City Council Work Session   June 27, 2022

The Springville City Council met in a work session June 27, 2022.

Mayor Andersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Council members present: Brad Merritt, Jeff Baych, and Cindy Kilburg. Karla Blakely and Bart Barner was absent. City staff present: City Clerk Dee Wagaman. Luke Maloney with Linn County Building Department was present. John Bohlken, John Ryan, Donna Jelmeland, Sharon Wagner, Dee Mean, and Deb Eberle were also present.

Kilburg made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Baych. All ayes. Motion carried.

Maloney introduced himself and presented the rental and property maintenance program. Landlords and tenants were present to ask questions and voice their concerns with the program. This program comes at a cost to the landlords. They would need to register themselves as a landlord in the community. There would be a one-time $50 fee for this. They would then need to register each address or complex. Each address would cost $40 annually with $10 for additional apartments. Their properties would then be inspected every two years. These inspections would make sure that the rental properties are meeting the minimum housing code.

Council has investigated having some enforcement help with rental properties. There are some properties that have been problematic in the past. Linn County has put together a plan to help the small, rural communities get a handle of some of the issues that come with rental properties. The landlords and tenants are mostly against this plan as it will cost them more money and time. Council is empathetic to them, and it is usually the bad that ruin it for the good. This meeting was just to allow the landlords to hear about the program and to get their input. Council will continue to investigate solutions.

The next regular council meeting will be July 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Baych moved to adjourn at 7:28 p.m., seconded by Kilburg. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Lyle Andersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dee Wagaman, City Clerk
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