

City of Springdale Council

December 1, 2025

President of Council Anderson called Council to order on December 1, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

The governmental body and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Browder took roll call. Council members Anderson, Gleaves, Jacobs and Webster were present. Ms. Sullivan-Wisecup, Ms. McFarland and Mr. Vanover were absent.

President Anderson: As you can tell, this is not a normal Council meeting, so things are a little bit different, but we're going to follow the agenda as best as we can. Organizational meetings are not a good indicator of how exciting these meetings can be but bear with us as we go through it. At this point, we're at dismissal of outgoing Councilmembers, which on the dais includes Mr. Jacobs and myself, so I'm going to turn the gavel over to Mr. Gleaves to make sure that we move on to the next item now that I've been dismissed.

(Mr. Anderson, Mr. Jacobs departed the dais)

Swearing-In Ceremony by Judge Stacey DeGraffenreid

Mr. Gleaves: I'd like to call to order the Swearing-In ceremony.

Mayor Hawkins: I think we're good for the roll call at this point, but we're going to go through the process of swearing in our new Councilmembers and I'm going to introduce our Judge that we have here this evening. And we have a special introduction for Judge DeGraffenreid. (music playing in background)

Mayor Hawkins: Ladies and gentlemen, if I can have your attention, please. We have a very special guest with us tonight, making her second appearance swearing in Springdale Elected Officials. She grew up in Springdale, Ohio. She is a Princeton High School graduate. She was a member of the 1987 Women's Basketball State Championship team, where she scored the second highest score of 11 points in the championship game as the Princeton Vikings defeated Columbus Bishop Waterson 63-53. She is a member of the Princeton High School Hall of Fame. She is a graduate of the University of Louisville with a Master of Education and Bachelor of Science and Business Administration where she played basketball for the Cardinals. She was a Team Captain and had career totals of 85 steals, 121 assists, and 558 points. She is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Law with a Juris Doctorate. A former Hamilton County Prosecutor where she was Chief of the Juvenile Division, Assistant Chief of the Criminal Division prosecuting some of the most serious offenses in our criminal justice system. She has over 20 years in our criminal justice system. And she is now one of your Hamilton County Common Pleas Judges in Juvenile Court. And she's here to swear you in. I present to you Judge Stacey DeGraffenreid. (applause)

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Judge DeGraffenreid: (off mic) It's an honor to be here today. I think I'm going to have to have Mayor Hawkins introduce me. (laughter). It's just such an honor to be here. As he said, I grew up here in Springdale. It's great to see all the growth and everything that's been happening the last few years. It's so exciting. It's always exciting to see people like yourselves who want to be on Council, who want to make a difference, who are here to serve the people, so it's very exciting and an honor to be here today and now we'll swear in Jeffrey Anderson.

Judge DeGraffenreid addressed Mr. Anderson.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Raise your right hand. And repeat after me.

Mr. Anderson: I, Jeffrey Anderson, do solemnly swear to uphold the constitution of the United States of America, the constitution of the State of Ohio, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio and to faithfully, honestly and impartially perform the duties of my position as City Council member to the best of my ability so help me God.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Congratulations. (applause)

Judge DeGraffenreid addressed Mr. Jacobs.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Raise your right hand.

Mr. Jacobs: I, Daniel Jacobs, do solemnly swear to uphold the constitution of the United States of America and the constitution of the State of Ohio, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio and to faithfully, honestly and impartially perform the duties of my position as a City Council member to the best of my ability, so help my God.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Congratulations. (applause)

Judge DeGraffenreid addressed Mr. Hall.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Well, Mr. Hall, it's exciting. This is your first term. Is that correct?

Mr. Hall: Yes ma'am, it is.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Well, I'm so excited to be able to swear you in today. So, if you'd raise your right hand.

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Mr. Hall: I, Tom Hall, do solemnly swear to uphold the constitution of the United States of America and the constitution of the State of Ohio, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio and to faithfully, honestly and impartially perform the duties of my position as a City Council member to the best of my ability, so help my God.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Congratulations. (applause)

Judge DeGraffenreid addressed Ms. Thompson.

Judge DeGraffenreid: It's very much an honor for me to swear you in. Raise your right hand.

Ms. Thompson: I, Amy Thompson, do solemnly swear to uphold the constitution of the United States of America and the constitution of the State of Ohio, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Ohio and to faithfully, honestly and impartially perform the duties of my position as a City Council member to the best of my ability, so help my God.

Judge DeGraffenreid: Congratulations. (applause)

President Anderson: Just in case you were wondering why I was sending people that way when they walked out, there's an oath of office that we just took we have to sign that oath of office and I just wanted to make sure those signatures were all in place before we continued to do our official business tonight. Well, this is exciting so far, and we're moving at a record pace.

Ms. Browder took roll call. Council members Anderson, Gleaves, Hall, Jacobs, Thompson, and Webster were present. Ms. McFarland was absent.

Election of President of Council

Mr. Anderson: We now have a quorum and a new Council. To continue with our organizational meeting, the next item we have is the election of President of Council. For new people, how that works is I will open the floor for nominations. Anyone on Council is eligible. You simply ring in; I'll call on you and then you state the name. If there's only one name, we'll go by acclamation, otherwise, there will be a vote. So, at this point, the floor is now open for nominations for the President of Council.

Mr. Jacobs: I would like to nominate Jeffrey Anderson.

Mr. Gleaves: Second.

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Mr. Anderson: Any other nominations? Alright, then by acclamation, Jeffrey Anderson is reelected as President of Council. Thank you everyone. I appreciate the confidence that you've given. Next, we have the election of Vice-President of Council. I'm sorry, Joe (Braun), do we need to actually say, "aye" for that? I think we do. I'm getting ahead of myself. I'm new here. It's my first day. (laughter) So, we have one name for President of Council. All those in favor of electing Jeffrey Anderson as President of Council signify by saying, "aye". Opposed? (None) Abstentions? (None). Seeing none, Jeffrey Anderson is elected President of Council by acclamation. Next, we'll move on to the Vice-President of Council. Same process. The floor is now open for nominations for the Vice-President of Council.

Election of Vice President of Council

Mr. Gleaves: I'd like to nominate Dan Jacobs.

President Anderson: Any other nominations? (None) Seeing none, then the only name that remains is Mr. Jacobs. All those in favor of electing Daniel Jacobs as Vice-President of Council signify by saying, "aye". Opposed? (None) Abstentions? (None) Then by acclamation, Mr. Jacobs is reelected as the Vice-President of Council. Congratulations Mr. Jacobs.

Mr. Jacobs: Thank you.

Old Business

President Anderson: Next up we have Old Business. This is an artifact of all of our Council meetings. If anyone on Council would like to bring forward any old business, this is your opportunity, or you could wait for our regular Council meeting on Wednesday.

New Business - None

Communications from the Audience - None

President Anderson: And like that, we've conducted our special meeting and organizational meeting. I hope it was as exciting for you as it was for us. And, I do want to welcome our new members on Council, returning members, and certainly new members. It's exciting to have new faces here, as well as old and returning faces. I look forward to great things in the years ahead.

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Adjournment

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Hall seconded the motion and Council adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Browder
Clerk of Council

Minutes Approved:
Jeffrey Anderson, President of Council

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