would like to give the Community Service Board's volunteer program a year to achieve success in providing this type of service, but he is asking for equal consideration by budgeting monies for a snow removal program in next year's budget as well. He further commented that if there are not enough volunteers to support the snow removal program, he would like the City to use the money to implement the program.

Mr. Chmiel asked how the City would measure the success of the volunteers with respect to the snow removal program? Mr. Parise commented that he would be open-minded if there is a heavy snowfall.

Mr. Chmiel asked if Council put \$20,000 in the budget for snow removal, would the program come before Council prior to making expenditures? Ms. Thompson replied yes.

Ms. Thompson stated that staff is proposing multiple vendors that would focus on particular neighborhoods for snow removal.

Mayor Agenbroad confirmed that a snow removal program would come back to Council before any final decisions were made. Ms. Thompson replied yes.

Ms. Lairson confirmed that the placeholder for the snow removal program would be for November/December of 2009. Ms. Thompson replied yes.

Council concurred that they would put a placeholder of \$20,000 in the budget for 2009, as consideration for a snow removal program, and would make policy decisions regarding the program prior to any expenditures.

**Mr. Chmiel** – Mr. Chmiel will present a Planning Commission report at tonight's City Council Regular Meeting under Reports. Also, Mr. Chmiel reported that he attended the annual National League of Cities Conference last week along with other Members of Council, which was a very worthwhile opportunity. Mr. Chmiel thanked Council for signing his travel request to attend the conference. Mr. Chmiel also commented that, based on information he gathered at the conference, he has a few things he would like to bring up at Council's next retreat concerning long term planning. Finally, Mr. Chmiel commented that he enjoyed spending some time with Ms. Thompson, Ms. Belpulsi, Mr. LaDu, and Mr. Anderson.

**Ms. Lairson** – Ms. Lairson will present a Finance Committee report at tonight's City Council Regular Meeting under Reports.

**Mr. Anderson** – No issues/reports.

**Ms. Belpulsi** – No issues/reports.

**Mayor Agenbroad** – No issues/reports.

**ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT.** With no further discussion, Mayor Agenbroad adjourned the November 20, 2008 City Council Work Session at approximately 6:50 PM.

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**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 NOVEMBER 6, 2008 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING.

Ms. Belpulsi motioned to approve the Minutes of the November 6, 2008 City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting as submitted by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Lairson seconded the motion.

No corrections.

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

**ITEM 5. PRESENTATIONS:** No presentations.

**ITEM 6. LEGISLATION:**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE 2009 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, OHIO.**

Mayor Agenbroad asked for a motion to approve the 2009 City Budget as amended to include appropriations for snow removal and leaf collection programs as discussed at tonight's Work Session.

**Mr. Parise motioned to approve the 2009 Budget of the City of Springboro, Ohio as amended to include appropriations for snow removal and leaf collection programs. Mr. Chmiel seconded the motion.**

Mayor Agenbroad presented the item for discussion.

Mr. Anderson stated that during the Special Meeting on Tuesday (November 18) Council assessed the budget. Mr. Anderson commented that with the approval of this budget the City would be spending down \$0.5M more than the City collects in revenues in the General Fund, and that the City would spend down some of its "rainy day" funds. Mr. Anderson further commented that, with the state of the economy, as it is now in a recession and the future is unknown, Council needs to be very careful as they look at the City budgets and approve the expenditure of more money than the City is bringing in.

There were no other comments regarding this item.

**VOTE: Parise, Yes; LaDu, Yes; Lairson, Yes; Anderson, Abstain; Belpulsi, Yes; Agenbroad, Yes; Chmiel, Yes. [APPROVED 6-0-1]**

- 1) ORDINANCE: SECOND READING.** "AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING OR REPAIRING CERTAIN SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAY APRONS IN THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO, COUNTY OF WARREN, OHIO AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. R-08-6," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This is the second reading of an ordinance levying special assessments for the "2008 Sidewalk and Driveway Apron Program." This ordinance will levy special assessments for the purpose of constructing or repairing sidewalks and driveway aprons in the City. The 2008 program will not exceed \$15,606.00. Property owners will have thirty days after the first publication of this ordinance to pay their assessments before they are certified to Warren County and placed on their tax duplicate. When collected in five (5) annual installments via assessment, the interest rate is 5%. The assessments are included in the 2009 Budget as part of the City's Street Capital Improvement Revenue Fund.

Mayor Agenbroad presented the item for questions/comments.

Mr. LaDu pointed out that the legislative cover memorandum indicates that the assessment revenues will be included in the 2010 Budget. Ms. Thompson stated that "2010" is simply a typo; it should read "2009."

**No action required at this time.**

- 2) ORDINANCE: FIRST READING:** "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 660.18, OUTDOOR PARKING AND STORAGE ON PREMISES ZONED AND USED FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USE," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson asked City Planner Dan Boron to address this item:

This is the first reading of an ordinance amending section 660.18, Outdoor Parking and Storage in the Single-Family Residential Zoning District. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend 660.18 of the General Offenses Code to allow added flexibility for the provision of recreational vehicle parking and other vehicle equipment on a seasonal basis between May 1 and September 30. At present, there is a limitation on parking such vehicles and equipment in rear yards; the proposed change would allow the parking of these vehicles in side yards screened and on a hard surface and the change would also allow such vehicles to be parked on a seasonal basis in front yards outside of sidewalks. The revised ordinance also includes some other provisions, which would prohibit utility hook ups to this equipment and habitation of these vehicles or equipment or use for business, home, or other occupation. This proposed ordinance was based on research and analysis of communities within the Miami Valley and the Cincinnati area.

Mayor Agenbroad presented the item for questions/comments. There were no comments of Council.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked Mr. Boron for his comments.

**No action required at this time.**

- 3) **RESOLUTION R-08-54:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF MIAMISBURG, MIAMI TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, AND RG PROPERTIES FOR ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE AUSTIN INTERCHANGE DISTRICT," was read by the Clerk of Council. Ms. Thompson's comments are summarized as follows:

This Resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a memorandum of understanding with Miamisburg, Miami Township, Montgomery County, Montgomery County TID, and RG Properties for issues pertaining to the Austin Interchange District. This issue has been discussed at length on many occasions and this resolution represents an "agreement to agree" to go forward in researching the feasibility of a certain type of development at the new Austin Interchange specifically to include a civic arena for the public's use for events such as concerts, etc. and also an ice arena for the possibility of an American Hockey League Team. This is an agreement that will simply allow the City to continue to work with its regional neighbors on this project in order to come to a decision as to whether a development agreement will be reached that would allow for some of these items to occur, and of course, the financing piece would also be researched as a result of this agreement. Again, this memorandum of understanding is essentially an "agreement to agree," and the City, by virtue of passing this resolution, will continue to work with its regional neighbors to see just exactly where this project or plan could end up and what the development plan would look like for the entire 400 acres surrounding the interchange. The entire district that is under consideration with respect to the Austin Interchange is over 1,200 acres, but this particular memorandum would encompass the development of 400 acres, which is the immediate area around all of the interchange ramps.

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

**Mr. LaDu motioned to adopt Resolution R-08-54. Ms. Belpulsi seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

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

- 4) **RESOLUTION R-08-55:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF SPRINGBORO EMPLOYEE PAY RANGES AND ANNUAL WAGE SCALE INDEX ADJUSTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2009," was read by the Clerk of Council. Mr. Pozzuto commented on this item as follows:

This resolution approves a pay range index change in accordance with the employee compensation program that was passed by City Council in 1997. This index change allows for the City's pay scale to adjust annually reflecting the inflationary index of the area, thereby allowing the City to compete for new employees by keeping the City's compensation scale in line with other surrounding communities. As of September 2008, which is the latest data available from the U.S. Department of Labor, the inflationary index in the area is 4.8%; however, staff is only recommending a 3.0% inflationary index change in keeping with other communities in the area. Again, staff recommends a 3.0% inflationary index adjustment, and the 3.0% recommendation has been accounted for in the budget that Council approved tonight.

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

**Mr. Parise motioned to adopt Resolution R-08-55. Ms. Lairson seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

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

**ITEM 7. REPORTS: Mayor's Report** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. District Office Hours will be held on Friday, November 21, 1:00-2:00 PM in Council Chambers. The Christmas in Historic Springboro Festival will be held on November 21, 22, and 23 in downtown Springboro. The Opening Ceremonies/Tree Lighting will take place at 6:00 PM on Friday, November 20 and the Parade will begin at Noon on Saturday, November 21 on S. Main Street. The Thanksgiving Holiday will be observed on November 27 and 28; whereby, the City offices will be closed. The next City Council Work Session will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 6:00 PM, as scheduled. The next City Council Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4, 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. In addition, Mayor Agenbroad announced that City Council has rescheduled the January 2009 City Council Meetings from January 1 and 15 to January 8 and 22 due to the New Year's Day Holiday. As usual, the Work Session will begin at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM on the rescheduled dates.

**City Manager's Report** – Ms. Thompson reported that the City received two positive e-mails from Springboro residents, and commented that it was considerate of them to share their comments. Ms. Thompson read the e-mails into the record as follows:

Mr. Keen writes: "Chris, I know this letter has taken a long time to get to you, but I wanted to thank you in writing for the City of Springboro and your involvement in the new board walk, flower boxes, and hand rails in front of the properties in the Historic District at Main and Market Street. There is not a day that goes by that I don't get a comment of how beautiful our area now looks. Please tell all those involved how grateful we are for this beautiful installation." This e-mail was very considerately written by Ron Keen who owns a number of properties in the City's Historic District.

The second e-mail was written concerning some paving that was performed recently through the City's resurfacing program on Settlers Walk Boulevard and streets off the Boulevard in the Settlers Walk Subdivision.

Mr. Rosco writes: "I believe it was the City that recently paved the main drive on Settlers Walk Boulevard as well as several side streets including my parent's street Stanton Drive. I wanted to say what an excellent job the crews did; it was smooth with flawless connections to the main street. We have suffered through ten years of roadwork that was at a discount rate and I believe that the professionals finally came in and did the work this time. Thank you to your crew for a job well done.

Ms. Thompson also wanted to thank Mr. Rosco, because again the City does appreciate positive comments.

Also, Ms. Thompson commented that the Comprehensive Land Use Master Plan Subcommittee is close to presenting an updated plan to Council for consideration, but intends to have a second Open House to share the results of the committee's work with the community early next year. Ms. Thompson further commented that the community was invited to an open house when the committee started the project to gather input, and they have tried to incorporate a lot of those comments into the revised plan. Ms. Thompson added that everyone who attends the Open House would be able to compare the newly updated plan with the City's current plan. Ms. Thompson also mentioned that Council discussed scheduling a goals retreat early in 2009 to help set the guidelines for staff for the next year. Finally, Ms. Thompson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and hopes everyone is blessed.

**Committee Reports** –

**Mr. LaDu** – No reports.

**Mr. Parise** – No reports.

**Mr. Chmiel – Planning Commission** – Due to the holiday schedule, the Planning Commission met in a combined meeting on November 11 beginning with the Work Session at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers to review the following item: Final Development Plan – Richards Run Planned Unit Development-Mixed Use, lot 4 southeast corner East Central Avenue (SR 73) and South Richards Run Road, proposed office building.

The developer, The Tipton Group, built three different lots with office buildings and a combination of different use buildings including a daycare and a realtor's office being built on the corner. This final building will complete their project, and they have done a nice job of planning and completing that development. The Commission's Formal Meeting followed the Work Session at 7:00 PM. No items were considered for approval at the Formal Meeting. The Planning Commission will hold another combined meeting in December due to the holiday schedule. The Commission will meet on December 17 beginning with the Work Session at 6:30 PM followed by the Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM.

**Ms. Lairson – Finance Committee** – The Finance Committee met tonight at 5:30 PM and found all of the City's finances to be in order. Ms. Lairson commended the Finance Department Staff for saving the City \$0.5M by refinancing the bonds.

**Mr. Anderson** – No reports.

**Ms. Belpulsi** – No reports.

**ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS.** Mayor Agenbroad asked for a motion to enter Executive Session following the Regular Order of Business to consider the compensation of a public employee.

**Ms. Belpulsi motioned to enter executive Session, under R.C. 121.22(G), following the Regular Order of Business to consider the compensation of a public employee. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion.**

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

**ITEM 9. FINAL COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMENTS.** Mr. Parise stated that he would like to make a comment, which is strictly a personal comment and he was not put up to this comment. Mr. Parise commented as follows: "In lieu of the stories we have been hearing around town about John's situation, John is a Marine, I'm a Marine; we may be out, but once a Marine, always a Marine. John and I have been on different sides politically speaking since I came on board, but I cannot believe any of these accusations that have been brought against John and I'll go to the wall to back him up on any of these accusations, and I feel very strongly about that."

Mayor Agenbroad responded as follows: "Thank you very much. I mean that from the bottom of my heart."

Mr. Chmiel stated that he wished to address the City budget that Council approved this evening. Mr. Chmiel commented as follows: "I know that there is a larger amount of money being spent, than what the City's revenues are actually going to generate. With economic times down and income tax revenue, which is the primary revenue the City operates on, we do project those revenues to be lower and we are also hoping for better times in the future. The City's reserves are not necessarily a rainy day fund, but that is the money that the citizens have put into their City as an investment and we're responsible for taking care of that money, and I'll assure everyone that this Council is doing everything possible to spend that money in the most appropriate ways. Even though our expenses are greater than our revenues right now, these services that we're providing the citizens are where those dollars are being spent. If things continue on a downward cycle we may have to make decisions on either cutting services or making changes in how we raise our money, but I do want to make sure that it is clear to everyone that this budget we're approving is being approved for the citizens of this community for services we do provide and we're doing the best job we can being your watch dogs."

**Mayor Agenbroad:** Mayor Agenbroad wished to add to Mr. Chmiel's statements regarding the Budget. Mayor Agenbroad commented as follows: "I was not here on Tuesday; I was out of town on business. One of the things to be pointed out was there are no new positions being created for 2009 and the staffing levels for the City have remained frozen, so I think that is important when you are addressing budgetary issues."

**ITEM 10. GUEST COMMENTS. 1) Jeff Kruithoff, Police Chief, Springboro** – Chief Kruithoff commented that he has listened to the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the meetings for a number of years, and many times

because there are only a few people in attendance the recitation of the Pledge is a little bit anemic. But, today we have a full audience, and many of them are veterans in support of the Mayor, and he just wanted to thank them because it was the most robust version of the Pledge of Allegiance he has heard in many years at this meeting.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked Chief Kruihoff for his comments, and stated that he echoed those comments.

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

- 1) **Pastor Terry Carlisle, Springboro United Church of Christ, corner of Main and Mill Streets, Springboro** – Pastor Carlisle thanked Council for making this an open meeting, as it is always interesting for people in town to see how the government works. Pastor Carlisle also commented that the Springboro Area Council of Churches is offering a Thanksgiving Eve Service this year; it is a community Thanksgiving Eve Service. The Churches are trying to re-institute a pastoral or ministerial association, and many people have been supportive of that including the Mayor, who has done a number of things for them, and that group of Clergy has authorized the United Church of Christ to conduct the Thanksgiving Eve Service for the second year in a row at 7:30 PM. Pastor Carlisle distributed an invitation to the Thanksgiving Eve Service along with information regarding other upcoming holiday services.

Mayor Agenbroad thanked Pastor Carlisle for his comments and invitation.

Mayor Agenbroad asked if there were any other guests that wished to be heard, to please come to the podium and state their name for the record and make their comments accordingly. No other guests came forward.

**ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION.** City Council adjourned to Executive Session following the Regular Order of Business to consider the compensation of a public employee; whereby, no votes were taken.

**ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT.** Mayor Agenbroad thanked the MVCC for tonight's telecast and eventual rebroadcast of this Springboro City Council Meeting. Mayor Agenbroad also thanked the audience in attendance, and he wished everyone a great, safe, and healthy holiday on behalf of Council. Mayor Agenbroad reminded everyone that there would be no votes taken during the Executive Session.

**Mr. LaDu motioned to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session followed by the adjournment of the City Council Regular Meeting; whereby, the Thursday, November 20, 2008 Springboro City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at approximately 7:22 PM. Mr. Parise seconded the motion.**

No discussion.

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

**With no objections, City Council exited Executive Session at approximately 7:45 PM; whereby, no votes were taken. And, with no further business, Mayor Agenbroad adjourned the City Council Regular Meeting at approximately 7:45 PM.**

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**John Agenbroad, Mayor**

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**Presiding Officer**

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**Lori A. Martin, Clerk of Council**