
CALL TO ORDER

A regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on September 11, 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
Kenny Usher

Jamey Stancell
Gary Weitman

Council Member Jerry Maennche and Steve Shealy were unable to attend this meeting. A quorum of Council was present at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Amber Dyson, Finance Director
Jennifer Smith, Accounting Clerk

GUEST PRESENT:

Joyce Alderman
Clint Hodges
Cody Rogers

Alec Metzger
Charles Heino
Pearl Thomas

INVOCATION – Given by Council Member Usher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to amend the agenda to add “pending litigation” to the executive session and to approve the agenda as amended.

Second: Stancell seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of 08/14/2018 minutes regular meeting

MOTION: Stancell made a motion to approve the 08/14/2018 minutes of regular meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

No public comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of a Resolution (# R2018-07) authorizing, approving and directing the employment of certain law firm to represent the city in potential litigation against contributors of opioid addiction crisis

City Attorney Perkins explained that numerous cities across the State of GA have obtained law firms reference contributors of opioid addiction crisis. The Law Firm of Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley represents many cities in this issue. Attorney Perkins feels that the chance for resolve is high. Attorney Perkins also noted that he may serve as co-council.

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing, approving and directing the employment of certain law firm to represent the city in potential litigation against contributors of opioid addiction crisis.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of Beaubrook Phase II Final Plat

Erin Phillips explained that we have not really changed anything since the last meeting and request consideration for approval of the final plat, so they may begin construction on the contract. City Manager Brett Bennett further explained the process. This phase consists of approximately 44 lots counting the cemetery.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve Beaubrook Phase II Final Plat.

Second: Stancell seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder – Effingham Health System Fall 5K Series

- 09/29/18 at 8am Fall 5K Series Kickoff Race
 - 10/27/18 at 7pm Glow for the Gold
 - 11/24/18 at 8am Fall into the Finish
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REPORTS

City Manager – We have one more Police Officer added to Police staff, which still leaves the Police Department needing one more officer.

Police Department – monthly report was available in Council packets for review. City Manager Bennett noted that thefts are up and that the police department is in process of tracking down some suspects. Bennett also remarked that he has received comments for and against the bypass speed limit increase.

Fire Department Report – Hurricane aimed for Wilmington NC. We may get some rain on Saturday.

Building and Zoning Report – Two new building permits were issued this month. Two CO's were issued. Erin Phillips is still following up with some code violations reported by Council.

EOM Operations Report - Charles Heino went over some facts presented in the monthly report. A few weeks ago, water pressure was lower, which happened during checking of a well. They will be leaving it on auto until a water line is replaced.

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

MOTION: Stancell made a motion at approximately 6:25 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference personnel and pending litigation.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

MOTION: Stancell made a motion at approximately 7:28 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Weitman 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: Stancell made a motion at approximately 7:29 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Approved October 9, 2018