

Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 01/14/2014 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on January 14, 2014 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, Georgia. This meeting was called to order, pursuant to the City Charter, by the City Clerk, Linda Rineair, at 6:05 p.m.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Judge Ed Reddick conducted the swearing-in ceremony as follows:

Barton A. Alderman was sworn in as Mayor with a four year term.

Charles Hinely, Jerry Maennche, and Kenny Usher were sworn in as Council Members with a four year term.

After being sworn in the Mayor and Council Members took their seats with the other Council Members.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs	Charles Hinely
Jerry Maennche	Steve Shealy
Kenny Usher	Gary Weitman

A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager	Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney	Travis Zittrouer, Fire Chief
David Grenoble, Fire Fighter	Tommy Deadwyler, Dir. of Cultural Affairs

GUEST PRESENT:

Rick Lott	Brooke Dicks
Ed Myrick	Joyce Alderman
Joyce Alderman	Butch Kieffer

INVOCATION – Given by Council Member Weitman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Hinely made a motion approve the Agenda.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 12/10/2013 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/10/2013 regular meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCES

Ed Myrick – Presentation

Ed Myrick, Director of Effingham County Emergency Management addressed the Mayor and Council. Myrick discussed how well first responders worked together at a tragic incident which occurred on 11/21/13. A few first responders were recommended for commendations.

Ed Myrick presented a plaque to City of Springfield Fire Fighter David Grenoble for the streamlined actions demonstrated during the incident.

Ed Myrick presented a plaque to City of Springfield Fire Chief Travis Zittrouer for his exceptional service during the incident and remarked that Zittrouer is a valuable asset.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council Member Weitman remarked about the Georgia Trend Magazine's list of the state's 100 most influential people, in which Robert Williams was named.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for appointment of a Mayor Pro-Tem

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to nominate Kenny Usher as the Mayor Pro-Tem.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to close the nominations.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to appoint Kenny Usher as the Mayor Pro-Tem.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a special event/wine tasting permit, requested by Rick Lott for the Effing County Chamber of Commerce, reference the "Taste of Effingham" event to be held on March 6, 2014

Rick Lott provided tickets to the Mayor and Council for this event. This is the 4th time this event is to be held and is only a 2 hour long event. Previous events have gone well. Rick Lott will be coordinating the security for this event as he has done in the past.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the special event/wine tasting permit reference the "Taste of Effingham" event to be held on March 6, 2014.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Resolution Number 2014-1 – Consideration to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to submit an application for a grant titled, "Springfield Ebenezer Greenway Phase II" through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division

City Manager Bennett briefly discussed the grant.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to submit an application for a grant titled, "Springfield Ebenezer Greenway Phase II" through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Resolution Number 2014-2 – Consideration for approval of the City of Springfield Schedule of Fees

A brief discussion ensued prior to the vote.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the City of Springfield Schedule of Fees.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for appointment of Linda Rineair as the Election Superintendent and Amber Lancaster as the Elections Chief Manager for the year 2014

Mayor Alderman explained that we do not anticipate an election to be held this year, but we make these appointments to be ready in case one is needed.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to appoint Linda Rineair as the Election Superintendent and Amber Lancaster as the Elections Chief Manager for the year 2014.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration of names of 3 candidates to submit application for consideration for one appointment to the Hospital Authority

Weitman suggested consideration of Derrell Banks and Jamey Stancell. Hinely suggested consideration of Stephanie Weitman also.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion for three applicants, Darrell Banks, Jamey Stancell and Stephanie Weitman, to submit the appropriate paperwork to the Hospital Authority for one Hospital Authority Appointment, currently held by Darrell Banks.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval to purchase a projector system for use during Council Meetings and Municipal Court – to be paid from the Technology Fund

The City Manager discussed the potential purchase of a projector system, with systems that would probably work for us being priced in the range of approximately \$400 to \$1,000. The Council could authorize the City Manager make a purchase up to a certain amount, or this item could be tabled with pricing information being brought back to the next meeting.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to table this item until the next meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder – The City Hall Office will be closed on Monday 01/20/2014 in observance of the Martin Luther King Day Holiday; and also reminder that the MLK Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the 20th

Discussion of a called meeting for the approval of upcoming purchases related to the Mars Theatre

The City Manager advised of the Mars Theatre projected opening date being April 25th. In order to stay on track with the opening of the Theatre we may need to hold a called meeting in order to discuss and possibly approve upcoming purchases related to the Mars Theatre.

Bennett suggests that we hold a called meeting before the next regularly scheduled meeting. Bennett will keep in touch with Council and coordinate the date of the called meeting.

First Street Drainage

This was briefly discussed

REPORTS

Administration – Streetscape is obviously getting starting. An update of the progress was given.

Police Department – The Police Department monthly report was provided in Council packets for review. Usher asked about graffiti on wall in town and Alderman has received complaints reference loud music up and road at night.

Fire Department – The Fire Department monthly report was provided in Council packets for review. Weitman remarked on the large vehicle that the Fire Department has already received through the Georgia Forestry Commission.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Reference personnel and real estate acquisition

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 6:59 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference personnel and real estate acquisition.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

MOTION: Weitman a motion at 8:38 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

No actions were taken.

Mars Theatre upcoming purchases

Bennett briefly discussed the additional purchases that will be needed for the Theatre.

City Manager Retirement

A brief discussion was held reference 401(a) and 457(b) plans. The consensus was for the City Manager to proceed through a 457(b) plan and may do so administratively without other action needed, per his contract.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 9:01 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

03/11/2014 Approved

Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 01/30/2014 – Called Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A Called Meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on January 30, 2014 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, Georgia. This meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Barton Alderman

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs	Charles Hinely
Jerry Maennche	Steve Shealy
Kenny Usher	Gary Weitman

A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager	Tommy Deadwyler, Dir. of Cultural Affairs
Linda Rinear, City Clerk	

GUEST PRESENT:

No guests were present.

DISPENSE WITH THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Barton Alderman dispensed with the regular order of business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Weitman made a motion approve the Agenda.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to approve a change order for additional work related to the proscenium, stage stairs, sound & lighting booth, handicap areas, and electrical additions

The City Manager met with the electrical contractors today.

City Manager Bennett gave a history of various projects reference the Theatre. Bennett provided information to the Mayor and Council Members and discussed various pricing and other information on the additional items that will be considered later in the meeting.

City Manager Brett Bennett discussed Phillip Kieffer Construction, Inc. change order #4 breakdowns. A short question and answer session followed.

Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs, remarked that he would like the Theatre to be a great experience for all those that attend.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve change order # 4 for additional work related to the proscenium, stage stairs, sound & lighting booth, handicap areas, and electrical additions in the amount of \$73,889.00.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to approve the purchase of the Mars Theatre sound equipment

A brief discussion on sound equipment followed. Deadwyler advised that a designated sound person will handle the sound equipment.

The sound system will have a 3 year full warranty. Once the warranty runs out a continued service will be obtained.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the purchase of the Mars Theatre sound equipment from Sound Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$98,557.96.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to approve the purchase of the Mars Theatre lighting equipment

Deadwyler recommends Television Production Services which is also happens to be the lowest bidder.

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to approve the purchase of the Mars Theatre lighting equipment from Television Production Service in the amount of \$44,995.04.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to approve the purchase of the Mars Theatre cinema equipment

Tommy Deadwyler recommends Cinevision Corporation.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve the purchase of the Mars Theatre cinema equipment from Cinevision Corporation in the amount of \$98,345.00.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Discussion of the Mars Theatre Committee

Mayor Alderman discussed the Mars Theatre Committee and referred to minutes of the April 9, 2013 and May 14, 2013 meetings in which the committee was set up as a temporary committee.

Bennett suggests that perhaps a "Friends of the Mars" citizen volunteer group could be formed later on.

City Manager Bennett remarked on those that spearheaded the Mars Theatre with special consideration given to Gussie Nease and the SRC (Springfield Revitalization Corporation).

Several months back a Mars Theatre temporary committee meeting was held. Bennett has since met with every member of the temporary committee individually. The temporary committee has been so helpful and he expressed his appreciation to all of those who participated.

Tommy Deadwyler was hired in September of 2013 and is experienced in operations of theatres. Both the City Manager and Deadwyler have learned many new things through research and meetings on the many items needed for a Theatre during this renovation process.

Consideration to approve opening of a new checking account for the Mars Theatre

The City Manager advised the Mayor and Council that state law requires approval of Council before the opening or closing of a bank account. Bennett suggests future allocation of funds into this account so that money is available for cash flow sake. Beer and/or wine will be available at times at the Theatre. Alcohol servers will have to go through the same training as those who hold special events with alcohol. A protocol will be established.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the opening of a new checking account for the Mars Theatre.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE CALLED MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Reference real estate acquisition and personnel

MOTION: Shealy made a motion at 7:39 p.m. to move from the called meeting into executive session reference personnel only and asked that real estate acquisition be stricken and not discussed.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 9:05 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the called meeting.

Second: Hinely 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 THIS MEETING

MOTION: Usher made a motion at 9:06 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

03/11/2014 Approved

A Public Hearing was held on March 11, 2014 beginning at 6:14 p.m. in the City of Springfield Council Chambers located at 130 South Laurel Street, Springfield, GA. This Public Hearing was held in reference to Amber Lancaster's request for a local alcohol license for the MARS Theatre located at 106 South Laurel Street in Springfield, GA.

Mayor Alderman and the following Council Members were present:

Justin Cribbs
Kenny Usher

Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Also Present:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Dir. Of Cultural Affairs

Guest Present:

Betty Renfro
Joyce Alderman

Pearl Thomas
Paul Lindsay

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Mayor Barton Alderman.

Paul Lindsay came forward and spoke in approval of the work that has been done at the MARS Theatre and did not speak in opposition of the alcohol license.

Pearl Thomas asked about the potential sales of alcohol at the theatre. Beer and wine sales will be conducted when play's or concerts are held and during other functions. The servers will obtain training and it was also made clear that servers could refuse service if needed.

A brief discussion followed.

The Public Hearing closed at approximately 6:18 p.m.

04/08/14 Approved

Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 03/11/2014 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on March 11, 2014 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, Georgia. This meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m., immediately following a Public Hearing.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Charles Hinely
Kenny Usher

Council Member Shealy was unable to attend this meeting. A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Dir. of Cultural Affairs

Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Amber Lancaster, Accounting Clerk

GUEST PRESENT:

Betty Renfro
Joyce Alderman

Pearl Thomas
Paul Lindsay

INVOCATION – Given by Council Member Weitman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Usher made a motion to amend agenda to add under old business the projector system item which had been previously tabled and to approve agenda as amended.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 01/14/2014 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the 01/14/2014 regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 01/30/2014 CALLED MEETING

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 01/30/2014 called meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration to purchase a projector system for use during Council Meetings and Municipal Court – to be paid from the Technology Fund

City Manager Brett Bennett advised that we are not prepared to move forward with this item at this time. Bennett further advised that Sophicity will be contacted to assist with the recommendation.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to table this item until the next meeting

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval for the Effingham Festival to be held at the Living History site on April 12, 2014 between the hours of 9A – 5P – requested by Betty Renfro

Betty Renfro stepped to the podium. This event will not be as grand as last year, but plans are to hold this event at the festival site and museum. Demonstrators will be there. The depot will be open, local talent will be there, cars and whatever they may acquire will be there with plenty of good food.

Mayor Alderman asked about vendors around the courthouse. Betty Renfro advised

the vendors should be right in front of the museum. Betty Renfro also advised that the Courthouse has no objection for use of their parking lot during the event.

For safety sake, Betty Renfro would like to have Pine Street from Rabun to Early Street closed and also Early Street from Oak to Pine Street closed. Betty Renfro will speak to the Chief of Police.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the Effingham Festival to be held at the Living History site on April 12, 2014, and close, as requested, streets during the event.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to donate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to the Effingham Festival to be taken out of the Special Events Fund.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a local alcohol license for the MARS Theatre

City Manager Bennett advised the Mayor and Council Members that the Department of Revenue had been contacted to clarify a few questions. The agent advised that neither the Mayor nor the City Manager's name should be listed on the application and explained his reasoning.

Bennett remarked that alcohol sales will not be available for every theatre event. Brett Bennett and Tommy Deadwyler will come up with a policy of how this should operate so everyone will better understand.

Mayor Alderman asked about the Accounting Clerk's potential liability for being named on the application. City Attorney Perkins explained that the licensee is not usually sued in an incident involving an over-served patron. The normal person sued is the server and owner. If she were to be sued she would be covered under the current insurance policy.

When asked about police presence, Bennett advised that we do not require police presence at an alcohol establishment, restaurant. Police presence is required at an alcohol special event which is a completely different circumstance.

Tommy Deadwyler expressed his belief that things should go well since the theatre will have trained servers and an intoximeter available, and also the fact that we have the right to refuse to serve for any reason. Deadwyler explained that we are not opening a bar and that when the show is over that sales stop. Alcohol sales will not be like sitting at a bar, and this will be a completely different atmosphere. Beer will be served by the cup. We will be very cautious.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the local alcohol license for the MARS Theatre.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to authorize the Accounting Clerk to submit an alcohol license application to the Georgia Department of Revenue for the MARS Theatre

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to authorize the Accounting Clerk to submit an alcohol license application to the Georgia Department of Revenue for the MARS Theatre.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for a nomination to the Chamber Board

Mayor Alderman read correspondence from the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in which they are seeking nominations for two Board members to serve. Nominees must be Chamber members. Nominations must be received at the chamber office by March 26th. Nominations will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee for consideration.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to submit Brett Bennett as a nomination to the Chamber Board of Directors.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration of location for fence to be relocated at the Effingham Historic Society site

City Manager Bennett discussed two possible options: Encompass the lane, or a part of the lane. Bennett has already discussed this with Matt Nesmith, who has access to the lane, and Nesmith does not have any problem with the lane closure.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to move the fence and to close the entire right of way from Stancell's property to the line of trees.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder to Council Members – GMA 2014 Annual Convention will be held June 20 – 24 in Savannah

Mayor Alderman reminded Council Members and asked those who wish to attend notify the City Clerk.

Reminder to Council Members – The Effingham Chamber Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5th

Council Members were asked to check their calendar and also notified that we may get a table if enough of our Council Members plan to attend.

REPORTS

Administration – We have experienced some contractor delays on the Streetscape project due to rain. This project may be completed next week. Bennett also noted that the Theatre is coming along very well.

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

Council Member Usher advised of Juvenile's who defaced some property, graffiti. Usher asked if Juvenile or Adults could be held liable for clean-up of defaced property. The City Attorney Ben Perkins remarked that normally the victims advocate and the victim would agree on some sort of resolution/restitution. The District Attorney's Office normally recommends the plea.

Usher expressed concerns that the graffiti is still there and that this incident happened around a year ago. When asked about a possible Resolution being passed the City Attorney advised that a Resolution would not be binding on Juvenile Court and suggested that perhaps a letter would be justified. The City Attorney will look further into this matter.

Fire Department – The Fire Department monthly report was provided in Council packets for review.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Reference real estate acquisition

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 7:09 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference real estate acquisition.

Second: Hinely 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 7:54 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

No actions were taken.

Cemetery – A brief discussion followed reference the issue of sand coming from the cemetery into the streets.

Potholes – A brief discussion followed reference potholes in areas of the city. Different scenarios were discussed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Usher made a motion at 8:29 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

04/08/2014 Approved

Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 04/08/2014 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on April 8, 2014 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, Georgia. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Kenny Usher at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR PRO-TEM KENNY USHER AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Steve Shealy
Gary Weitman

Jerry Maennche
Charles Hinely

Mayor Barton Alderman was unable to attend this meeting. A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Dir. of Cultural Affairs

GUEST PRESENT:

Mary Downing

INVOCATION – Given by Council Member Shealy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Usher

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 03/11/2014 PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 03/11/2014 Public Hearing.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 03/11/2014 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 03/11/2014 Regular Meeting, with minor changes noted and reviewed by Council prior to meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tommy Deadwyler gave an update of work being done at the Mars Theatre.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of Elmo Projector System

City Manager Brett Bennett explained the services of “Sophicity in a box”, whereby they provided a service in which they recommended these systems. Pricing was obtained on different models. Camcor, Inc. provided a quote on the Elmo P10 Visual Presenter at the cost of \$1,489.99. Bennett has discussed this system with the Police Chief who was highly supportive of the system and expressed that the system will also be useful during court for presenting evidence in the courtroom.

The Elmo P10 would be the video head, video camera. This device would not be needed to conduct power-point presentations, but will certainly be used to place papers on so that the public could also view the items discussed during Council Meetings.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve the purchase of the Elmo P10 Visual Presenter from Camcor, Inc. not to exceed the cost of \$1,489.99 to be paid through the Technology Fund.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval for purchase of sewer camera

City Manager Brett Bennett advised that the sewer camera can be used with our existing system. It can be hooked up to our sewer machine and will have a camera that can look into the lines for viewing and also video whereby we can see what is going on in an existing line. It will provide information as to when we need to dig up a line or to unclog a line. It will also help when the clog is in a lateral between the house and the lane to determine the problem. We can also check a storm drain. Bennett

would actually recommend Council approve up to a dollar amount whereby demos can be conducted before the actual purchase.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the purchase of a sewer camera up to the cost of \$10,000 to be taken out of the Water/Sewer SPLOST Fund.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the “Alcohol Beverage Serving” Policy for the Mars Theatre

City Manager Bennett discussed the policy and suggested that the Theatre Manager be given authorization to determine which events shall include the service of alcohol. Deadwyler suggests that when alcohol is not served a cover could be placed over the taps as a simple method of letting people know when alcohol would not be served. More and more theatres are selling beer and wine and it is becoming more common. Deadwyler explained that he would be using his best judgment as to when alcohol could be served and that he would also be listening to feedback.

Deadwyler suggested perhaps a western weekend, with old John Wayne movies, in which alcohol could be served and advised discretion, would be used.

A discussion followed with some Council Members expressing concerns over alcohol being served during movies. City Manager Bennett advised that if Council desires we could consider no alcohol served during movies period, and that if we have a few movies when alcohol could be served it would be brought back before council for consideration.

During live performances alcohol would be expected and could be served.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the “Alcohol Beverage Serving” Policy for the Mars Theatre, if it is amended to include that alcohol will not be served when movies are shown unless prior City Council approval is obtained.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the “Policy and Procedures” for the Mars Theatre

A question and answer session was held in discussion of the Policy and Procedures for the Mars Theatre. Deadwyler explained that the Policy and Procedures could be posted on the Website with a copy being maintained on the premises.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve the “Policy and Procedures” for the Mars Theatre with the changes discussed in which the Camera Policies applies to all Professional Productions and to also include firearms under prohibited items.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

REPORTS

Mary Downing, member of the SRC requested an update on Ulmer Park.

Administration

Ulmer Park – City Manager Bennett explained that around a year or a year and a half ago discussions were held with the county about joint development of the Ulmer Park area providing for an ADA Playground. A few months ago Bennett went to the County and asked for an answer. This was well received by the board of commissioners.

Bennett suggests that we need to put a plan together and go to the County and request funds. A discussion followed.

Bennett suggested an engineering firm be involved. Bennett also advised that he could probably have a proposal brought back to the next meeting as to how to move forward on this project.

Effingham Festival this weekend – Bennett reminded the Council Members and those present about the upcoming festival.

Daisy's – Bennett encouraged the Council Members to go in and check out Daisy's, a new coffee house that has opened on Laurel Street.

Mar's Theatre Special Invites – Bennett advised that those who receive special invites to shows at the Mar's Theatre be sure to RSVP to reserve seating. Several people have given years of support, time and money toward the renovation of the Mar's Theatre. A second round of invitations will be sent out. We do want a full house, but do not wish to overextend the two evenings.

Downtown area effects resulting from the Mar's Theatre Renovation – Tommy Deadwyler remarked on the different businesses that have spruced up businesses appearances, which significantly improve the downtown area.

Streetscape – The lights went up yesterday. The pavers should be done this week. The landscaping is anticipated to be completed before the Mar's Theatre kicks off.

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

Fire Department – The Fire Department monthly report provided in Council packets for review. Bennett also noted that the truck received from Forestry Commission is in the process of being painted and should be ready soon.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Reference real estate acquisition

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 7:30 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference real estate acquisition.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

MOTION: Maennche made a motion at 8:10 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Hinely 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 THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 8:13 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Approved on 05/13/2014

A Public Hearing was held on May 13, 2014 beginning at 6:12 p.m. p.m. in the City of Springfield Council Chambers located at 130 South Laurel Street, Springfield, GA. This Public Hearing was held in reference to Katricia Moore's request for a home occupation with the name of the business being "Elias Carpet Cleaning", to be located at 1018 Poplar Court Unit B in Springfield GA.

Mayor Alderman and the following Council Members were present:

Justin Cribbs
Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Charles Hinely
Kenny Usher

Also Present:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

Guest Present:

Joyce Alderman
Katricia Moore
David Ausley
Janice Mydell

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Mayor Barton Alderman.

Katricia Moore stepped to the podium. Ms. Moore advised that the cleaning supplies will be locked up inside the house, being approximately 12 gallons of cleaning solutions. Ms. Moore is renting the residence and has checked with the landlord who is okay with the home occupation. The business will be for the cleaning of carpet or tile and will be performed at the locations requested.

No public comments were made resulting in no opposition.

The Public Hearing closed at approximately 6:17 p.m.

06/10/14 Approved

Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 05/13/2014 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on May 13, 2014 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, Georgia. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:17 p.m., immediately following the Public Hearing.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Charles Hinely
Kenny Usher

Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Council Member Steve Shealy was unable to attend. A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Ben Perkins, City Attorney

Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

GUEST PRESENT:

Joyce Alderman
David Ausley

Katricia Moore
Janice Mydell

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Barton Alderman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 04/08/2014 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the minutes of the 04/08/2014 regular meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of a Home Occupation, "Elias Carpet Cleaning", requested by Katricia Moore to be located at 1018 Poplar Court Unit B in Springfield GA

A Public Hearing had been held immediately preceding this Council Meeting, with no opposition expressed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the Home Occupation, "Elias Carpet Cleaning," requested by Katricia Moore to be located at 1018 Poplar Court Unit B in Springfield GA.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a proclamation, requested by Janice Mydell from Concerted Services, to declare the month of May "Community Action Month"

Mayor Alderman read the proclamation to those in attendance.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve a proclamation to declare the month of May "Community Action Month".

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Janice Mydell stepped forward and was presented the proclamation by Mayor Barton Alderman and was thanked for the services provided to the community.

Consideration for approval of a Resolution (# R2014-3) authorizing the Mayor to sign an intergovernmental agreement with Effingham County regarding annexation of property on which the City's Sprayfield is located

Council Members were provided a copy in their packets. The Effingham County Board of Commissioners has already approved a Resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the intergovernmental agreement reference the annexation of the property on which the City's Sprayfield and also the Waste Water Treatment Plant is located. Basically if approved, we will have several steps to follow reference zoning.

City Manager Brett Bennett and City Attorney Ben Perkins discussed the agreement

and advised if approval is obtained we will begin taking the steps to finalize the zoning.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an intergovernmental agreement with Effingham County regarding annexation of property on which the City's Sprayfield is located.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

Council Member Usher voiced his opposition against the annexation of both the Sprayfield and Waste Water Treatment properties.

A discussion followed.

MOTION PASSED Vote 4 Yes (Cribbs, Weitman, Maennche, and Hinely), 1 No (Usher)

Consideration for approval of a Resolution (#R2014-4) authorizing the Mayor to sign an intergovernmental agreement with Effingham County regarding annexation of property on which the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant is located

A brief discussion of zoning in the particular area followed. Council Member Usher again voiced his opposition against the annexation.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an intergovernmental agreement with Effingham County regarding annexation of property on which the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant is located.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED Vote 4 Yes (Cribbs, Weitman, Maennche, and Hinely), 1 No (Usher)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder - the City Hall Office will be closed on Monday 05/26/14 in observance of Memorial Day

Reminder to Council Members - The Chamber Annual Meeting will be held on June 5th at 7 p.m. at the Effingham County High School. Please notify the City Clerk if you wish to attend so that tickets may be obtained

REPORTS

Administration

Streetscape - This phase of the project is almost completed.

Grant – We have been notified that we will probably receive approval of the greenway grant reference the walking trail. The application has one more step before approved or denied.

Mars Theatre - Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs, remarked that the Mars Theatre has opened, and we had a great grand opening weekend. Positive comments have been received. The Mars Theatre Website is being frequently reviewed. Facebook shows over 1,200 likes. 640 people have been to the Spiderman II movie. The Godzilla movie will start being shown this Thursday. Plans are being made for the movie "God's not dead" in the near future. Over the next several weeks several concerts and choirs have been scheduled. Thanks were given to the local press for the theatre coverage in the news media. Also the Mars Theatre was mentioned on all the major networks. Some of the local businesses have made remarks to Deadwyler that they have received more business since the opening of the Theatre. It is exciting to see people on the street after 5:00 p.m. Deadwyler thanked the team effort put forth by those involved. Deadwyler also remarked that the theatre has also created jobs, with 4 part time people now working there.

Council Member Weitman suggests consideration for Thursday night showing "the oldies" type movies.

Maennche asked about movies and profits. Movies have a minimum fee involved, and then they are normally based on a percentage of the ticket sales. Each one is different. Live shows were also discussed with those being set individually by contract. City Manager Bennett advised that the Theatre is not a money maker business. Deadwyler added that we need to keep the big picture in mind which is the potential for economic development. The concession stand is doing pretty good. Parking does not seem to be a problem.

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

NIMS Training - Apparently there are some requirements in which it is necessary for Elected Officials to attend NIMS training. This training would be beneficial in case of an emergency. Springfield Police Department Sergeant Burgess will coordinate this training. Elected Officials were asked to try to complete the training within the next couple of weeks. This training is a requirement of some of the Federal Grants.

Fire Department – The Fire Department monthly report was provided in Council packets for review. Council Members remarked favorably on the fact that the Fire Department's big truck has been painted and also on the Fire Department demo reports.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Reference real estate acquisition and personnel

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 7:09 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference real estate acquisition and

personnel.

Second: Hinely 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 7:28 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

No actions were taken.

OTHER ITEMS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED

Home Occupations – It was suggested that we may need to begin requiring a list of chemicals and/or cleaning products, which will be stored in home businesses, to be submitted along with the application for home occupations.

Nuisances – A few Council Members have received some complaints about some residents not maintaining their yards. City Attorney Perkins suggests that when we receive a complaint that the City could send letter notifying the resident that we have received a complaint.

City Attorney's Associate – City Attorney Ben Perkins advised the Mayor and Council that if they do not mind that his Associate, Lauren Meadows, may begin attending some of the Council Meetings in his place. This will save the city money since she can attend meetings at a lower rate schedule. City Attorney Perkins advised that he will attend meetings involving annexations and other matters. The Mayor or Council could also request that Ben Perkins attend other specific meetings, in which he will be glad to do so. City Attorney Perkins was asked to attend the next meeting, along with his Associate.

Retreat – Perhaps a retreat for the Mayor, Council, and City Manager could be held in late June. The Mayor and Council were asked to check their schedules to see if June 28th would work with their schedules as a good date for a retreat.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Usher made a motion at 7:49 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

06/10/14 Approved

A Public Hearing was held on June 10, 2014 in the City of Springfield Council Chambers located at 130 South Laurel Street, Springfield, GA.

Mayor Alderman and the following Council Members were present:

Charles Hinely
Steve Shealy
Gary Weitman

Jerry Maennche
Kenny Usher

Also Present:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Travis Zittrouer, Fire Chief
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

Guest Present:

Richard D. Vanzant
Roy Griffin
Butch Kieffer

Joyce Alderman
Pearl Thomas

A Public Hearing was held in reference to James C. Nolan Jr.'s request for a home occupation with the name of the business being "Rollin Nolan", to be located at 503 East Fourth Street in Springfield GA.

This Public Hearing was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Barton Alderman.

Neither James C. Nolan, Jr., nor someone in his absence, was available at this Public Hearing. No public comments were made.

This Public Hearing closed at approximately 6:06 p.m.

07/08/14 Approved

A Public Hearing was held on June 10, 2014 in the City of Springfield Council Chambers located at 130 South Laurel Street, Springfield, GA.

Mayor Alderman and the following Council Members were present:

Charles Hinely	Jerry Maennche
Steve Shealy	Kenny Usher
Gary Weitman	

Also Present:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Travis Zittrouer, Fire Chief
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

Guest Present:

Richard D. Vanzant	Joyce Alderman
Roy Griffin	Pearl Thomas
Butch Kieffer	

A Public Hearing was held in reference to Richard David Vanzant's request for retail sale of malt beverages and wine for the Harveys Supermarket # 1663, located at 1451 Highway 21 South in Springfield GA.

This Public Hearing was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Mayor Barton Alderman. A brief discussion followed.

Richard David Vanzant was present for this public Hearing.

No public comments were made, therefore no opposition was expressed.

This Public Hearing closed at approximately 6:18 p.m.

07/08/14 Approved

Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 06/10/2014 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on June 10, 2014 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, Georgia. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:19 p.m., immediately following two Public Hearings.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Charles Hinely
Steve Shealy
Kenny Usher

Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Council Member Justin Cribbs was unable to attend. A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Travis Zittrouer, Fire Chief
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

GUEST PRESENT:

Richard David Vanzant
Roy Griffin
Butch Kieffer

Joyce Alderman
Pearl Thomas

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Alderman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to amend the agenda to add item # i. under New Business - Consideration to approve the purchase of the necessary equipment to install a pump station on West Fourth Street and approved the agenda as amended.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 05/13/2014 PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 05/13/2014 public hearing.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 05/13/2014 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 05/13/2014 regular meeting.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of a Home Occupation, "Rolling Nolan", requested by James C. Nolan, Jr., to be located at 503 East Fourth Street in Springfield GA, in order to perform painting, carpenter, and sheetrock work

Neither James C. Nolan, Jr., nor someone in his absence, was available at the preceding Public Hearing or at this meeting. Therefore, the City Clerk was asked to contact him to see if he would like to have this item on the July Agenda. This item was tabled.

Consideration for approval of an Alcohol License, requested by Richard David Vanzant, for retail sale of malt beverages and wine at Harveys # 1663 (new ownership), located at 1451 Highway 21 South in Springfield GA.

A Public Hearing had been held immediately preceding this Council Meeting, with no opposition expressed.

Alcohol sales at Harvey's, conducted during the four day period preceding this meeting, was briefly discussed. A Power of Attorney letter was reviewed which authorized Samson Merger Sub, LLC to operate under the City of Springfield alcoholic beverage license of Harveys Supermarket # 2404 for a period of thirty days beginning on May 31, 2014. A corresponding letter was sent to the Georgia Department of Revenue authorizing Samson Merger Sub, LLC to operate under the State of Georgia alcoholic beverage license of Harveys Supermarket #

2404 for a period of thirty days beginning on May 31, 2014.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve an Alcohol License, for retail sale of malt beverages and wine, requested by Richard David Vanzant, for Harveys # 1663, located at 1451 Highway 21 South in Springfield GA.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to authorize the purchase of two police cars through the state contract from Akins Ford Dodge Jeep Chrysler in Winder, GA (from SPLOST dollars)

City Manager Brett Bennett discussed the Police Department's request for two vehicles. One vehicle would replace a 2008 model that as of 03/17/14 had a mileage of 123,361. The other vehicle would replace a 2006 model that as of 03/17/14 had a mileage of 137,194.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to authorize the purchase of two police cars, through the state contract from Akins Ford Dodge Jeep Chrysler in Winder, GA, to be taken out of SPLOST, at the cost of \$23,441.37 each.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to authorize the purchase of a truck for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, (from SPLOST dollars)

The City Manager discussed the current condition of the Waste Water Treatment Plant 2004 Chevy Silverado. The mileage on this vehicle is 172,827. It needs brakes and tires, transmission slips, front end problems, etc. When asked for his recommendation for selection Bennett suggested the Ford, mostly due to the price.

A brief discussion followed reference Ford, Chrysler, and GM vehicles.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to authorize the purchase of a GM truck for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, at a cost of \$21,506.94, to be taken out of SPLOST.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

First Reading of an Ordinance to adopt a 2014 Operating Budget for the Arts & Events Fund (Mars Theatre)

The Ordinance with an attached budget was discussed. The City Manager discussed the process conducted during the development of the budget. Revenues are forecasted. A spreadsheet was developed with each day of the year, movies, events, etc. project out over the year with conservative ticket sales, etc.

Director of Cultural Affairs, Tommy Deadwyler, expressed that he good with the projected budget. Bennett advised that did not project revenues for any rentals. Furthermore Bennett advised that we are spending more on marketing up-front, whereby when clients accumulate the marketing cost may go down.

Live events tend to pull in people from out of town.

Consideration to transfer \$21,171 of prior year reserve to the Mars Theatre Operating Account

Brett Bennett, City Manager, discussed the request to transfer \$21,171 from prior year reserve to the Mars Theatre Operating Account. An amendment to the budget will be brought before Council at a later date.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to transfer \$21,171 of prior year reserve to the Mars Theatre Operating Account.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a Resolution (Number R2014-5) to initiate the process to rezone the City of Springfield Sprayfield Property

City Manager Bennett explained that this and the following resolution will initiate the process to rezone property.

Attorney Perkins also noted that this Resolution contained two errors, which required correction to read from R-1 County to R-1 City. Attorney Perkins then showed each voting member the revisions needed to the Sprayfield Resolution prior to a vote being taken on it.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve a Resolution, as corrected, to initiate the process to rezone the City of Springfield Sprayfield Property.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

Usher expressed his opposition.

MOTION PASSED 4 yes (Hinely, Maennche, Shealy, and Weitman), 1 no (Usher)

Consideration for approval of a Resolution (Number R2014-6) to initiate the process to rezone the City of Springfield Waste Water Treatment Property

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve a Resolution to initiate the process to rezone the City of Springfield Waste Water Treatment Property.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED 4 yes (Hinely, Maennche, Shealy, and Weitman), 1 no (Usher)

Consideration to approve the purchase of the necessary equipment to install a pump station on W. Fourth St

On west Fourth Street, at the end of First Avenue on the West side of town, there are two houses on a low elevation. To avoid any further sewer issues Bennett request consideration to purchase the necessary equipment to install a pump station on West Fourth Street. City crew could install the equipment.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the purchase of the necessary equipment to install a pump station on W. Fourth St., \$11,758.34, to be taken out of SPLOST

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder – The City Hall Office will be closed on Friday 07/04/14 in observance of Independence Day.

Retreat - Brett would like direction on how to proceed. Use of Ebenezer facility cost is reasonable. Council Member Shealy suggested that perhaps the retreat could be held here in Springfield. Council Member Weitman suggested that Council Members could provide dates that could not work for them so we could narrow down the days that would work. Perhaps the retreat could be held in the later part of July.

Fire Department Budget – Fire Chief Travis Zittrouer must submit a budget to the County reference Service Delivery. Travis has proposed a budget with a substantial increase, \$30,000, which could add two more paid firemen. The Springfield Fire Department is currently covering shifts 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. The County Fire Department provides four on duty around the clock, therefore providing 24-7 coverage. Zittrouer advised that it is getting harder and harder to get volunteers.

Fire Department Consolidation – Fire Chief Travis Zittrouer discussed concerns he has with several different independent Fire Departments in the same County, which is a duplication of services. Zittrouer suggests the possibility of consolidation. There are 6-10 different ways we could go about this. While Zittrouer attended training sessions at different schools he has been hearing more about consolidation and feels that if we had one

department the fire emergency personnel would work better as a team.

Mayor Alderman suggested the City Manager and Fire Chief put something together about this possibility that could be discussed at the Retreat, including information on how we could go about this process. Zittrouer advised that the Fire Department could be headed by a Board, Authority, or Commission (with all entities having an equal say).

WWTP Capacity - Storm Water Shed Additional Capacity – The City Manager discussed a cost in the \$50,000 - \$100,000 range, based on the drainage basin in which your plant sits. A study is required to be conducted. Bennett will bring this information back to the next meeting.

Council Member Hinely asked to be excused with permission granted at 7:50 p.m. Hinely then exited the Meeting being held at the Council Chambers.

Gussie Nease - Thanked the Mayor and Council for the award given to her and for the dedication that has been put forth in reference to the Mars Theatre.

REPORTS

Administration – No reports at this time.

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

Fire Department – Fire Department reports were provided in Council Packets for review.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Reference real estate acquisition

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 7:53 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session, reference real estate acquisition

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

MOTION: Usher made a motion at 8:51 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.

Donation of Paid Time Off Discussed – The City Manager discussed that he has been approached by a few employees who would like to donate some of their PTO Leave to an employee that is experiencing an emergency situation and will be out of work for approximately eight weeks. The Mayor and Council agreed that this decision can be made by the City Manager. The Council further advised that if an employee is allowed to donate PTO Leave to another employee it is important for them to realize that the donated leave will be deducted from their PTO Leave and that any PTO Leave donated is gone. The Mayor and Council were also briefed on how the donation of PTO Leave could be documented in the Payroll System Records so that if a question came up later on the records could clearly provide the appropriate documentation.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Usher made a motion at 9:05 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

07/08/14 Approved

Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 07/08/2014 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on July 8, 2014 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, Georgia. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:03 p.m. The Public Hearing, that was scheduled prior to this meeting, in reference to a Home Occupation requested by James Nolan Jr. was not held reference Nolan's request.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Charles Hinely
Steve Shealy
Kenny Usher

Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Council Member Justin Cribbs was unable to attend. A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

GUEST PRESENT:

Chris Tolleson
Richard Deal

Joyce Alderman
Leanne Thompson

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Alderman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to amend the Agenda under "Old Business" to remove James C. Nolan Jr.'s request for a home occupation; under "New Business" First Reading of an Ordinance changed to Annex and Zone, from Effingham County to City of Springfield, city owned Sprayfield property, located at 424 Long Bridge Road, from Effingham County's R-1 zoning classification to the City of Springfield's R-1 zoning classification; under "New Business" First Reading of an Ordinance changed to "Annex and Zone", from Effingham County to City of Springfield, city owned Waste Water Treatment property, located at 313 Industrial Blvd., from Effingham County's I-1 zoning classification to the City of Springfield's I-1 zoning classification; and add

Consideration for approval of construction project reference driveway repairs at Cedar Creek; and approved agenda as amended.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 06/10/2014 PUBLIC HEARING – Home Occupation, James C. Nolan

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve the minutes of the 06/10/2014 public hearing reference a home occupation to be located at 503 East Fourth Street.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 06/10/2014 PUBLIC HEARING – Alcohol Application, Harveys # 1663

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 06/10/2014 public hearing reference Richard David Vanzant's request for an retail sale of malt beverages and wine for the Harveys Supermarket # 1663, located at 1451 Highway 21 South in Springfield GA.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 06/10/2014 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 06/10/2014 regular meeting.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCES

Richard Deal, with Thigpen Lanier Westerfield and Deal Certified Public Accountants, presented the City of Springfield Year 2013 Audit results

Richard Deal stepped to the podium in order to go over the audit reports with the Mayor and Council Members. Mr. Deal noted that the City of Springfield ended the year 2013 in good financial shape. Typically reserves should be maintained at least three months' worth, more is great. The City of Springfield ended year 2013 with more than three months in reserves. City Manager Brett Bennett gave Amber Lancaster, the Accounting Clerk, the credit for maintaining good accounting procedures. Mr. Deal feels that Amber Lancaster exhibits good accounting skills and wishes more were like her. Page 35 under "Compliance

and other Matters” the results of their tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that they are required to report under Government Auditing Standards. In other words, “No findings.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading – Consideration to approve an Ordinance (# 2014-1) to adopt a 2014 Operating Budget for the Arts & Events Fund (Mars Theatre). The First Reading was provided at the 06/10/14 Regular Meeting

This is second reading requesting approval. 180-190 folks were at Mars Theatre for the Swedish choir night last week. 3/4 of the folks who came had not attended the theatre yet. This is very encouraging. Tomorrow the Chamber lunch & learn will also be held at the Mars Theatre. People are beginning to see all of the uses for the theatre.

Council Member Shealy questioned insurance at theatre, and wished to verify that we are protected from an insurance perspective. The City Manager and the City Attorney expressed that we have very adequate coverage and are comfortable with the coverage that GIRMA offers.

Director of Cultural Affairs, Tommy Deadwyler, also remarked on the Block Booking Grant, in the amount of \$1,290.00, that we received on behalf of Georgia Presenters and the Fox Theatre Institute.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve an ordinance to adopt a 2014 Operating Budget for the Arts & Events Fund (Mars Theatre).

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of Integrated Science Engineering Proposal (Part 1) for Civil Engineering Services, reference the Wastewater Treatment Facility – Watershed Assessment

Chris Tolleson, with Integrated Science and Engineering in Savannah, walked to the podium and spoke before the Mayor and Council Members and provided a little background. Three primary tasks 1-prepare a water quality monitoring plan; 2-Watershed Assessment (water quality monitoring), Lengthy report, looks at the future; 3-Watershed protection plan. Samples would be taken at different times.

He will meet with the EPD and may be able to obtain verbal approval then we can begin sampling. They have a good relationship with the EPD. He knows what they want. It is a matter of sitting down with them. They have a good grip on the monitoring strategy they

will employ. They will do their part as quickly as possible. He will be negotiating with EPD reference the sampling.

A discussion followed.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the Integrated Science & Engineering Proposal (Part 1) for Civil Engineering Services, reference the Wastewater Treatment Facility – Watershed Assessment, at a cost of \$46,500 to be paid from Water Sewer operating funds.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of equipment and labor costs to set up two new Patrol Units

This is in reference to the two patrol units. Quotes were reviewed. A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the expenditure for equipment and labor costs to set up two new Patrol Units, accepting the quote offered by West Chatham Warning Devices with the two refurbished Liberty, reducing cost from \$9,379.90 to \$7,889.90.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the purchase of two reader board signs for the Mars Theatre

We received three proposals. Shealy would like to use a method to capture the biggest audience, perhaps consider where it is placed and suggested that we explore other options, such as the possibility of bill boards.

Numerous public comments have been received stating that people do not know what is playing at the Theatre. Traffic is substantial during day time hours. Deadwyler believes that signs will be of benefit.

Maennche feels we should see a similar picture, before purchase.

Movie poster boxes, the use of bill boards, etc. was also discussed.

Deadwyler showed an example of the reader board sign, from his cell phone, so the Council Members could see a better example of how the requested signs would appear.

A discussion followed.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the purchase of two reader board signs for the Mars Theatre, to be paid by SPLOST City Buildings, from Neon Design & Sign, at \$14,225.50, conditional upon at least 3 years warranty.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED by a vote of 3 Yes (Hinely, Maennche, & Weitman), 2 No (Shealy & Usher).

First Reading of an Ordinance to Annex and Zone, from Effingham County to City of Springfield, city owned Sprayfield property, located at 424 Long Bridge Road, from Effingham County's R-1 zoning classification to the City of Springfield's R-1 zoning classification

A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning and Zoning Board on Thursday 07/10/14 at 6:00 p.m. with a Planning and Zoning Board Meeting to be held immediately after the Public Hearings. The Planning and Zoning Board will provide their recommendation to Council on the zoning.

A Public Hearing will also be held by the City of Springfield Mayor and Council on Tuesday 08/12/14 at 6:00 p.m., with the Council Meeting to be held after the Public Hearings. The Council will consider this ordinance for approval at the 08/12/14 meeting.

First Reading of an Ordinance to Annex and Zone, from Effingham County to City of Springfield, city owned Waste Water Treatment Plant property, located at 313 Industrial Blvd., from Effingham County's I-1 zoning classification to the City of Springfield's I-1 zoning classification

A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning and Zoning Board on Thursday 07/10/14 after the other noted public hearing, with a Planning and Zoning Board Meeting to be held immediately after the Public Hearings. The Planning and Zoning Board will provide their recommendation to Council on the zoning.

A Public Hearing will also be held by the City of Springfield Mayor and Council on Tuesday 08/12/14 after the public hearings. The Council will consider this ordinance for approval at the 08/12/14 meeting.

Consideration of an appointment of Non-Public Representative for Effingham County to serve on the CRC Council

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to reappoint Herb Jones to serve on the CRC Council.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION REPAIRS AT CEDAR CREEK, REFERENCE DRAINAGE ISSUES

The City Manager went over different methods we have previously tried to solve some of the drainage issues in Cedar Creek.

Three quotes for construction repairs were reviewed.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve Harco Construction bid for driveway repairs at Cedar Creek in the amount of \$12,750.00.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Kenny Usher remarked on the Downtown Conference and Workshops listed in the GMA Newsletter. Usher would like couple of Council Members and/or Staff to attend. The dates are August 20-22, 2014.

REPORTS

Administration

City Council Planning Retreat

The Mayor and Council have advised that they could attend a planning retreat on either 07/19/14 or on 07/26/14. The City Manager can also attend either date, but prefers July 26th. A brief discussion followed as to the location to hold the retreat. Some Council Members suggested having the retreat here, some did not mind having it at the Ebenezer Center in Rincon. Mayor Alderman asked for a vote.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to hold the City Council Planning Retreat on 07/26/14 at the Ebenezer Center in Rincon, beginning at 8 a.m. or 8:30 a.m.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED by a vote of 3 Yes (Hinely, Maennche, & Weitman), 2 No (Shealy & Usher)

Parking under Oak Trees on Cleveland Avenue

The City Manager advised the Mayor and Council Members that Cleveland Avenue has pretty Oak Trees, but some have died and others are dying. We are receiving calls requesting that stumps be grinded down, etc. Parking under the Oak Trees may be killing these trees. Mayor Alderman would like no parking, but is unclear on how this could best be done. Perhaps "No Parking" zones. A discussion followed.

PTO donation to other employees

The City Manager reminded the Mayor and Council that some of the city employees would like to donate portions of their accumulated PTO leave to an employee that is recovering at

home from a serious medical condition. Through research we have found that the Internal Revenue Service does have regulations that must be followed. Brett Bennett went onto discuss two possible options.

One option could be a "Donated PTO Leave Program" which would be a "pool" type program where employees who wished to donate to this pool could donate portions of their accumulated PTO. An employee would have to apply to receive donation from this pool. Someone, such as the Council or the City Manager, would have to either approve or deny the application. This would be a complicated process and does not appear to be feasible.

The second option could be that an employee could request to receive a portion of their accumulated PTO leave. If approved, a check would be issued to the requesting employee who would be meeting IRS guidelines by paying taxes on this income and having this payment go toward the end of the year W-2. The employee could then cash this check and give the money to the employee they wish to donate to. This option would still require that someone approve or deny the request.

A discussion followed. The consensus was that even though well-intended this could lead to potential problems in the future whereby employees could start requesting portions of their PTO leave be paid to them for other reasons. Neither option was acted on.

Mars Theatre – Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs, again spoke on grant that the theatre received and advised the Mayor and Council that he will continue to apply for other grants in the future.

Police Department – The Police Department monthly report was provided to Council for review.

Fire Department – The Fire Department report was provided in Council Packets for review.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Reference real estate acquisition

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 8:59 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session, reference real estate acquisition

Second: Hinely 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 9:47 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

Real Estate Acquisition – 505 North Oak Street (Parcel # S1010036A00)

MOTION: Usher made a motion to authorize the City Manager to purchase 505 North Oak Street, in the amount of \$2,500 plus closing costs.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Real Estate Acquisition – Effingham Water Services (Parcel # S1260005), and Kathy Johnson (Parcel # S1260006)

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to authorize the City Manager to purchase Effingham Water Services property along with Kathy Johnson's property, both properties at a total amount of \$25,000.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Trash Carts remaining next to roadway

The City Manager, Brett Bennett, discussed complaints received reference trash carts remaining next to roadways in the Ash Street Ext. area.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Usher a motion at 9:55 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

08/12/14 Approved

City of Springfield

Public Hearing

August 12, 2014 @ 6:01 pm	Public Hearing	City Hall, 130 S. Laurel St.
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A public hearing was held on August 12, 2014 in the City of Springfield Council Chambers located at 130 South Laurel Street, Springfield, GA. This Public Hearing was held in reference to the annexation and zoning of City of Springfield owned property located at 424 Long Bridge Road, Parcel # 0444050, on which the City operates a Sprayfield, annex from Effingham County to City of Springfield, and zone from Effingham County's R-1 zoning classification to the City of Springfield's R-1 zoning classification.

Mayor Alderman and the following Council Members were present:

Justin Cribbs
Steve Shealy

Charles Hinely
Gary Weitman

Jerry Maennche
Kenny Usher

Also Present:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

Guest Present:

Jim Simmons
Jenny Denny
David Gnann

Mark Forrester
Joyce Alderman
Walter Gnann

Travis Blankenship
Jimmy Helmly

This Public Hearing was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Barton Alderman.

With no public comments this Public Hearing closed at approximately 6:03 p.m.

09/09/14 Approved

City of Springfield

Public Hearing

August 12, 2014 @ 6:03 pm	Public Hearing	City Hall, 130 S. Laurel St.
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A public hearing was held on August 12, 2014 in the City of Springfield Council Chambers located at 130 South Laurel Street, Springfield, GA. This Public Hearing was held in reference to the annexation and zoning of City of Springfield owned property located at 313 Industrial Blvd, Parcel # 0429A011, on which the City operates a Waste Water Treatment Plant, annex from Effingham County to City of Springfield, and zone from Effingham County's I-1 zoning classification to the City of Springfield's I-1 zoning classification.

Mayor Alderman and the following Council Members were present:

Justin Cribbs
Steve Shealy

Charles Hinely
Gary Weitman

Jerry Maennche
Kenny Usher

Also Present:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

Guest Present:

Jimmy Simmons
Jenny Denney
David Gnann

Mark Forrester
Joyce Alderman
Walter Gnann

Travis Blankenship
Jimmy Helmly

This Public Hearing was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Barton Alderman.

With no public comments this Public Hearing closed at approximately 6:05 p.m.

09/09/14 Approved

Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 08/12/2014 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on August 12, 2014 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, Georgia. This meeting was called to order, immediately following Public Hearings, by Mayor Alderman at 6:05 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Steve Shealy

Charles Hinely
Gary Weitman

Jerry Maennche
Kenny Usher

A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rinear, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

GUEST PRESENT:

Jim Simmons
Jenny Denney
David Gnann

Mark Forrester
Joyce Alderman
Walter Gnann

Travis Blankenship
Jimmy Helmly

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 under "Appearances" Jim Simmons, Manager of Fairgrounds, and approved the Agenda as amended.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 07/08/2014 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 07/08/2014 regular meeting.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCES

Jim Simmons, Manager of the Fairgrounds, spoke before the Mayor and Council in reference to the upcoming October or November ABATE event, which includes a Saturday night concert. Simmons has been asked to close the concert down at 10:00 p.m. due to some prior loud music complaints that had been received. Simmons explained that this is the fifth year in which this event will be hosted at the Fairgrounds, and explained that the concert normally begins about 8:00 p.m. and ends around 11:00 p.m. and they wish to continue concert until that time. Simmons advised that he would be responsible for the shutdown of music. ABATE will need to know the ending time for the concert before they may book the band.

Mayor Alderman suggested a compromise such as beginning the concert about 7:00 p.m. and perhaps ending at 10:00 p.m. Simmons advised that he also thought of this and has already discussed the possibility with ABATE and was advised, by them, that some bands are coming out of Florida and that it would be difficult to plan the concert to begin earlier than normal. Jim Simmons asks that consideration be given and also advised that he will need to know something as soon as possible.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to allow the concert to run until 11:00 p.m. and asked that the amount of complaints be monitored.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - David Gnann appeared before the Mayor and Council in reference to the zoning of a warehouse located at the corner of Crawford Street and Maple Street. Although he was advised prior to the meeting that this location is zoned R-1, he said he thought the applicable zoning allowed for commercial uses, and came to Council to inquire further.

City Manager Brett Bennett advised his understanding is that the property had been zoned R-1 at least since 1999, when the City's current zoning ordinance was adopted. Mr. Bennett further advised that his understanding is that since the building on the property was subject to a non-conforming use before the property was first zoned R-1, the non-conforming use was grandfathered by the City's zoning ordinance. Mr. Bennett also explained that under the City's zoning ordinance, if a grandfathered non-conforming use is discontinued for 6 months or more, then a future use of the building would have to be permissible under R-1 zoning. Bennett further advised that he has an ordinance to go by and has to follow the rules of the Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Walter Gnann, a prior owner of the property David Gnann discussed, asked about the 1999 zoning. He said he purchased this building in the 1980's and later sold it to David Gnann. He asked why he was not notified that the property was zoned R-1. He also commented that if he was notified of a potential change in the property's zoning, then it was his fault for not attending the hearing on that zoning change.

A discussion followed.

Usher discussed zoning procedures and advised they have to be followed. Walter Gnann would like to receive copies of the zoning ordinance and documents relative to the property's zoning.

City Attorney Ben Perkins suggested that perhaps the City research to find out when the property was first zoned R-1, since the property may have been zoned R-1 before Mr. Walter Gnann purchased it.

Walter Gnann advised that he had purchased the property in the 80's and that he and David Gnann are in the process of trying to sell the building to someone who wishes to open a business, which he believes would be a good thing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Jimmy Helmly remarked that he had received a text in reference to the walking trail. Helmly asked for clarification on the walking trail. The City Manager discussed the walking trail from the Historic Site to Early Street.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading - Consideration for approval of an Ordinance (# 2014-02) to Annex and Zone City of Springfield owned property located at 424 Long Bridge Road, Parcel # 04440050, on which the City operates a Sprayfield, annex from Effingham County to City of Springfield, and zone from Effingham County's R-1 zoning classification to City of Springfield's R-1 zoning classification.

07/08/14 - 1st Reading - held at Mayor & Council Regular Meeting

07/10/14 - 1st Public Hearing - held before Planning & Zoning Board

08/12/14 - 2nd Public Hearing - held before Mayor & Council, prior to this meeting

08/12/14 - 2nd Reading - held at this Mayor & Council Regular Meeting

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve an Ordinance to Annex and Zone city owned property located at 424 Long Bridge Road, Parcel # 04440050, on which the city operates a Sprayfield, annex from Effingham County to City of Springfield, and zone from Effingham County's R-1 zoning classification to City of Springfield's R-1 zoning classification.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

Council Member Usher expressed his opposition to annexation of both the Sprayfield property and the Waste Water Treatment property.

MOTION PASSED by vote of 5 Yes (Cribbs, Hinely, Maennche, Shealy, and Weitman), 1 No (Usher).

Second Reading – Consideration for approval of an Ordinance (# 2014-03) to Annex and Zone City of Springfield owned property located at 313 Industrial Blvd., Parcel # 0429A011, on which the City operates a Waste Water Treatment Plant, annex from Effingham County to City of Springfield, and zone from Effingham County’s I-1 zoning classification to the City of Springfield’s I-1 zoning classification.

- 07/08/14 – 1st Reading – held at Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- 07/10/14 – 1st Public Hearing – held before Planning & Zoning Board
- 08/12/14 – 2nd Public Hearing – held before Mayor & Council, prior to this meeting
- 08/12/14 – 2nd Reading – held at this Mayor & Council Regular Meeting

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve an Ordinance to Annex and Zone city owned property located at 313 Industrial Blvd, Parcel # 0429A011, on which the city operates a Waste Water Treatment Plant, annex from Effingham County to City of Springfield, and zone from Effingham County’s I-1 zoning classification to the City of Springfield’s I-1 zoning classification.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED by vote of 5 Yes (Cribbs, Hinely, Maennche, Shealy, and Weitman), 1 No (Usher).

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of special event/alcohol (beer) permit application, requested by Jamey Stancell of the Springfield Merchants Association, for the Springfield Fall Festival 2014 to be held on October 10th and 11th, 2014 in downtown Springfield.

Mark Forrester appeared before the Mayor and Council in Jamey Stancell's place, as Jamey Stancell was unable to attend this meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Forrester advised that this will be the third year holding this event.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve the special event/alcohol (beer) permit application requested by Jamey Stancell for the Springfield Fall Festival 2014 to be held on October 10th and 11th, 2014 in downtown Springfield.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to authorize the City Clerk to advertise the current 2014 tax digest and 5 year history of the Tax Levy

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to authorize the City Clerk to advertise the Current 2014 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

First Reading of an Ordinance to set the 2014 Tax Levy

Bennett reminded the Mayor and Council Members of the discussions at the retreat, such as projects needed for sidewalks on Early Street, parking improvements, resurfacing of some streets, and Ulmer Park.

Two options were considered whereby the 2014 proposed Tax Levy could remain at 4.30 or that it could increase to 4.80. It was decided to vote on the 2014 proposed millage rate for the First Reading of the Ordinance. Three public hearings will be held prior to the second reading in which the 2014 Tax Levy will be considered for final approval.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the first reading of the 2014 Tax Levy Ordinance at 4.80 mills.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to approve a Mars Theatre Rental Agreement

Tommy Deadwyler asked consideration for approval of the rental agreement in order to be prepared for the rental the theatre. Several venue contracts were considered then forwarded to the City Attorney for review. Costs are associated with the rental of the theatre and those costs have been taken in consideration. City Manager Brett Bennett advised that changes to the rental agreement could be considered in the future, if needed.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to add a signature line, to the agreement for a representative of the Theatre to also sign, and approved the Mars Theatre Rental Agreement.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

Mayor Alderman asked a question about the Basic Rental Package under Full use of the Mars Theatre (Not-for-Profit Organizations) and also under Conference Use of the Mars Theatre (Not-for-Profit Organization) rate dates possibly be changed from Monday-Thursday to Sunday-Thursday.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Shealy rescinded his original motion and made a motion to approve the agreement with a change to the basic rental package dates to Sunday - Thursday, as well as add a signature line for a Mars Theatre representative.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder – the City Hall Office will be closed on Monday 09/01/2014 in observance of Labor Day

REPORTS

Administration

Director of Cultural Affairs, Tommy Deadwyler, requested permission to give some Theatre News, and was granted permission to do so. Deadwyler advised that work has begun today for signs for the theatre and that they are pretty much on track. Mars Theatre gift cards are now available in which money may be put on the card to be used at the theatre.

Deadwyler has received a call from the GA Council for the Arts in which they wish to bring a group reference the study on Economic Development in the Arts.

The theater has been open a little over 3 months and we have sold right at 4,300 tickets.

City Manager Brett Bennett advised that he will meet with the engineer on Tuesday on the drainage projects. The First Street project is moving forward.

Police Department – The Police Department monthly report was provided to Council Members, prior to the meeting, for review.

Fire Department – The Fire Department report was provided in Council Packets for review.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Reference Real Estate Acquisition and Personnel.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 7:26 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session, reference real estate acquisition and personnel.

Second: Hinely 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 7:56 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

No actions were taken.

Mars Theatre

City Manager Brett Bennett briefly discussed the change from out-sourced cleaning services of the theater to allowing a theatre employee to provide the service at the employee hourly wage which comes out to be approximately \$60 a week vs \$200 a week if continued out-sourcing the service.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Usher made a motion at 8:01 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

09/09/14 Approved

August 26, 2014 @ 11:00 a.m.	Public Hearing	City Hall, 130 S. Laurel St.
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A Public Hearing was held on August 26, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the City of Springfield Council Chambers located at 130 South Laurel Street, Springfield, GA, in reference to the tentative increase in the 2014 property taxes. The net millage rate is proposed to increase from 4.30 mills to 4.80 mills on each one dollar of the assessed value of the taxable property in the City of Springfield for the year 2014.

Mayor Barton Alderman and City Clerk Linda Rineair were present

No guests were present.

This Public Hearing was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Mayor Barton Alderman.

No public comments were made, therefore no opposition was expressed.

This Public Hearing closed at approximately 11:07 a.m.

09/09/14 Approved

August 26, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.	Public Hearing	City Hall, 130 S. Laurel St.
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A Public Hearing was held on August 26, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the City of Springfield Council Chambers located at 130 South Laurel Street, Springfield, GA, in reference to the tentative increase in the 2014 property taxes. The net millage rate is proposed to increase from 4.30 mills to 4.80 mills on each one dollar of the assessed value of the taxable property in the City of Springfield for the year 2014.

Mayor Barton Alderman and the following Council Members were present:

Gary Weitman

Others Present:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

Guest Present:

Joyce Alderman

This Public Hearing was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Barton Alderman.

No public comments were made, therefore no opposition was expressed.

This Public Hearing closed at approximately 5:15 p.m.

09/09/14 Approved

A public hearing was held on September 2, 2014 in the City of Springfield Council Chambers located at 130 South Laurel Street, Springfield, GA. This Public Hearing was held in reference to proposed net levy increase from 4.30 mills to 4.80 mills on each one dollar (\$1.00) of the assessed value of the taxable property in said City of Springfield for the year 2014.

Mayor Alderman and the following Council Members were present:

Justin Cribbs
Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Charles Hinely
Steve Shealy
Kenny Usher

Also Present:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Travis Zittrouer, Fire Chief

Guest Present:

Thomas J. Depace

This Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Barton Alderman.

Thomas Depace stepped to the podium and questioned reasons for the tax increase. Mayor Alderman explained that we have not increased property taxes in several years. Furthermore, Mayor Alderman explained that the additional taxes assist toward projects involving paving, sidewalks, drainage repairs, and infrastructure changes and additions.

City Manager Brett Bennett advised that the property assessment total values have decreased in the last several years.

Thomas Depace also remarked on tall grasses at several area residents and explained that perhaps some residents may be unable to cut their grass. Depace suggested that perhaps some volunteers could get together and offer help with these yards, as it will enhance the appearance in city. He also suggests more flower plantings be considered. Depace mentioned that he feels that the Mar Theatre is

generating funds which may go toward some of the beautification in the area. The City Manager advised that the city workers cannot just go onto private property and perform yard maintenance.

The Mayor and several Council Members advised they are open for suggestions. Depace advised that he will begin talks with some church groups. It was suggested to Depace that he may wish to contact the SRC and become involved with them, as some of his goals are in line with some of the SRC goals.

Mr. Depace also spoke of one employee he has come into contact with and remarked highly of that employee.

Mr. Depace asks about budgeting as to where the monies received goes. City Manager Bennett advised Mr. Depace that he will be happy to go over the budget with him.

With no other comments this Public Hearing closed at approximately 6:18 p.m.

09/09/14 Approved

Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 09/02/2014 – Called Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A Called Meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on September 2, 2014 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, Georgia. This meeting was called to order, immediately following the Public Hearing, by Mayor Alderman at 6:18 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs	Charles Hinely
Jerry Maennche	Steve Shealy
Kenny Usher	Gary Weitman

A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Travis Zittrouer, Fire Chief

GUEST PRESENT:

Thomas Depace

DISPENSE WITH THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Alderman dispensed with the regular order of business.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading – Consideration for approval of an Ordinance set the City of Springfield net Tax Levy at 4.80 mills on each one dollar (\$1.00) of the assessed value of the taxable property in said City of Springfield for the year 2014.

08/12/14 - 1st Reading or Ordinance at Regular Meeting
08/26/14 - 1st Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m.
08/26/14 - 2nd Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m.
09/02/14 - 3rd Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m., prior to this meeting.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve an Ordinance (#2014-04) to set the City of Springfield net Tax Levy at 4.80 mills on each one dollar (\$1.00) of the assessed value of the taxable property in said City of Springfield for the year 2014.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of an Automatic Aid Agreement (Fire Services)

This Agreement is reference a minor change to the map which results in the addition of one house to the service area.

Travis explained the map has to be contiguous. The County has already approved this agreement. Travis has spoken with the ISO representatives. We have to continually adapt to ISO changes.

If the County and the City were to combine fire services, lower ISO ratings would be easier to attain. One combined fire service could be shared to accomplish the same goal, resulting in a more economical use of man power. Currently multiple departments respond to calls.

Brett Bennett, City Manager, believes that we have made some significant progress. Any major improvements, such as a merger of fire services, will need to happen soon, due to pending ISO inspections.

City Manager Brett Bennett and Fire Chief Travis Zittrouer are very optimistic from our side and feel that we have a better possibility today of fire service consolidation than ever before.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement (Fire Services).

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

10/14/14 Approved as Amended

Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 09/09/2014 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on September 9, 2014 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, Georgia. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs	Charles Hinely
Gary Weitman	Kenny Usher

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

GUEST PRESENT:

Gussie Nease	Joyce Alderman
Pearl Thomas	Curt Soper
Sonny Emmert	Jamey Stancell
Butch Kieffer	

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Alderman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the Agenda.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 08/12/14 PUBLIC HEARING REFERENCE CITY OWNED PROPERTY ON WHICH THE CITY OPERATES A SPRAYFIELD, LOCATED AT 424 LONG BRIDGE RD – ANNEX FROM EFFINGHAM COUNTY TO

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND ZONE FROM EFFINGHAM COUNTY'S R-1 ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO CITY OF SPRINGFIELD'S R-1 ZONING CLASSIFICATION

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 08/12/2014 public hearing reference the annexation of city owned property located at 424 long Bridge Rd and zoning from Effingham County's R-1 zoning to City of Springfield's R-1 zoning classification.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 08/12/14 PUBLIC HEARING REFERENCE CITY OWNED PROPERTY ON WHICH THE CITY OPERATES A WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, LOCATED AT 313 INDUSTRIAL BLVD - ANNEX FROM EFFINGHAM COUNTY TO CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND ZONE FROM EFFINGHAM COUNTY'S I-1 ZONING TO CITY OF SPRINGFIELD'S I-1 ZONING CLASSIFICATION

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 08/12/14 public hearing reference the annexation of city owned property located at 313 Industrial Blvd and zoning from Effingham County's I-1 zoning to City of Springfield's I-1 zoning classification.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 08/12/14 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the minutes of the 08/12/2014 regular meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 08/26/14 11:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING - REFERENCE 2014 TAX INCREASE FROM 4.30 MILLS TO 4.80 MILLS

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the 08/26/14 11:00 a.m. public hearing, reference property tax increase.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 08/26/14 5 PM PUBLIC HEARING - REFERENCE 2014 TAX INCREASE FROM 4:30 MILLS TO 4.80 MILLS

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 08/26/14 5:00 p.m. public hearing reference property tax increase.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 09/02/14 6 PM PUBLIC HEARING - REFERENCE 2014 TAX INCREASE FROM 4.30 MILLS TO 4.80 MILLS

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 09/02/14 6 p.m. Public hearing reference property tax increase.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 09/02/14 CALLED MEETING

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the 09/02/14 Called Meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jamey Stancell, Springfield Merchants Association, presented the schedule from street closure to the street reopening to the Mayor and Council for the Springfield Fall Festival 2014 which will be held October 10th and 11th in downtown Springfield. Stancell briefly discussed vendors, live music, the car show and other festival items.

Approval for the road closure, during this event, has been received from the Georgia Department of Transportation.

NEW BUSINESS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The City Manager, Brett Bennett, asked that this item be tabled until the next available meeting. We still have some time to work with. Bennett also advised the Mayor and Council that we may have to hold a called meeting in order to meet the deadline.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to table the comprehensive plan update until a later meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN ON DAVIS STREET, AS PART OF FIRST STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

City Manager Brett Bennett discussed the proposal details.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to accept Parker Engineering Services proposal for engineering design on Davis Street in the amount of \$6,500.00.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

REPORTS

Administration

City Manager Brett Bennett discussed the Early Street sidewalk project and advised he will have an engineering proposal at the next meeting.

Police Department – The Police Department monthly report was provided in Council Packets for review. Council Member Weitman mentioned the letter which was received from GA Power expressing thanks to Springfield Police Department on the outstanding emergency response following the injury of one of their employees on September 2nd.

Fire Department – The Fire Department report was provided in Council Packets for review. City Manager Brett Bennett advised that the Springfield Fire Department would have also assisted in the September 2nd response, but were fighting a structure fire at that time.

Mars Theatre – Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs, advised that the theatre sign will begin being installed tomorrow.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Reference Real Estate Acquisition

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 6:26 pm to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference Real Estate Acquisition.

Second: Usher 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 7:07pm to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

MOTION: In connection with the City's contemplated acquisition of the Ebenezer Crossing property, Weitman made a motion to approve the Ebenezer Crossing Subgrant Agreement between the City and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION: In connection with the City's contemplated acquisition of the Ebenezer Crossing property, Weitman made a motion to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City and the Trust for Public Land, reference the Ebenezer Crossing property, and to authorize the mayor to sign the necessary documents to complete the acquisition of the Ebenezer Crossing property.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 7:13 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

10/14/14 Approved

Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 10/14/2014 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on October 14, 2014, immediately following a Public Hearing, in the Council Chambers in Springfield, Georgia. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:03 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs	Charles Hinely
Jerry Maennche	Steve Shealy
Gary Weitman	Kenny Usher

A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Lauren Meadows, Assistant City Attorney
Travis Zittrouer, Fire Chief
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

GUEST PRESENT:

Billy Hill	Joyce Alderman
Erin Phillips	Sandra Moore

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Alderman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the Agenda.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration to replace minutes of 09/02/14 Called Meeting with Amended Minutes of 09/02/14 Called Meeting

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to replace minutes of 09/02/14 Called Meeting with the amended Minutes of the 09/02/14 Called Meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval Minutes of the 09/09/14 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 09/09/14 regular meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCES

Erin Phillips, representing the SRC, reference consideration to hold an event, "Springfield Dog Expo" in Springfield on 11/15/14, at Ulmer Ball Park located at 210 Jefferson Street, between the hours of 9am-12pm

Erin Phillips stepped to the podium and provided information on the event schedule. This will be a unique event for Springfield.

The Mayor and Council expressed concerns of the potential for a dog bite. Erin Phillips explained that a vet will be on-site.

Assistant City Attorney Lauren Meadows suggested that a waiver be signed by those who attend whereby they would acknowledge that they are aware that dogs will be at the event and that the city would not be liable if an incident occurs.

Erin Phillips suggested that a waiver could be signed as the public enters the event area.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve Erin Phillips of the SRC request to hold the "Springfield Dog Expo" on 11/15/14 at Ulmer Park with the stipulation that attendees sign a waiver before entering the event area.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

The SRC will be coordinating with the Police Chief on the area around Ulmer Ball Park which is normally a very low traffic route.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Billy Hill request consideration for temporary holding tank (sewer), not to exceed 2 years, or another option

Billy Hill stepped to the podium. He has a car lot on Hwy 21 now. He has purchased the property located at 1016 S Laurel Street, where W & W Housing had previously been located. There is no sewer system at this location. The property will not pass for a traditional septic system. There are costly solutions. He asked that the city work with him for a couple of years. Hill wishes to get the building built and business running before he has to pursue alternate sewer solutions. The location must have a paved parking off the highway, which is an additional expense. The building will be a metal building. These expenses are out of pocket.

Previously W & W Housing had used a temporary system, holding tank, at that same location. Mr. Hill would like to use a temporary system, which is certified and would consist of a 250 gallon holding tank, which would be placed behind the building and could be placed in the ground. A truck would come by every 2-3 weeks to empty it. The office will only have one single bathroom.

Three options for a future permanent system were also discussed. Mr. Hill would like to get the building built and the business going and certainly understands that a time frame for a permanent solution would be required.

The City Manager assured the Mayor and Council that the holding tank would be a temporary solution and would not be a permanent system.

Mr. Hill asked the Mayor and Council Members for consideration of the temporary system and advised that within 2 years of receiving the certificate of occupancy a permanent system would be installed.

Mr. Hill previously had a conversation with City Manager Bennett in which he offered to provide \$20,000 toward the costs of the city providing sewer to Hill's newly acquired property, so long as completion is done prior to him having to install an alternate permanent sewer system.

A discussion followed.

Assistant City Attorney Lauren Meadows suggested that the City enter into a written agreement with Mr. Hill allowing the use of the temporary holding tank for a 2 year period, beginning on the date of issuance of the certificate of occupancy, which expressly stipulates that revocation of the business license will occur in the event the temporary holding tank is not removed by the end of the 2 year period.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve that an agreement is drawn up reference the temporary holding tank at the requested location for a 2 year period which would begin with the date of the certificate of occupancy and further authorized the City Manager to sign this agreement with Mr. Hill further documenting the time line period specifying temporary usage.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joyce Alderman stepped to the podium and commended the City of Springfield for all they have done recently and she believes that the citizens of Springfield think we are doing a good job. She especially commented on the Mars Theatre and the festival held this past weekend in which so many people attended. She again commended the City of Springfield and asked that we keep up the good work.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for an alternate member appointment to the Ethics Board, to replace Travis Blankenship

Council Member Hinely asked Joyce Alderman if she would consider being an alternate member to the Ethics Board and she advised that she would.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to close the nominations.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion appoint Joyce Alderman as an alternate member appointment to the Ethics Board.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration of appointment to the Planning & Zoning Board - 3 member appointments (Travis Blankenship, Butch Kieffer & William Wallace term expired Sept. 2014), and 2 alternate appointments (currently vacant)

The City Manager will check with the two expired members to see if they would like to continue on the board, as Travis Blankenship has submitted resignation from the board.

Mayor Alderman suggested that Council Members be given more time and that nominations could be brought back to the next meeting.

No action was taken.

Consideration to approve a contract for survey and engineering reference Early Street Sidewalk Improvements

Bennett discussed his vision of the street sidewalk improvements. Two proposals were reviewed.

MOTION: Usher made a motion accept Parker Engineering's proposal for professional surveying, engineering, and architectural services for Early Street Sidewalk Improvements, in the amount of \$11,000.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to award a contract to AIM Construction for the demolition of the property located at 505 N Oak Street

The City Manager advised the Mayor and Council that an extensive bid packet had been compiled and sent to 3 contractors and to a couple more that had requested the bid packets. Only one bid was received back.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve a contract with AIM Construction for the demolition of the property located at 505 N Oak Street, in the amount of \$17,365.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to approve a Proclamation proclaiming Sunday November 2, 2014 at "Retired Educators Day"

Mayor Alderman read the proclamation before the Council Members and those present.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve the proclamation proclaiming Sunday November 2, 2014 as "Retired Educators Day"

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Sandra Moore stepped forward to accept the proclamation from Mayor Alderman.

Consideration to approve the City of Springfield Comprehensive Plan Update

City Manager Bennett addressed the Mayor and Council in the hopes that all have had time to read the City of Springfield Comprehensive Plan Update. Bennett was available to answer any questions. Bennett further stated that we have been following our previous plan and that this plan was tweaked to include things we are working on now. The Comprehensive Plan Update is due on October 31, 2014. Once the City of Springfield Comprehensive Plan Update is approved it will be forwarded to Effingham County.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the City of Springfield Comprehensive Plan Update.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder that the November Council Meeting will not be held on Tuesday 11/11/14 due to the Veterans Day Holiday, but will be held on Wednesday 11/12/14.

Discussion of Davis Street

This project is out to bid now. If the Council has any questions or concerns, now is the time to address them, as this is moving forward.

A brief discussion followed.

Discussion of schedule for FY2015 Budget Workshops

The budget is adopted by Ordinance which will require 2 readings. Between now and the November meeting a budget workshop will need to be held. Brett Bennett asked that the Mayor and Council Members let the City Clerk know which dates would not work for them. The budget workshop date will need to be selected by the middle of next week.

Effingham Magazine Articles

Mayor Alderman remarked on the latest Effingham Magazine which contained a good article on Sheriff McDuffie and also contained a good article on Police Chief Paul Wynn.

REPORTS

Administration

Mayor Day registration opened today. Effingham Day at the Capital follows the Mayor's Day Conference.

Director of Public Works – The interview process has not begun.

Police Department – The Police Department monthly report was provided in Council Packets for review.

Fire Department – The Fire Department report was provided in Council Packets for review. Fire Chief Travis Zittrouer discussed the news release in which he accepted a \$1,000 check from Norfolk Southern Corporation for the Springfield Fire Department. Fire Chief Zittrouer also noted that 3 Firefighters attended GA FF weekend training at the fire academy, 3 Firefighters attended NIMS 400 training, and FF/P Grenoble attended Rad/Nuc

detection training in Las Vegas, funded by DHS. Zittrouer also noted that the Local Boy Scouts came to the station for fire safety education.

Chief Zittrouer asked that the Mayor and Council break before the Executive Session in order to come outside to see two vehicles named attack 1 and attack 2. Zittrouer advised that these vehicles were received by surplus from the GA Forestry Commission Rural Fire Defense program. Once the agency is notified that the vehicle(s) have been set up for their intended use a one year period begins. After the one year period the vehicle(s) are then owned by the City of Springfield.

Brief Recess

A brief recess began at 7:25 p.m. in order for the Mayor and Council Members, and those present, to step outside to the parking lot to see the Fire Department vehicles previously discussed. After viewing the vehicles the Mayor and Council Members returned and the brief recess ended at 7:45 p.m.

Council Member Maennche revisited the Ethics Commission alternate appointment. Council Member Weitman reminded those present that it is difficult to get people to volunteer to serve on boards/committees. Council Member Shealy reminded Council Members and those present that the appointment made earlier was as an alternate.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Reference Real Estate Acquisition and Personnel

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 7:49 pm to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference Real Estate Acquisition and Personnel.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 8:38 pm to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

Resolution # 2014-7 authorizing the Mayor of City and the City Manager to (1) execute all documents necessary to memorialize the City's acquisition of the Property; (2) comply with the terms of the Agreement; (3) make all necessary

payments under the Agreement; and (4) execute all closing documents in conformity with the Agreement (Ebenezer crossing Property)

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the resolution reference the Ebenezer Crossing property.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 8:42 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Approved 11/12/2014

Minutes of the City of Springfield Budget Workshop

Council Chambers

November 3, 2014

Budget Workshop

A Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Workshop was held on November 3, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 130 South Laurel Street.

Mayor Barton Alderman and the following Council Members were present for the budget workshop:

Charles Hinely
Steve Shealy

Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Usher arrived at 7:35 p.m. for the Budget Workshop. Council Member Justin Cribbs was unable to attend.

Also Present were:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Amber Lancaster, Accounting Clerk
Travis Zittrouer, Fire Chief
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

Guest Present:

No guest were present.

The Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Workshop was held in reference to the following City of Springfield Budgets:

General Fund
Art & Events Fund
Water/Sewer Fund
SPLOST

This budget workshop ended at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Approved 11/12/2014

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Minutes of Public Hearing

Council Chambers – 11/12/2014 – Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was held on November 12, 2014 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This public hearing was in reference to Dessie Pat and Bobby Smith's request for a home occupation reference catalog sales, with the name of the business being "It's a Blessing", to be located at 105 Holly Court in Springfield GA.

CALL TO ORDER

This public hearing 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
Jerry Maennche
Kenny Usher

Charles Hinely
Gary Weitman

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney

GUEST PRESENT:

Dessie Pat Smith
Joyce Alderman

Butch Kieffer

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Smith stepped to the podium. The UPS Truck will make deliveries. Occasionally people will pick up items from the residence. Ms. Smith presented catalog to Council Members for their review.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments were made, therefore no opposition was expressed.

This public hearing closed at approximately 6:04 p.m.

12/09/14 Approved

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Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 11/12/2014 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on November 12, 2014, immediately following a public hearing, in the council chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:05 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs	Charles Hinely
Jerry Maennche	Gary Weitman
Kenny Usher	

Council Member Steve Shealy was unable to attend this meeting. A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

GUEST PRESENT:

Dessie Pat Smith	Butch Kieffer
Joyce Alderman	

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Alderman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the Agenda.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of minutes of the 10/14/2014 public hearing reference the Comprehensive Plan Update

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/14/2014 public hearing reference the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of minutes of the 10/14/2014 regular meeting

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/14/2014 regular meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of minutes of the 11/03/2014 FY2015 budget workshop

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/03/2014 FY2015 budget workshop.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCES

Lon Harden requests consideration for approval to hold a parade on January 19, 2015 in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Laurel Street, ending at the Fairground

Lon Harden was unable to appear before Council due to an emergency, but had presented an agenda request, which had been provided in Council packets for review.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve Lon Harden's request to hold a parade on January 19th in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Laurel Street, ending at the Fairground.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration for 3 member appointments to the Planning and Zoning Board (Travis Blankenship resigned, Butch Kieffer and William Wallace term expired September 2014)

Weitman nominated Butch Kieffer and William Wallace to be reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Board and also Tim Uzupan to fill the vacancy of Travis Blankenship.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to reappoint Butch Kieffer and William Wallace to the Planning and Zoning Board, and to also appoint Tim Uzupan to fill the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration of 2 alternate seat appointments to the Planning and Zoning Board (currently vacant)

Hinely nominated Rose Mary Tebeau appoint as alternate.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to appoint Rose Mary Tebeau as an alternate appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Dessie Pat and Bobby Smith request consideration for a home occupation for catalog sales, with the name of the business being "It's a Blessing", to be located at 105 Holly Court, (A Public Hearing was held prior to this meeting. No opposition was expressed)

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve Dessie Pat and Bobby Smith's request for a home occupation for catalog sales, "It's a Blessing", to be located at 105 Holly Court.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

City Manager Brett Bennett reminded Ms. Smith, per the city codes, not more than 20 percent of the gross floor area of any dwelling unit may be used for a home occupation.

First reading of the FY2015 Budget Ordinance

On 11/03/2014 a FY2015 Budget Workshop was held in reference to the General Fund, Art & Events Fund, Water/Sewer Fund and SPLOST. This is a first reading of the FY2015 Budget Ordinance. The second reading will be held at the December meeting in which approval will also be considered.

City Manager Brett Bennett advised that the public may review the copy of the FY2015 Budget which is available at the City Hall Office.

Consideration for approval of an Addendum to Probation Services Agreement by and between the Effingham County Probation Office and the Municipal Court of the City of Springfield Georgia

City Attorney Ben Perkins discussed the Addendum to Probation Services Agreement by and between the Effingham County Probation Office and the Municipal Court of the City of Springfield. The Addendum is made to the Probation Services Agreement dated 07/19/2011. The Probation Services Agreement is modified by adding the following provision, which relates to indigent probationers, to Section E (Scope of Services to Probationers by Contractor) of the Probation Services Agreement:

“8.) Community Service Program for Indigent Probationers. The Probation Office will provide a community service program that will provide indigent probationers with the opportunity to perform community service in lieu of payment of their fines and fees at rates established by the Court, which shall be no less than the federal minimum wage.”

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the Addendum to Probation Services Agreement by and between Effingham County Probation Office and the Municipal Court of the City of Springfield.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to award a contract for Storm Water Improvements on First Street and Davis Street

City Manager Brett Bennett discussed the bids received. The bid opening was held on November 6, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Potter Construction submitted the low bid. Brett Bennett advised that we have not dealt with Potter Construction, but further stated that research shows they are ok.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to award a contract to Potter Construction for First Street Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$128,810 for Storm Water Improvement on First Street to be paid out of SPLOST.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to surplus the 2003 Freightliner Street Sweeper, VIN# 1FVABTBV53HK57433

Bennett discussed repairs made and that chassis is about only thing of value. This would be auctioned off, perhaps in house or both.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to surplus the 2003 Freightliner Street Sweeper.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Discussion of Alcohol sales on Election Days

Bennett explained that the reason this is on Agenda is because several people have inquired of the City Manager as to why we are not consistent with other local agencies.

The *Springfield Code* Sec 5-6. Sales prohibited. (c) The sale of distilled spirits shall be unlawful during the polling hours of any election.

Effingham County Code Sec. 6-191 (e) Election days. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell alcoholic beverages within 250 feet of any polling place or of the outer edge of any building within which such polling place is established on primary or election days.

The *City of Guyton* has an Ordinance which states the sale by wholesale and retail of alcoholic beverages, to wit: distilled spirits, wine and malt beverages shall be unlawful during the polling hours of any election; provided however, nothing herein shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages within 250 feet of a polling place during such time as the polls are open.

The *City of Rincon Codes* Sec. 6-31. (h) Election days. The city council hereby prohibits the sale of malt beverages and wine from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on any election day.

A discussion followed. An amendment to the Springfield Code will be brought back to Council for review at a subsequent meeting.

Reminder – the City Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday 11/27/14 and 11/28/14 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday

REPORTS

Administration – Bennett advised the Mayor and Council that a spread sheet containing appointees to board or committees will be included in the monthly Council Packets in order to provide advanced notice to the Council of appointments that will need to be filled.

CIG started work on the 2nd phase of the project in which to incorporate some sort of public space.

Police Department – The Police Department monthly report was provided in Council packets for review. Question were presented on the increase on warnings compared to the previous month, perhaps a typo error. The City Manager will check on this and get back to Council. Bennett does want the public to be aware that speed limits by Harvey's and on Hwy 21 are set by DOT. Mayor Alderman discussed the speed limits on the bypass. A discussion followed.

Fire Department – The Fire Department reports was provided in Council packets for review. Bennett advised that the new off-road has been requested out at least 2 times.

Maennche requested an update on consolidation. Bennett advised that discussions are still moving on.

Christmas Lights - Weitman asked about earlier than normal placement of Christmas Lights in the city. Bennett advised that he has been hearing from citizens requesting that the lights be placed out earlier than normally done in the past.

Mars Theatre – A short update was given on the Mars. Council Member Weitman asked that the reader board be maintained with updated information.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION –
reference real estate acquisition and personnel

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 6:48 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference real estate acquisition and personnel.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion at 7:26 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 action was taken.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Usher made a motion at 7:27 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

12/09/14 Approved

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Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 12/09/2014 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on December 9, 2014 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Charles Hinely
Kenny Usher

Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Steve Shealy

Council Member Justin Cribbs was unable to be present at the beginning of the meeting, but arrived shortly thereafter. A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

GUEST PRESENT:

Joyce Alderman

INVOCATION – Given by Council Member Shealy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman.

Council Member Justin Cribbs arrived at approximately 6:05 p.m. and took his seat with the Mayor and Council Members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Alderman stated that an Executive Session reference Real Estate is listed on the Agenda and that he would like to add Personnel to the Executive Session.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to add Personnel to the Executive Session and approve the Agenda as amended.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of minutes of the 11/12/2014 public hearing reference Dessie Pat and Bobby Smith's request for a home occupation, reference catalog sales, with name of business being "It's a Blessing", to be located at 105 Holly Court in Springfield GA

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/12/2014 public hearing.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of minutes of the 11/12/2014 regular meeting

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/12/2014 regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joyce Alderman extended Happy Holiday wishes to those present.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of FY2015 Budget Ordinance (Number 2014-05) – Consideration for Approval

11/03/2014	FY2015 Budget Workshop
11/12/2014	1 st Reading of FY2015 Budget Ordinance
12/09/2014	2 nd Reading of FY2015 Budget Ordinance

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the FY2015 Budget Ordinance.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of an amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance reference alcohol sales on Election Day

The Mayor and Council Members were provided the amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance for review. A brief discussion followed. This item will be brought back before the Council at the January meeting at which time action may be taken.

Consideration for approval of the City of Springfield Year 2015 Holiday Schedule

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Observe On</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>
New Year's Day (01/01/15)	01/01/2015	Thursday
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (01/19/15)	01/19/2015	Monday
Memorial Day (05/25/15)	05/25/2015	Monday
Independence Day (07/04/15)	07/03/2015	Friday
Labor Day (09/07/15)	09/07/2015	Monday
Veterans' Day (11/11/15)	11/11/2015	Wednesday
Thanksgiving Day (11/26/15)	11/26 & 11/27	Thursday & Friday
Christmas (12/25/15)	12/23, 12/24 & 12/25	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
New Year's Eve (12/31/15)	12/31/2015	Thursday

City Manager Brett Bennett advised the Mayor and Council that this holiday schedule contains the same number of holidays (12) as the past several years. For the past few years we had 10 holidays + 2 floating holidays (12 total). The two floating holidays were removed in order to provide an additional day during the Christmas Holiday and also provide New Year's Eve as a holiday for the year 2015 (12 total). A discussion followed.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the 2015 Holiday Schedule as presented.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder to Council – Mayors Day 2015 will be held January 23-26, 2015 – Please notify City Clerk if you wish to attend

Reminder to Council – Effingham Day at the Capitol will be held January 26-27, 2015 – Please notify City Clerk if you wish to attend

Reminder – the City Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday 12/25/14 and 12/26/14 in observance of the Christmas Holiday

Reminder – the City Offices will be closed on Thursday 01/01/15 in observance of the New Year's Day Holiday

REPORTS

Administration – Brett Bennett asked that the Mayor and Council review the notice provided to each of them reference the upcoming Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 22nd and ask that they try to attend this event and to notify the City Clerk or himself if they will be able to attend.

Mars Theatre – Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs, discussed upcoming events at the Mars Theatre and encouraged them to attend. Schedule cards were provided to the Mayor and Council. Since the Mars Theatre has re-opened 8,367 tickets have been sold for attendance to see movies, concerts, and other events.

Tommy Deadwyler will again make contact reference whatever repair is needed to make the fire escape light operable at the Mars Theatre.

Police Department – The Police Department monthly report was provided in Council packets for review. Bennett reminded Council that he had responded to Council, by email, reference questions raised at the last meeting concerning warnings.

Fire Department – The Fire Department reports was provided in Council packets for review.

Council Member Maennche asked about the potential consolidation process. Bennett is waiting right now and will probably begin addressing this again at the 1st of the year. There are still questions to be answered before moving forward.

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MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 6:27 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference real estate and personnel.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 7:08 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 action was taken.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 7:09 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

01/13/15 Approved