

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 2, 2020  
5:00 PM**

The Nov 2, 2020 special council meeting was called to order by Mayor Lowell Helget at 5:00 PM at the Springfield Medical Center. Those present include Helget, John Mueller, Sam Hesse, Theresa Beckman, Mike Rothmeier, City Attorney Rep Matt Muske, City Manager Joe Stremcha and City Clerk Amy Vogel. Others present include Wendy Krier and John Nicholson.

Motion by Rothmeier, second by Hesse to adopt the agenda. All ayes.

There are 3 properties that have not abated their nuisances. Motion by Mueller, second by Rothmeier to set a nuisance hearing for Nov 17 at 5:30 PM. All ayes.

Stremcha explained that there were 3 applicants for the outdoor dining grant the council approved. EDA recommended splitting the \$10,000 between the 3 so all can get some funding. Motion by Mueller, second by Hesse to approve the EDA's recommendation to split the \$10,000 grant between The Garage, Outlaws and the Springfield Golf Course. All ayes.

Stremcha updated the council on the Welcoming Communities committee he has been on since early this year. One suggestion from the Springfield reps was to form a Human Rights Board and to follow the template from New Ulm who has had it for about 5 years. A sample ordinance was read. Representatives include Stremcha, Sharon Pieschel, Shari Koll, Denise Gicker, Chrissy Boerboom, Derek Tonn, Jan Schwanke and Joyce Schwarzrock. This adhoc committee will move to a more permanent foundation. Council agreed that the title could be Welcoming Community Board and change the word "secure" in Subd 2 to "promote". This allows the board to use the city's name for grants.

Stremcha mentioned the need to establish a committee for REV the city was recently approved for. This would be a 3-yr commitment. This will be included in the ad for open committee positions.

Stremcha asked the council to consider the CT scanner from the Medical Center as surplus property. It is believed the liquidation value to be \$25,000. Motion by Beckman, second by Rothmeier to declare the CT scanner surplus property and advertise for bids and reserving the right to refuse any all bids. All ayes.

Council toured the medical center to view surplus property.

Motion by Beckman, second by Hesse to approve donating the Medical Center scrapbooks to the Springfield Historical Society and allowing the Springfield Advance Press an opportunity to view them. All ayes.

Motion by Mueller, second by Beckman to adjourn at 7:15 PM. All ayes.

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Lowell Helget, Mayor

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Amy A. Vogel, City Clerk