
CALL TO ORDER

A regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on August 14, 2018 and was called to order by Mayor Barton Alderman at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Steve Shealy
Kenny Usher

Jerry Maennche
Jamey Stancell
Gary Weitman

A quorum of Council was present.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Erin Phillips, Comm. Dev. Dir

Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Amber Dyson, Finance Director

GUEST PRESENT:

Joyce Alderman
Kristen Achziger
Cody Rogers
Clint Hodges

Ben Johnson
Jennifer Smith
Alee Metzger
Joel Hughes

INVOCATION – Given by Council Member Weitman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Usher made a motion to amend the agenda: wording to New Business item d. change to “Consideration for approval of employment contracts for hiring prospective Police Officers” and amend number 11 (Executive Session) to include “potential litigation” and approve as amended.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of 07/09/2018 minutes of public hearings and called meeting

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the 07/09/2018 minutes of public hearings and called meeting.

Second: Stancell seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of 07/10/2018 minutes of regular meeting

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve the 07/10/2018 minutes of regular meeting.

Second: Stancell seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of 07/17/2018 minutes of public hearing and called meeting

MOTION: Stancell made a motion to approve the 07/17/2018 minutes of public hearing and called meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCE

Agenda request – Ricky Neidlinger/Ben Johnson – 1204 Mill Pond Rd/Ebenezer Rd – would like to install well and septic tanks on 1 acre lots and above, instead of using water and sewer services

Ben Johnson stepped to the podium. Johnson explained that the property is in Effingham County, but is in the City of Springfield water/sewer service delivery area. Johnson was advised that before he could get county permits to put wells and septic tanks in that he would need to acquire city approval to do so. The county property will be divided into one acre minimum and above tracts.

The letter could state that the city understands that they are not requesting service from the city and that the council has no objections, but if he ever wants water or sewer services he must come to the City of Springfield first.

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to authorize the City Manager to write a letter stating that the city has no objections for private water and septic tanks reference this request for 1204 Mill Pond Rd/Ebenezer Rd.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Ben Johnson left the building at approximately 6:09 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of Beaubrook Phase II preliminary plat submission

Cody Rogers stepped to the podium and advised the Mayor and Council that he received approval from Wesley Parker last week.

Erin Phillips explained that there are three steps in the subdivision approval process. The sketch plan comes first and was approved. The next step is the preliminary plat. If the preliminary plat is approved, then it will move onto approval of a final plat, later. Phillips explained that all required submissions have been submitted to this point.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the Beaubrook Phase II preliminary plat submission.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a Resolution (# R2018-06) reference to the City's application to the Georgia Department of Transportation for a grant through the Transportation Alternative Program

This resolution authorizes the city to submit an application for a grant for over a million dollars with around \$270,000 being our match. A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve a resolution reference the City's application to the Georgia Department of Transportation for a grant through the Transportation Alternative Program.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of an Ordinance (# 2018-08) requesting that list number 02082018 List of Roadways – revision be approved for the use of speed detection devices (presented to Council on 03/13/2018).

This ordinance will allow the police department to continue using speed detection devices. A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve an Ordinance requesting that list number 02082018 List of Roadways – revision be approved for the use of speed detection devices.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of employment contracts for hiring prospective Police Officers

City Attorney Ben Perkins advised the Mayor and Council that Police Chief Wynn was interested in acquiring contracts whereby the city would be able to sponsor an applicant through Police Officer Certification Training or sponsor an applicant that is already in Police Officer Certification Training. The City Attorney explained the two separate types of contracts. Both contracts would offer protection to the city.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve employment contracts for hiring prospective Police Officers.

Second: Stancell seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a Special Event Alcohol license requested by the Springfield Merchants Association, related to the Fall Festival.

Jennifer Smith stepped to the podium. November 2 and 3rd are the dates scheduled for the Fall festival. The Special Event Alcohol sale would remain as approved in the past.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve a special event alcohol license requested by the Springfield Merchants Association, related to the Fall Festival.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder – The City Hall Offices will be closed on September 3, 2018 in observance of Labor Day.

REPORTS

City Manager – The City Manager advised that several things were discussed during the retreat and that no additional reports are needed at this time.

Police Department – monthly report was available in Council packets for review.

Building and Zoning Report – Erin Phillips advised that she approved one home occupation last month, that with the amended zoning ordinance did not have to come before Council. One home occupation renewal is pending until the business owner comes in to speak with her. Phillips has sent out information to all other existing home occupations, so they may familiarize themselves with the amendments.

The City has received 3 new requests for building permits. Residential will pick up when have another subdivision approval.

Stancell expressed concerns reference signs at home occupation locations. Phillips advised that signs were not allowed in yards and explained the size and specifications. Temporary signage was also discussed.

EOM Operations Report – A EOM Operations report was provided to the Mayor and Council prior to commencement of the meeting. Kristen Achziger stepped to the podium and went over a few sections of the report.

Fire Report – The fire report was distributed. Effingham County Fire Response Fire Chief Clint Hodges advised that some firefighters will be graduating soon, which will increase response time, especially within the city. Hodges will request another ISO rating review at a later date.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION –
Reference personnel and potential litigation

MOTION: Stancell made a motion at approximately 6:49 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference personnel and potential litigation.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at approximately 8:29 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

TAKE ANY ACTION NEEDED ON ITEM(S) FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

No actions were taken.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion at approximately 8:30 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Stancell seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

09/11/2018 Approved