

City of Springfield * PO Box 1 * 130 S Laurel St * Springfield, GA 31329
Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 01/13/2015 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on January 13, 2015 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:02 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs	Charles Hinely
Jerry Maennche	Kenny Usher

Council Member Steve Shealy was unable to be available at the beginning of the meeting, but did arrive shortly thereafter. Council Member Gary Weitman was unable to attend. A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rinear, City Clerk
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Bryan Burgess, Police Department Sgt.

GUEST PRESENT:

Steve Lioftc	Joyce Alderman
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INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Barton Alderman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Consideration to Amend Agenda

MOTION: Usher made a motion to amend the Agenda in order to add, under New Business, item “h” – “Consideration to approve a Resolution to authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to execute all necessary documents in reference to the acquisition of property identified as parcel number S1070071, and located at the northwest corner of Laurel Street and Second Street.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Approval of Agenda as Amended

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Council Member Steve Shealy arrived at 6:06 p.m. and took his seat with the other members of Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of minutes of the 12/09/14 regular meeting

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/09/14 regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of an amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance (# 2015-01) reference alcohol sales on Election Day

1st Reading	12/09/2014
2nd Reading	01/13/2015

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve an Ordinance reference an amendment to alcohol sales on Election Day.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to approve the purchase of Body Camera's for the Police Department

City Manager Bennett discussed information included in Council packets. Police Sergeant Bryan Burgess was available to answer questions. Sgt. Burgess discussed the bids received and recommended the Taser Camera. Burgess has spoken with several other police

departments in reference to body cameras. Badge numbers will be stored in the unit. Eight units were requested. This would cover seven full time officers with one spare that could be used by part time officer or as a back-up. A discussion followed.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve purchase of eight Taser International Body Camera's for the Police Department at a cost of \$3,236.69.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to approve the purchase of Night Vision equipment for the Police Department

City Manager Bennett discussed crime involving entering vehicles during the night. In the past night surveillance has been performed with the use of personal night vision equipment. Sgt. Burgess discussed the equipment and also advised that it also uses thermal imaging which could be helpful in several situations. The request was for one unit that would be used on special occasion. A discussion followed.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve the purchase of one FLIR HS-324 Command handheld thermal camera (Night Vision equipment) for the Police Department, at a cost of \$5,354.15.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for appointment of a Mayor Pro-Tem for the year 2015

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to re-appoint Kenny Usher as the Mayor Pro-Tem for the year 2015.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for appointment of Linda Rinear as the 2015 Election Superintendent

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to appoint Linda Rinear as the 2015 Election Superintendent.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for appointment of Amber Lancaster as the 2015 Election Chief Manager

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to appoint Amber Lancaster as the 2015 Election Chief Manager.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the Candidate Qualification Fee Notice to be published, reference the November 2015 General Election

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the Candidate Qualification Fee Notice to be published.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to approve a Resolution (# R2015-1) to apply for a Coastal Incentive Grant

Brett Bennett referred to the Resolution in Council packets and also to a map that had been placed at Council seats prior to the meeting. The Grant would assist with the acquisition and minor improvements referenced the parcel shown on the map. A small portion of the parcel would be cleared in order to improve public access. Bennett will be meeting with members of the Masonic Lodge and Boy Scouts tomorrow to clarify details. A discussion followed.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve a Resolution to authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to submit application for a Coastal Incentive Grant.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to approve a Resolution (# R2015-2) to authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to execute all necessary documents in reference to the acquisition of property identified as parcel number S1070071, and located at the northwest corner of Laurel Street and Second Street

The City Manager advised that this parcel could be used for additional parking for City Hall and also for the Theatre.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve a Resolution to authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to execute all necessary documents in reference to the acquisition of property identified as parcel number S1070071, located at the northwest corner of Laurel Street and Second Street at a purchase price of \$58,000.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder to Council – At the February Meeting Council will need to make a regular appointment to the Ethics Committee and an alternate appointment to the Planning & Zoning Board

Mayor Alderman asked that Council Members bring names of nominees to the February Meeting reference the needed appointments.

Reminder – The City Offices will be closed on Monday 01/19/15 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday

REPORTS

Administration – The Coastal Incentive Grant is moving along. Bennett will bring more information to next meeting. Bennett briefly reported on the Mars Theatre and advised that an upcoming event may be a sell-out.

Employee evaluations are underway.

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

Fire Department – The Fire Department reports 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: Cribbs made a motion at 6:52 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference real estate and personnel.

Second: Shealy 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 7:57 p.m. 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

No action was taken.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 7:58 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

02/10/15 Approved

February 10, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.	Public Hearing	City Hall, 130 S. Laurel St.
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A Public Hearing was held on February 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Springfield Council Chambers located at 130 South Laurel Street, Springfield, GA, in reference a request made by the Effingham County Hospital Authority to rezone from R-1 to B-1 Parcel # S1040058 consisting of approximately 3.67 acres, located at 703 First Street Extension, Springfield, GA.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Jerry Maennche
Kenny Usher

Charles Hinely
Steve Shealy

Council Member Gary Weitman unable to attend. A quorum of Council was represented at this public hearing.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Bryan Burgess, Police Sergeant

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

GUEST PRESENT:

Rick Lott
Joyce Alderman

Michael Murphy
Steve Liotta

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

Michael Murphy, Effingham Health System, stepped to the podium and explained the plans to do minor renovations to the building, located at 703 First Street Extension, which had previously been a church in order to place offices in the building.

A brief discussion followed reference the rezoning request. The City Manager also noted that no objections had been expressed; reference this zoning change, at the Public Hearing held by the Springfield Planning and Zoning Board on 02/04/15.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made. Therefore, no opposition to this rezoning request was expressed.

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

03/10/15 Approved

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Council Chambers – 02/10/2015 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on February 10, 2015 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order, immediately following a Public Hearing, by Mayor Alderman at 6:07 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Jerry Maennche
Kenny Usher

Charles Hinely
Steve Shealy

Council Member Gary Weitman was unable to attend. 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, Dir. Of Cultural Affairs
Bryan Burgess, Police Sergeant

GUEST PRESENT:

Rick Lott
Joyce Alderman

Michael Murphy
Steve Liotta

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Barton Alderman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Consideration to Amend Agenda

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to amend the Agenda to add under New Business “Consideration for approval of a Resolution to Oppose the State of Georgia’s Transportation Funding Act of 2015”

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Approval of Agenda as Amended

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of minutes of the 01/13/2015 regular meeting

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the minutes of the 01/13/2015 regular meeting.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCES

Wanda Laning request consideration from the City of Springfield reference a time capsule

Ms. Laning was not available, therefore the Mayor continued to the next item on the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Usher mentioned the naval academy shooting team which has put on a demonstration at the County Sheriff's Department firing range for the last two years. The naval academy shooting team will be returning to the firing range on the 2nd Saturday in March. Usher feels that they will put on a good show and encourages media attention on this event.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of the Taste of Effingham - Chamber - Beer and Wine Tasting Application

Rick Lott stepped to the podium. This will be the 5th Taste of Effingham event. It will be held on March 5, 2015, between the hours of 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Effingham County Recreation Department Gym located at 808 Hwy 119 South in Springfield. El Ranchito will also be participating at this event.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the Chamber's request for a special event Beer and Wine Tasting Permit for the Taste of Effingham Event to be held on March 5, 2015 between the hours of 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration of an alternate appointment to the Springfield Planning and Zoning Board

No nominations were offered at this time. City Manager Brett Bennett advised the Mayor and Council that we may be receiving a resignation from Butch Kieffer, thereby creating one more appointment needed. Council Members were asked to bring at least two names back to the March 2015 meeting for consideration as appointments to the Springfield Planning and Zoning Board, one being a regular appointment, the other being an alternate appointment.

Consideration of an appointment to the Ethics Commission

No nominations were offered at this time. Council Members were asked to bring at least one name back to the March 2015 meeting for consideration as appointment to the Ethics Commission.

First Reading of a Rezoning Ordinance reference Effingham County Hospital Authority's application for rezoning request to rezone from R-1 to B-1 Parcel # S1040058, consisting of approximately 3.67 acres, located at 703 First Street Extension

- On 02/04/15 the Springfield Planning and Zoning Board held a Public Hearing, reference this request for rezoning. No opposition was expressed.
- On 02/10/15 the Springfield Mayor and Council held a Public Hearing, prior to this meeting, reference this request for rezoning. No opposition was expressed.

A Rezoning Ordinance was presented to the Public as a First Reading, This Rezoning Ordinance is an Ordinance to rezone Parcel S1040058, consisting of approximately 3.67 acres, located at 703 First Street Extension in Springfield, from the City of Springfield R-1 zoning classification to the City of Springfield B-1 zoning classification, reference the Effingham County Hospital Authority application for rezoning.

No action was required on this Rezoning Ordinance at this meeting. A discussion followed. The Mayor and Council discussed the possibility of holding a Called Meeting. A Called Meeting will be held on Monday February 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The called meeting will be held whereby the Second reading of the Rezoning Ordinance along with consideration for approval of the Ordinance may be considered at that time.

Consideration for approval of a Resolution (Number R2015-3) to oppose the State of Georgia's Transportation Funding Act of 2015

City Manager Brett Bennett has been sending emails to the Mayor and Council so all may stay informed. Mayor Pro-Tem Usher suggests unified opposition to the State of Georgia's Transportation Funding Act of 2015.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve a Resolution to oppose the State of Georgia's Transportation Funding Act of 2015, reference House Bill 170.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Discussion of hiring a consultant to re-write the zoning ordinance and development of a Master Plan

The City Manager explained that actually 2 projects are needed. One would be clarification of the Zoning Ordinance. The other would be development of a Master Plan.

Council advised that the subdivision regulations also need to be looked at.

Discussion continued on benefits of using consultants, such as a consultant may provide input of zoning problems experienced elsewhere whereby we may avoid pitfalls.

Bennett explained that perhaps the Zoning and the Master Plan consultants could work together so regulations could be in place, creating better traffic flow, and a true plan.

As part of developing a master plan we will hold workshops and public hearings.

Bennett will work on minor changes to zoning ordinance and put a RFP together for the master plan.

Relationships have been built with SCAD, and Bennett would certainly like to have Mr. Lieu involved somewhat with the Master Plan.

REPORTS

The Police and Fire Reports were in Council Packets for review.

City Manager Brett Bennett discussed scanners (LPR) in police vehicles, advising that no action was requested at this time. The scanners were not budgeted but he would like for the Council to consider the possibility.

Police Sergeant Bryan Burgess explained two quotes received from Vigilant Solutions. The City of Rincon got one of the LPR's last year, so did Bloomingdale. Garden City has one and Pooler has a few.

Bloomingdale's LPR has generated approximately 119 citations, between September 1, 2014–February 9, 2015. In a six month period the Bloomingdale LPR has generated 51 Suspended Registration charges, 11 Suspended License charges, and 12 No Insurance charges. The LPR also generated several other minor charges such as no license or expired license, expired tag decals, and failure to change address within 60 days, etc.

Mayor Alderman explained that he was interested with the safety function the equipment would provide and not with the revenue side. A discussion followed.

Sergeant Burgess explained that the LPR will automatically run tags and license associated with those tags which will eliminate some unnecessary vehicle stops.

Bennett explained this was brought up for discussion only, but may come back on an agenda, at a later date, for consideration to take action.

The Director of Cultural Affairs, Tommy Deadwyler advised that we received a 2014 Annual Historic Preservation Award from the Historic Effingham Society for the Restoration of the Mars Theater. Deadwyler also remarked on an article in the Georgia Trend, and advised that we had two 6:00 shows (Sponge Bob) that were sold out this past weekend. The public has certainly been showing their support for the Mars Theatre.

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

MOTION: Hinely 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: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Council Member Hinely left the meeting at approximately 7:57 p.m.

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

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion at 8:01 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 8:02 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

03/10/15 Approved

City of Springfield * PO Box 1 * 130 South Laurel St * Springfield, GA 31329
Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 02/16/2015 – Called Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A Called meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on February 16, 2015 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting 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	Charles Hinely
Jerry Maennche	Steve Shealy
Kenny Usher	Gary Weitman

A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Rineair, City Clerk

GUEST PRESENT:

Michael Murphy

DISPENSE WITH THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Barton Alderman dispensed with the regular order of business.

ITEM TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

Second Reading and consideration for approval of an Ordinance (Number 2015-02) to rezone Parcel S1040058, consisting of approximately 3.67 acres, located at 703 First Street Extension in Springfield, from the City of Springfield R-1 zoning classification to the City of Springfield B-1 zoning classification, reference the Effingham County Hospital Authority application for rezoning

Mayor Alderman advised the Council Members and those present that notification of public hearing letters had been sent out to all property owners within 200 ft. of the parcel requested to be rezoned, public hearing notices were published in two issues of the Effingham Herald, and a sign had also been posted at the parcel site giving notice of the public hearing dates, times, and location. The zoning map had also been displayed in the Council Chambers for review.

02/04/15	Public Hearing before the Springfield Planning and Zoning Board – No opposition expressed.
02/04/15	Springfield Planning & Zoning Board Meeting – immediately following the Public Hearing. Recommended approval of zoning change from Springfield R-1 zoning classification to Springfield B-1 zoning classification.
02/10/15	Public Hearing before the Springfield City Council – No opposition expressed.
02/10/15	Springfield City Council Meeting – immediately following the Public Hearing (1 st Reading of Ordinance to rezone).

The Mayor and Council Members briefly deliberated over the rezoning request.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve an Ordinance to rezone parcel S1040058, consisting of approximately 3.67 acres, located at 703 First Street Extension in Springfield, from the City of Springfield R-1 zoning classification to the City of Springfield B-1 zoning classification, reference the Effingham County Hospital Authority application for rezoning.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 6:04 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

03/10/15 Approved

City of Springfield * PO Box 1 * 130 S Laurel St * Springfield, GA 31329
Minutes of Council Meeting
Council Chambers – 03/10/2015 – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on March 10, 2015 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:

Justin Cribbs
Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Charles Hinely
Kenny Usher

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

GUEST PRESENT:

Joyce Alderman

Michael Murphy

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Barton Alderman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Consideration to amend the agenda to remove Item "a" under New Business "Consideration for approval of a Partial Release of Restrictive Covenant, requested by the Effingham Industrial Development Authority (outparcel)"

MOTION: Usher made a motion to remove Item "a" under New Business from the Agenda.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of minutes of the 02/10/15 Public Hearing

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 02/10/15 public hearing.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the minutes of 02/10/15 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 02/10/15 regular meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the minutes of 02/16/15 Called Meeting

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 02/16/15 called meeting.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration for two appointments to the Springfield Planning and Zoning Board (one being a regular member appointment, one being an alternate appointment)

Council Member Weitman asks that the Council hold off on this appointment. Butch Kieffer may consider continuing his appointment. City Manager Brett Bennett advised that he will check with Butch Kieffer and either submit the resignation letter or notify members of the withdrawal of his resignation.

The Public was reminded that anyone wishing to serve on a board or committee may complete the "Volunteer to serve form".

No nominations were offered at this time.

Consideration for a member appointment to the Ethics Commission

No nominations were offered at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for nominations for two Board members for the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Every member of the chamber may make nominations for Board Members. Brett Bennett and Mayor Alderman were asked if they would consider being nominated for the Effingham Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and both responded favorably. No other nominations were made.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to submit Brett Bennett and Barton Alderman's names as nominations for two Board members for the Effingham Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval to close the Downtown Redevelopment Fund checking account with any remaining funds, upon closure, to be transferred to the Mars Theatre O & M Account

This account was originally opened in reference to the LED sign. The City has taken over the sign and has a part time employee who is now maintaining the advertisements on the sign.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the closure of the Downtown Redevelopment Fund checking account with any remaining funds, upon closure, to be transferred to the Mars Theatre O & M Account.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the City of Springfield Group Health Insurance Renewal

The City of Springfield received a renewal rate increase on the Group Health Insurance plan through Humana. With the renewal rate increase the costs still remain below 2015 budgeted amounts. If approved, full time employees may retain the same coverage with no change in group health/prescription plan benefits.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the City of Springfield Group Health Insurance Renewal effective April 1st with Humana.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to Surplus a spare Patrol Car – 2004 Ford Crown Victoria VIN # 2FAFP71W34X154264 with mileage of 121,552

The spare Patrol car was briefly discussed.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to surplus the spare 2004 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol Car.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to Surplus Police Department miscellaneous items

The list of miscellaneous Police Department items, requested for surplus, was as follows: 3 dry erase boards, 2 Apc power supply, Apc surge protector, dell crt monitor, dell lcd flat screen monitor, 2 dell towers, 1 jvc tape deck, dell power supply, set of speakers, dell keyboard, 2 nexar towers, 13 inch TV, 6 old car seats, 11 rear door panels for crown vics, wiring from old patrol cars, 5 old vhs car camera units, 11 youth bike helmets, several boxes of teddy bears, 3 cases of empty Kono-Kola bottles, 1 Microsoft keyboard, 1 vcr, 1 hp scanner.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the surplus of Police Department miscellaneous items minus the 3 cases of empty cola bottles.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to Surplus a Fire Department 1980 Truck Cab & Chassis only – VIN # D80UV4J9535, with mileage of 61,984

This old truck has been sitting under the shelter for a while. A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to surplus a Fire Department 1980 Truck Cab & Chassis only.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to Surplus a Fire Department 1997 Ford Crown Victoria – VIN # 2FALP71W9VX162339

This vehicle was briefly discussed.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to surplus a Fire Department 1997 Ford Crown Victoria.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to Surplus Water/Sewer 2004 Chevrolet Silverado, C-1500 – VIN # 1GCEC19VX4Z290671, with mileage of 179,989

This vehicle was formerly used as Howard Beebe's work truck. It needs a transmission, brakes, tires, etc. A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to surplus a Water/Sewer 2004 Chevrolet Silverado C-1500.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Discussion of First Street Extension that is contiguous to Effingham Hospital

Michael Murphy stepped to the podium. The Effingham County Hospital Authority is seeking the conversion of First Street Extension, from Highway 119 to Highway 21 that is contiguous to Effingham Health System, from a public street to a private street.

With the recent acquisition of the Agape Church property, and the 23.67 acres from Effingham County, the Hospital Authority feels that this is necessary for the safety of the staff members who cross the street several times during the day. The aim is to reduce the amount of traffic on the street by the City of Springfield deeding the road to the Effingham County Hospital Authority. If transfer of ownership is completed the road would be posted as "*Private Road No Thru Traffic.*"

The maintenance and repair of the street would become the responsibility of the Effingham County Hospital Authority. Utility easements, along with an easement to the Effingham County EMS and a special provision to the Veteran's Park visitors would be granted. Mr. Murphy stated that allowance for easements for city workers would also be provided.

The Hospital Authority is trying to limit cut through traffic and would like the area deeded to them. Staff and visitor safety is their top concern. A discussion followed.

The City Attorney, Ben Perkins, remarked on three potential options;

1. Signs could be posted at both ends of the street, without an ordinance
2. A "No thru Traffic Zone" Ordinance could be drawn up
3. Deed the property over to the Hospital Authority

Murphy suggests signage now and would like future consideration for the street to be deeded to the Hospital Authority later.

The City Manager, Brett Bennett suggests that “No thru Traffic” signs could be placed on both ends of the street to help cut down on traffic. With no objection expressed the City Manager will proceed with the signs.

Discussion to authorize the City Manager to purchase a Christmas tree

An agreement has been reached between the Merchants Association and a Church in reference to a live tree being planted, maintenance, electricity, etc.

Ranger Jordan Crawford will be conducting the DNR Boaters Safety Course in the Council Chambers on 06/13/15 and 07/20/15 from 9:00 a.m. until completed. Anyone who wishes to attend can register with the Metter DNR Office at 912-685-2145.

REPORTS

The Police and Fire Reports were in Council Packets for review.

City Manager Brett Bennett discussed City & Mars may have a roll in the Savannah Convention.

1st Street Drainage Project - Davis Street drainage improved.

Recreational Trails - met with contractor on small bridge across slew.

Coastal Incentive Grant - plan potential for a trail, old oxidation pond should be abandoned soon.

Next round coastal incentive grant - should hear something within the next few months.

Council Member Hinely reported that he had received calls that some lights are out in Deer Run and Fawn Court and need to be checked.

Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs, stepped into the Council Chambers at 7:11 p.m. to provide an update on Mars Theatre. Projector maintenance has been completed. Ticket sales are strong. The Mars had a great show last Friday night. Ralph Stanley is coming May 15th. The end of January we had a sold out concert. Two movies in a row were also sold out. A brief discussion followed.

Deadwyler exited the meeting at approximately 7:19 p.m.

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 7:19 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 7:40 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 action was taken.

The Tennis Court and the Park was briefly discussed.

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.

04/14/2015 Approved

Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority Phase III" to the beginning item "a" under "New Business" on the Agenda and approve Agenda as amended.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 03/10/2015 regular meeting

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the minutes of the 03/10/15 regular meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Public Comments

Pearl Thomas stepped to the podium. Ms. Thomas reminded those present of the Effingham Town Hall Meeting reference Police/Community Relations which will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Auditorium. Ms. Thomas asks for Council participation and to encourage others to attend. The purpose of the Town Hall meeting is to begin a constructive community-centered dialogue leading to development of a progressive agenda, wherein the community and law enforcement can improve relations, work closer together to help our youth, and maintain Effingham County as a great place to live, work, and play. Ms. Thomas also thanked the City of Springfield for being a sponsor.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration for one regular member appointment to the Springfield Planning and Zoning Board

Council Member Weitman advised that Butch Kieffer has rescinded his resignation and would like to continue serving on the Planning and Zoning Board. City Manager Brett Bennett advised that the Council has not officially accepted the resignation. Therefore, the Council expressed that Butch Kieffer can continue his service on the Planning and Zoning Board, and that no regular member appointment would be needed at this time.

Consideration for one alternate member appointment to the Springfield Planning and Zoning Board

No names were offered at this time. Mayor Alderman asked Council Members to bring nominations to the next meeting.

Consideration for one regular member appointment to the Ethics Commission

No names were offered at this time. Mayor Alderman asked Council Members to bring nominations to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to approve an amendment to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority Phase III

Bennett advised that John Henry and Corey Schneider were available to answer any questions in reference to the amendment.

Mayor Alderman advised that he owns property on the other side of Highway 21 and made sure that no conflict of interest was associated. Since his privately owned property is separated by a highway no conflict of interest was noted in this instance.

Corey Schneider advised that 12 property owners and their lenders are involved in this amendment process. Other than the City of Springfield only one other entity has not signed off on this amendment yet.

When asked about products being stored at the location Corey Schneider advised that the products will be historical to this county, starting with turpentine, which will be handled on an Industrial scale. The products are primary used to make perfume. There will be many safe guards in place with monitors around the plant site. Staff will also receive training. Plans are to ship in and out regularly. Stored products will not be on the scale of an oil refinery.

Corey Schneider assured the Mayor and Council that the materials are not explosive, but does have the potential to be flammable. Schneider then went on to explain the safeguards that would be in place to help prevent incidents. The business would employ in the range of 25 – 30 employees.

Council Member Shealy explained details of the research he conducted and that he would be quite comfortable for this to be approved and would welcome the business to our area.

A discussion followed.

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to approve an amendment to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority Phase III and authorize City Manager to execute the necessary paperwork.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a Resolution (#R2015-4) reference the Comprehensive Plan Update

The City Manager advised that nothing has changed. We are required to pass a resolution whereby passing everything at one time.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve a Resolution reference the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a Resolution (#R2015-5) authorizing the City of Springfield and the Georgia Department of Transportation to contract for funding under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century ("TEA-21")

The City Manager explained that this is a standard agreement for the TEA grant. A discussion followed.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the City of Springfield and the Georgia Department of Transportation to contract for funding under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century ("TEA 21") and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a Right of Way Mowing and Maintenance Agreement by and between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Springfield

City Manager Brett Bennett explained the agreement. A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the Right of Way Mowing and Maintenance Agreement by and between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Springfield and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of an agreement for Ad Valorem Tax Billing and Collection between the City of Springfield and the Effingham County Tax Commissioner

The City Manager advised that this is a common practice around the state. Bennett further explained that we will not have the costs associated with printing tax notices, filing fifa's, tax sales, etc. The Tax Commissioner would be responsible for those. The Tax Commissioner is already collecting our automobile tag fees.

A discussion followed.

City Attorney Ben Perkins discussed the blank in the agreement and also a small portion of the wording which conflicted.

The City Manager suggested that this item be tabled until after the executive session so that the agreement could be slightly revised and brought back to Council for action after the executive session.

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to table this agreement until after the executive session whereby action may be taken after minor changes were addressed.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous to table until after Executive Session without opposition.

Consideration to purchase LPR equipment for Police Department – will automatically run tags and license associated with those tags (discussed at the 02/10/15 meeting)

Mayor Alderman stated that he had met with another Mayor whose City has this equipment. That municipality spent \$25,000 for their equipment. They are very pleased with their unit.

Police Sergeant Burgess discussed the savings quoted on the LPR equipment, actually showing a reduction from the previous price quote discussed at the February meeting.

A few Council Members expressed concerns over the cost associated with the purchase of the equipment.

Police Sergeant Burgess explained that the equipment will also notify Police Officers if the vehicle is stolen, show outstanding warrants, and suspended license, etc.

Some Council Members remarked that the equipment could be looked at as an extra device to protect the citizens and our police officers. Productivity was discussed from that standpoint.

Mayor Alderman expressed positive comments about this equipment being funded from the technology fund.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the purchase of LPR equipment for the Police Department from Vigilant Solutions reference quote number 101-0284-01 in the amount of \$16,120 to be paid out of Technology Fund.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED 4 Yes (Usher, Cribbs, Weitman & Hinely), 2 No (Maennche & Shealy).

Consideration to donate to the City of Guyton the Springfield Police Department 2004 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN# 2FAFP71W34X154264, mileage 121,552, which had previously been approved for surplus at the 03/10/15 Council Meeting

Bennett advised this vehicle had already been surplus. The City of Guyton is interested in the possibility of the vehicle being donated to them. The City of Guyton would use it as a police vehicle.

A discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the donation to the City of Guyton the Springfield Police Department 2004 Crown Victoria, mileage of 121,552.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of an agreement by and between the Georgia Forestry Commission, an Agency of the State of Georgia, and the City of Springfield reference the Firefighter Property Program cooperative equipment agreement and procedures – reference the acquisition of a five (5) ton flatbed truck to become the new rescue and foam truck

Fire Chief Travis Zittrouer explained that this is the same agreement we have entered into in the past with a \$100 cost and equipment becoming City owned property after one year. This flatbed truck will make a much more capable foam truck, with low cost involved reference modifying it for the proposed operational purposes.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the agreement by and between the Georgia Forestry Commission and the City of Springfield reference the Firefighter Property Program cooperative equipment agreement and procedures – reference the acquisition of a five (5) ton flatbed truck to become the new rescue and foam truck.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

REPORTS

The Police Department & Fire Department reports were provided in council packets for review.

MARS Theatre - Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs, reported to those present that we coming up on our year anniversary which will be celebrated on May 9th. 15,472 ticket sales have been processed since the re-opening of the MARS Theater. A Facebook page was created and is on-line. An email list containing approximately 1,006 addresses has been compiled. Attendance numbers are increasing at the MARS Theatre, which appears to be generated by word of mouth from those who have attended movies and events.

Trip down Savannah River - Last week Deadwyler had the opportunity to host some folks (Joanne Steele, her son Jesse and their friend Bob Brookshler). The trip was focused on the Savannah River basin. Deadwyler discussed the path of travel they took, which began on March 8th. The Mayor of Augusta gave them letter to give to the Mayor of Savannah upon

their arrival there. Deadwyler had the opportunity to paddle down Ebenezer Creek with them, during a short excursion. An article will be coming out in Effingham Herald newspaper tomorrow which will provide more information on their five week trip. Deadwyler encouraged protection of Ebenezer Creek, which he believes to be a great resource.

Cycle 18 Coastal Incentive Grant - City Manager Brett Bennett advised that Council packets contain correspondence from the GA DNR in which the City of Springfield has been recommended for funding in the amount of \$33,500 reference the "Springfield Ebenezer Greenway (Log Landing Access)".

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 7:32 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference real estate acquisition.

Second: Shealy 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 8:42 to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of an agreement, with minor revisions, for Ad Valorem Tax Billing and Collection between the City of Springfield and the Effingham County Tax Commissioner

The Mayor and Council Members were provided with a copy of the revised agreement for Ad Valorem tax billing and collection for their review.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve the revised agreement for Ad Valorem tax billing and collection between the City of Springfield and the Effingham Tax Commissioner.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

Acquisition of Property - 4 parcels (Parcel #'s: S1260005A00 consisting of approximately 2.73 acres, S1260005B00 consisting of approximately 3.35 acres,

S1260005C00 consisting of approximately 2.1 acres, and S1260005D00 consisting of approximately 1.79 acres)

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to authorize the city manager to enter into a sales contract with the bank for acquisition of the 4 parcels at a cost of \$40,000 + any outstanding property taxes + closing costs and also to move forward with the closing.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Brett Bennett provided copies of the fire protection services agreement to the Mayor and Council for their review. A brief discussion followed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Usher made a motion at 9:07 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

05/12/15 Approved

City of Springfield
130 S Laurel Street
Springfield, GA 31329



MINUTES OF CITY/COUNTY JOINT WORKSHOP

Council Chambers

04/15/2015

Fire Services Agreement

CALL TO ORDER

The City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members and the Effingham County Board of Commissioners held a joint Workshop on April 15, 2015 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This joint workshop was in reference to the Fire Services Agreement and was called to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING CITY OF SPRINGFIELD COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Jerry Maennche
Kenny Usher

Charles Hinely
Steve Shealy
Gary Weitman

THE FOLLOWING EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WERE PRESENT:

Jamie Deloach
Vera Jones
Reggie Loper

Forrest Floyd
Phil Kieffer

Effingham County Chairman Wendall Kessler was unable to attend.

ALSO PRESENT FROM CITY OF SPRINGFIELD:

Brett Bennett, City Manager

Travis Zittrouer, Fire Chief

ALSO PRESENT FROM EFFINGHAM COUNTY:

Toss Allen, Administrator
Rushe Hudzinski, Human Resources

Joanna Wright, Finance Director
Clinton Hodges, Fire Chief

WORKSHOP

This workshop was held in reference to the Fire Protection Services Agreement. Those present discussed the agreement and various considerations involved with this agreement.

ADJOURN

This workshop ended at approximately 6:45 p.m.

05/12/15 Approved



CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on May 12, 2015 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Barton Alderman at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Charles Hinely	Jerry Maennche
Steve Shealy	Kenny Usher
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

GUEST PRESENT:

Joyce Alderman	Clinton Hodges
Pearl Thomas	

INVOCATION – Given by Council Member Weitman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Consideration to amend the agenda to add under New Business “Consideration for approval of a Resolution by the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members in Opposition to the Palmetto Project Petroleum Pipeline” and also to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session immediately following Public Comments.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to amend the agenda to add the Resolution under “New Business” and also amend the agenda to add an Executive Session to follow “Public Comments” and approved agenda as amended.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 04/14/15 regular meeting

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 04/14/15 meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 04/15/15 City/County Joint Workshop in reference to the Fire Services Agreement

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve the minutes of the 04/15/15 City/County Joint Workshop in reference to the Fire Services Agreement.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Public Comments

Pearl Thomas stepped to the podium and expressed her thanks to the Mayor and Council and to all of those who supported the Town Hall Meeting.

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO A BRIEF EXECUTIVE SESSION – reference Real Estate

Motion: Weitman made a motion at approximately 6:07 p.m. to move from the regular meeting to an executive session reference real estate.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

The guests present exited the Council Chambers for the brief executive session.

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

MOTION: Usher made a motion at approximately 6:10 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

The guest returned to the Council Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration for one alternate member appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board

No nominations were offered, therefore the Mayor moved onto the next item on the Agenda.

Consideration for regular member appointment to the Ethics Commission

Council Member Weitman nominated Stuart Exley. No other nominations were offered.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to appoint Stuart Exley as a regular member appointment to the Ethics Commission.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of the Fire Services Agreement

Effingham County will be purchasing the city fire department equipment. The Fire Services Agreement will provide for a two man crew manning 24 hours a day in Springfield. A brief discussion followed. The Mayor and Council briefly deliberated on the agreement.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the Fire Services Agreement with a minor change removing from the first page in paragraphs eight and nine "adopted a resolution approving this Agreement".

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a Resolution by the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members in Opposition to the Palmetto Project Petroleum Pipeline

A brief discussion followed. A motion to approve the Resolution was not offered; therefore no action was taken on this Resolution. Mayor Alderman moved onto the next item on the Agenda.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder – The City Offices will be closed on Monday 05/25/15 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday

Mayor Barton Alderman also advised those in attendance that an article appeared in the Georgia Trend in reference to the Mars Theater.

Mayor Alderman also reminded the Council Members of the upcoming Annual Chamber Meeting and asked that those who wish to attend let the City Clerk be advised so that she may process the RSVP's.

REPORTS

The Police Department and Fire Department reports were provided in Council packets for review.

Council Member Weitman remarked on the recent bike ride event, which was well received.

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 6:22 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: Usher made a motion at 6:57 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

Consideration for approval of Resolution # 2015-6 reference the purchase of the Parcel # S1010014, located at 405 N. Laurel Street in Springfield GA

City Manager Brett Bennett discussed the recent auction in which the parcel # S1010014 ("Property") was auctioned. Brett Bennett, representing the City of Springfield placed a bid at One hundred and one thousand dollars (\$101,000) bid + 10% buyer's premium. This resolution will provide that the Purchase and Sales Agreement ("Contract") is not binding on the City until a subsequent vote by Council to enter into the Contract and to close on the acquisition of the property is approved. The resolution, if approved, will provide for the closing on the acquisition of the Property and will authorize Mayor Barton Alderman and City Manager Brett Bennett to: (1) execute all documents necessary to memorialize the City's acquisition of the Property; (2) comply with the terms of the Contract; (3) make all necessary payments under the Contract; and (4) execute all closing documents in conformity with the Contract.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the Resolution reference the purchase of the property (Parcel # S1010014) and approve the purchase at One hundred and one thousand dollars plus the 10% buyer's premium fee.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Mayor Alderman reminded the Council Members and those present at the meeting, that a Ralph Stanley Concert will be held at the Mars Theatre on Friday night.

Positive remarks were made in reference to the Mars Theatre.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 7:04 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Usher a seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

06/09/15 Approved



Minutes of Council Meeting

Council Chambers

06/09/2015

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on June 9, 2015 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Barton Alderman at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Charles Hinely
Gary Weitman

Kenny Usher

Council Members Jerry Maennche and Steve Shealy were unable to attend this meeting. Council Member Justin Cribbs was not present at the beginning of the meeting, but arrived shortly after the meeting began. A quorum of Council was represented at this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Lauren Meadows, Assistant City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Dir. of Cultural Affairs

Linda Rinear, City Clerk
Travis Zittrouer, Fire Chief

GUEST PRESENT:

Joyce Alderman

Clint Hodges

INVOCATION – Given by Council Member Usher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Consideration to approve the Agenda

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the Agenda.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 05/12/2015 regular meeting

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the minutes of the 05/12/2015 meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration for one alternate member appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board

Mayor Alderman advised Council Members that Terry Cook had spoken with the City Manager and that he had expressed interest in being on the Planning and Zoning Board.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to appoint Terry Cook as an alternate member appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of a Utility Coordination Reimbursable Agreement with Comcast – reference SR 21BU from CS 610/1st Street to SR 119 in Springfield, P.I. # 0010869 (Streetscape Phase II)

City Manager Bennett advised the Mayor and Council that DOT funding has been made available. The Engineers are ready to move forward. The cost estimate, included in Council packets, refers to this agreement and also to the following two agreements. Engineering services are not included in the cost estimate. To go over-head rather than underground is more economical and also allows for additional lighting. Additional lighting is also not included in the cost estimate.

Council Member Justin Cribbs arrived at 6:08 p.m. and took his seat with the other Council Members

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve a Utility Coordination Reimbursable Agreement with Comcast (P.I. # 0010869).

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a Relocation Agreement with Georgia Power – reference P.I. # L5223

Mayor Alderman briefly discussed this as reference to Streetscape Phase II.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve a Relocation Agreement with Georgia Power (P.I. # L5223).

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a Utility Coordination Reimbursable Agreement with Windstream – reference SR 21BU from CS 610/1st Street to SR 119 in Springfield, P.I. # 0010869 (Streetscape Phase II)

Mayor Alderman briefly discussed this agreement as along same lines as prior two agreements.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve a Utility Coordination Reimbursable Agreement with Windstream (P.I. # 0010869).

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval to advertise the “Current 2015 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy”, with clarification from Council as to the date and time of the meeting in which the millage rate will be set

City Manager Bennett discussed the tax digest referring to the 5 year history of levy. Bennett will coordinate with the Tax Commissioner in order to determine if we will need to hold a called meeting or if we may wait until the regular July meeting so the date may be designated to be entered into the 5 year history advertisement.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to authorize the City Clerk to advertise the “Current 2015 Tax Digest and 5 Year History of Levy”, with date designated as either June 30th or July 14th per final determination of the City Manager.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

First reading of the 2015 Tax Levy Ordinance

Mayor Alderman read the 2015 Tax Levy Ordinance. The Second reading with consideration for approval will be set as either a called meeting on June 30th or as a regular meeting to be held on July 14th.

First reading of the Fire Fees Ordinance

Mayor Alderman read the Fire Fees Ordinance. The City Manager and Council discussed the fact that the Effingham County Tax Commissioner will be collecting city related fire fees along with city taxes beginning this year. The City will still set fire fees. A discussion and deliberation followed.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder that the City Offices will be closed on Friday 07/03/2015 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday

REPORTS

Police Department and Fire Department monthly reports were included in Council Packets for review.

City Manager Brett Bennett had no reports on General Government.

Tommy Deadwyler advised that we have experienced a good month at the theatre. A fund raiser event was held by First Baptist, which allowed a performance on stage by a group of young local people. The following Sunday hosted Allen guitars.

The joint study by GMA and the Georgia Council for the Arts, "Leveraging Public Investment in the Arts: The role of arts-based Economic Development Strategies in Georgia Communities," includes five case studies that examines how Georgia cities are using the arts as an economic development tool. This panel discussion will explore how five cities (Blue Ridge, Athens, Duluth, Thomasville and Springfield) have utilized artists, entrepreneurs and the creative community in their economic development efforts. On June 27th approximately 75-100 participants at the Georgia Municipal Association convention will be provided transportation to the City of Springfield MARS Theatre and back. Jim Lauderdale will be the artist for that night, with a low country boil prior to the show. The Mayor and Council were encouraged to attend.

The City Manager Brett Bennett advised that the Georgia Municipal Association actually reached out to us about hosting an event at the MARS Theatre, which followed along with the theme at the convention this year.

Deadwyler will be participating in a panel discussion on Sunday, June 28th from 1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center, which provides the opportunity to share with Municipal Governments across the state what Springfield and all those involved have accomplished in reference to the MARS Theatre. This will be an exciting time Sunday afternoon. Printed copies of the case study will be provided, at a later time, to the Mayor and Council.

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 6:36 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 7:10 p.m. 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

No actions were taken.

City of Springfield Fire Chief Travis Zittrouer thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to be part of the City of Springfield, for over six years. Chief Zittrouer also thanked the City Manager Brett Bennett for the guidance the City Manager has provided to him over the years. The Fire Protection Services Agreement between Effingham County and the City of Springfield will go into effect on July 1, 2015.

Chief Zittrouer also mentioned that fire training has been conducted at the 405 N Laurel Street building.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 7:20 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

07/14/15 Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 06/09/2015 regular meeting

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 06/09/2015 regular meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCES

Kay Proctor, of the CPA Firm of Thigpen, Lanier, Westerfield and Deal, appeared before the Mayor and Council in reference to the City of Springfield FY2014 Audit

Kay Proctor, of the CPA Firm of Thigpen, Lanier, Westerfield and Deal stepped to the podium and discussed the fiscal year 2014 audit which was recently completed.

Ms. Proctor referenced several pages of information, contained in the Audit, copies of which had already been provided to the Mayor and Council for review. Ms. Proctor noted one finding, reference Internal Control, reference a CSI Software set up error which has been corrected.

A brief discussion followed. Ms. Proctor thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to conduct the audit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading and consideration to approve the 2015 Tax Levy Ordinance #2015-03 at 4.80 mills (1st reading – 06/09/15, 2nd reading - 07/14/15)

Mayor Alderman read the 2nd reading of this ordinance. A brief deliberation followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the 2015 Tax Levy Ordinance at 4.80 mills.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Second Reading and consideration to approve Fire Fee Ordinance # 2015-04 (1st reading – 06/09/15, 2nd reading 07/14/15)

Mayor Alderman went over the rates listed on the ordinance.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the Fire Fee Ordinance.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to authorize the City Clerk/Election Superintendent to advertise the “Notice of Municipal General Election and Candidate Qualification” advertisement in the Effingham Herald

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to authorize the City Clerk/Election Superintendent to advertise the “Notice of Municipal General Election and Candidate Qualification” advertisement in the Effingham Herald.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of proposal (Part 2) of Civil Engineering Services - Wastewater Treatment Facility - Watershed Assessment

Chris Tolleson, the Project Manager with Integrated Science and Engineering, Inc., stepped to the podium to discuss this proposal. This submission represents Part 2 and includes approximately the second half of the total scope of work for the project.

Mr. Tolleson has been contacted by EPD requesting additional documentation, which could be a good sign. The best case scenario would be that it is completed by end of this year; worst case scenario would be completed by end of next year.

Water quality results were extremely good. Nutrient data was excellent.

Detailed information regarding the specific scope, schedule and fees can be found in attachments: Attachment A (Proposed Scope of Services/Schedule/Budget), Attachment B (Terms and Conditions), Attachment C (Definitions), and Attachment D (Unit Rates).

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the proposal (Part 2) of Civil Engineering Services reference the Harris C. Hinely Wastewater Treatment Facility]Watershed Assessment.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Discussion of a public hearing to be held on August 11th, prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting, related to the recreational trails grant for the redevelopment planning of the oxidation pond at Stillwell and Ash Street

The City Manager informed the Mayor and Council that we will need to have a public hearing in order to obtain public input and discuss the concept. A brief discussion followed.

Discussion on setting a date for the Council Annual Planning Retreat

Brett Bennett, the City Manager, discussed two potential dates to hold the Council Annual Planning Retreat. August 8th or August 15th was discussed, with several Council Members suggesting August 8th.

Reminder to Council – Please notify the City Clerk, *before July 19th*, of the Council Members who wish to attend the annual Community Leadership Retreat in August so she may complete registration and secure lodging

Mayor Alderman referred to the letter provided in council packets about the Community Leadership Retreat in August, and asked that any Council Members who wished to attend to let the City Clerk know by Friday the 17th.

REPORTS

The Police Department Monthly Report was provided in Council Packets for review.

City Manager Brett Bennett did not have any reports at this time.

Clint Hodges, the Effingham County Fire Rescue Fire Chief stepped to the podium and advised that the Fire Protection Services Agreement is going good so far. Former Springfield Fire Chief Travis Zittrouer and Fire Fighter O'Neal Jones have joined the Effingham County Fire Rescue. An ISO inspection was conducted last Tuesday in which everything went smoothly. Hodges expressed appreciation to those who assisted with the replacement of eight fire hydrants. Hopefully we will hear something within 3-6 months on the ISO rating.

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 6:49 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference real estate and personnel.

Second: Maennche 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 8:15 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

Consideration to surplus City owned property located at 505 N Oak St

Council Members briefly deliberated.

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to surplus city owned property located at 505 N Oak St and to set the minimum at City's expenses.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute all documents necessary to memorialize the City's acquisition of the two properties; make all necessary payments; and execute all closing documents in conformity with the purchase of two parcels (Parcel #'s 03660044000 and 03660044A00) owned by Larry H. Eason

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute all documents necessary to acquire the two properties (parcel #'s 036600400 and 03660044A00); make all necessary payments of \$30,000 + closing costs; and execute all closing documents.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 8:21 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

08/11/15 Approved



MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

Council Chambers

August 11, 2015

Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER

This was the first public hearing held on August 11, 2015 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This public hearing was related to the Recreational Trails Grant for the Redevelopment Planning of the oxidation pond at Stillwell and Ash Street. This public hearing was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Charles Hinely
Steve Shealy

Council Member Usher was unable to attend. A quorum of Council was present.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rinear, City Clerk

Lauren Meadows, Assistant City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

GUEST PRESENT:

Jesse H. Barton
Clint Hodges
Ryan Thompson

Joyce Alderman
Greg Stewart
Chris Stovall

Ryan Thompson, Planning Department Group Leader, with Thomas and Hutton stepped to the podium. Mr. Thompson explained the trails and what the park could look like. They will prepare the cost estimates for Ebenezer Greenway Phase 2.

Ryan Thompson discussed three concepts for Ebenezer Greenway Phase 2.

Park Concept # 1 – features a boardwalk through wetlands, boardwalk transition to concrete path, nature-themed playground, pavilion, rustic picnic pavilion, pond overlook deck, rustic restrooms and a canoe launch. This concept would also provide a vegetated buffer, boardwalk cantilever over pond, remediated pond, concrete walking path on berm, and would provide for storm drainage to be diverted to the pond, and approximately 35 parking spaces, more or less.

Park Concept # 2 – features a constructed wetland, wetland overlook with interpretive signage, rustic picnic pavilion, nature themed playground, rustic restrooms, canoe/kayak launch, boardwalk through wetlands, and a boardwalk transition to concrete path. This concept would also provide a vegetated buffer, boardwalk cantilever over wetland, concrete walking path on berm, storm drainage diverted to constructed wetland, and approximately 35 parking spaces, more or less.

Park Concept # 3 – features rustic picnic pavilion, pond overlook deck, nature themed playground, boardwalk through wetlands, boardwalk transition to concrete path, rustic restrooms, and a canoe/kayak launch. This concept would also provide a vegetated buffer, open play field, concrete walking path on berm, and approximately 55 parking spaces, more or less.

Thompson recommends a combination of Park Concepts # 2 and 3.

City Manager Brett Bennett asks for suggestions from Council and the Public. Once he has received these suggestions they will be compiled into comments for review.

This public hearing closed at approximately 6:38 p.m.

09/08/15 Approved

City of Springfield
130 S Laurel Street
Springfield, GA 31329



MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

Council Chambers

August 11, 2015

Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER

The second public hearing was held on August 11, 2015 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA was held in reference to Jesse Hubert Barton's request for a home occupation, to be located at 402 North Maple Street in Springfield GA, for rentals of Slide-N-Bounce equipment, with the business name being "J. Barton Family Slide-N-Bounce Rentals." This public hearing was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:39 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Charles Hinely
Steve Shealy

Council Member Usher was unable to attend. A quorum of Council was present.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rinear, City Clerk

Lauren Meadows, Assistant City Attorney
Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

GUEST PRESENT:

Jesse H. Barton
Clint Hodges
Ryan Thompson

Joyce Alderman
Greg Stewart
Chris Stovall

Jesse Barton stepped to the podium. Mr. Barton explained that he has three pieces of equipment. The equipment will be kept inside trailers and advised that this business will not create additional traffic in the residential area.

No one spoke in opposition of this home occupation request.

This public hearing closed at approximately 6:40 p.m.

09/08/15 Approved



Council Chambers Minutes of Council Meeting Regular Meeting
August 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on August 11, 2015 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order, immediately following two Public Hearings, by Mayor Alderman at 6:40 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs	Charles Hinely
Jerry Maennche	Steve Shealy
Gary Weitman	

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager	Lauren Meadows, Assistant City Attorney
Linda Rinear, City Clerk	Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs

GUEST PRESENT:

Jesse H. Barton	Joyce Alderman
Clint Hodges	Greg Stewart
Ryan Thompson	Chris Stovall

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Barton Alderman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Consideration to approve the agenda

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the Agenda.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 07/14/2015 regular meeting

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 07/14/2015 regular meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jesse Barton advised, reference his home occupation request, that if he gets some more equipment he will rent a storage space for the equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of Jesse Hubert Barton's request for a home occupation to be located at 402 North Maple Street in Springfield GA for rentals of Slide-N-Bounce equipment, with the business name being "J. Barton Family Slide-N-Bounce Rentals."

A Public Hearing was held, prior to this meeting, in reference to Jesse H. Barton's request for a home occupation to be located at 402 North Maple Street for rentals of Slide-N-Bounce equipment, with the business name being "J. Barton Family Slide-N-Bounce Rentals."

No opposition was expressed during the Public Hearing reference this home occupation request.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve Jesse H. Barton's request for a home occupation to be located at 402 North Maple Street, "J. Barton Family Slide-N-Bounce Rentals.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute the Cycle 18 Coastal Incentive Grant Award Agreement between the City of Springfield and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division for the project entitled "Springfield Ebenezer Greenway (Log Landing Access)"

This is an access point. This is the Third Grant. The City Manager explained that this grant would allow the city to acquire a small piece of property to launch canoes. A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the Cycle 18 Coastal Incentive Grant Award Agreement between the City of Springfield and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division for the project entitled "Springfield Ebenezer Greenway (Log Landing Access)."

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval for a Special Event Alcohol Beverage Permit (Beer Only) requested by Jamey Stancell representing the Springfield Merchants Association reference the "Springfield Fall Festival 2015" to be held in downtown Springfield on Laurel Street, allowing for beer sales between the hours of 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. on October 9th, and between the hours of 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. on October 10th

Jamey Stancell was unable to attend this meeting. City Manager Brett Bennett advised the Mayor and Council that this special event, allowing beer sales, will be the same as the last three years, same location, etc.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the Springfield Merchants Association request for a Special Event Alcohol Beverage Permit (Beer Only) requested by Jamey Stancell for the "Springfield Fall Festival 2015" to be held on October 9th and October 10th, 2015 in downtown Springfield.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder – City Offices will be closed on Monday September 7, 2015 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday

Discussion of complaints received in reference to tractor trailer parking

City Manager Bennett advised that tractor trailer parking in residential areas is the single most common complaint that the city receives. Bennett feels that this needs to be addressed in residential areas and suggests that perhaps we could work on the existing Ordinance. Hinely suggested that the main street be the designated street and all other city streets could be restricted. Shealy suggested we consider some alternatives. Bennett advised that it is not uncommon for cities to restrict all tractor trailer trucks from parking inside city limits while still providing for loading or unloading. Bennett will bring a draft back for Council's review in which we could amend the existing ordinance. A brief discussion followed.

REPORTS

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

The Effingham County Fire Rescue monthly report was made available for the Mayor and Council Members prior to the beginning of this meeting. Fire Chief Clint Hodges advised of receiving 219 calls which is a new record. Twenty-four hour coverage is now available. The operations are efficient. Fire Chief Hodges has been working closely with Springfield Public Works updating hydrants, and updating preplans within the previous fire service area.

Fire Chief Hodges hopes to have the ISO rating results in about three months. Mayor

Alderman advised Fire Chief Hodges that we have been hearing positive comments in reference to the consolidation of fire services.

Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs, advised that things are going great at the MARS Theatre. Several block buster movies have been shown. Movies usually slow down somewhat around this time of year until later after the holidays.

City Manager Brett Bennett had no further reports at this time.

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 7:04 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session.

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 7:45 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

The Mars Theatre was briefly discussed.

Ash Street

City Manager Brett Bennett briefly discussed Ash Street Valve insertion needs requiring the water to be cut off for a short period in order to complete repairs.

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

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to rescind the 07/14/15 motion to surplus the city owned property located 505 N Oak St.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 7:58 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

09/08/2015 Approved

City of Springfield 130 S Laurel Street Springfield, GA 31329		
Minutes of Council Meeting		
Council Chambers	September 8, 2015	Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on September 8, 2015 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:

Justin Cribbs	Charles Hinely
Kenny Usher	Gary Weitman

Council Members Jerry Maennche & Steve Shealy were 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:

William Floyd	Craig Johnson
Clint Hodges	Joyce Alderman
Richard Adams	

INVOCATION – Given by Council Member Weitman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Consideration to approve Agenda

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the Agenda.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 08/11/15 1st Public Hearing (Related to the Recreational Trails Grant for the Redevelopment Planning of the oxidation pond at Stillwell and Ash Street)

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 08/11/15 1st Public Hearing.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 08/11/15 2nd Public Hearing (Reference Jesse Hubert Barton's request for a home occupation to be located at 402 N Maple St., for rentals of Slide-N-Bounce equipment, with the business name being "J. Barton Family Slide-N-Bounce Rentals")

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 08/11/15 2nd Public Hearing.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 08/11/15 regular meeting

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the 08/11/15 regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Floyd stepped to the podium and expressed concerns about the Ebenezer Greenway project. Mr. Floyd owns property across from the Ebenezer Property. He feels it could affect him personally if people come to the park then onto his property. Mr. Floyd ask that the city take action such as fence around the property that is gated, possibly allowing for daylight area usage, maybe installing security cameras, possibly patrolling property, and adding signage. He does not wish for that property to become a dumping ground. He would like to be informed with what is happening.

City Manager Brett Bennett asked Mr. Floyd to write a letter expressing his concerns so we may review them.

NEW BUSINESS

Erin Rahn, with the SRC, requests consideration for the second Springfield Dog Expo at Ulmer Park, on November 14, 2015. The Expo will begin at 8:00 a.m. The "Run with the Dogs 5K" and "1 Mile Walk" will be from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Erin Rahn called earlier and will not be able to make it to the meeting. The City Manager explained that this event will be same as last year.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the request for the SRC to hold the Springfield Dog Expo at Ulmer Park on November 14, 2015, with same provisions as last year.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to authorize the City Manager to purchase Police cars under state contract

An accident recently occurred which totaled one of the older police vehicles. It will need to be replaced. Money is budgeted in SPLOST.

Police Chief Paul Wynn explained that two other police vehicles have high mileage and that the repair and maintenance cost are escalating. When these two vehicles are replaced they can roll off and be used as spares.

The 2015 Dodge Chargers, through State Contract, have been spoken for. We could acquire 2016 Dodge Chargers. The State Contract purchasing process takes approximately three to six months from the time the vehicles are picked up to the time they are able to be put in service.

City Manager Bennett advised that if we do not replace the other two older vehicles we will still need to paint them which will incur additional expense. The 2016 Dodge Charger through a State contract with the spot light, street package, cloth front/vinyl rear bench is \$24,192.15 per vehicle, which includes a discount of \$728.60 per vehicle. The vehicle purchases will come out of SPLOST funds.

The City Manager suggests that Council consider the vehicle purchase tonight.

The equipment packages can be brought back to Council. The equipment package will come out of the General Fund and will be approximately \$3,930 per vehicle + approximately \$500 per vehicle for the stripe package.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to authorize the City Manager to purchase three (3) Dodge Chargers for the police department under state contract.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a Resolution (# R2015-7) to initiate the process reference an amendment to the zoning ordinance (Truck & Trailer Parking)

The zoning ordinance makes reference to truck & trailer parking. Therefore, if a change is made it will amend the text of the zoning ordinance. The Resolution is needed to initiate the process. Following approval of the Resolution the draft Ordinance, provided in Council

packets, will be reviewed. The City Manager asked for Council input of any requested changes. The ordinance will be then be brought back to the October meeting for a first reading. Public Hearings will be published in the Effingham Herald, posted at the Council Chambers, and on the City Website. The Planning and Zoning Committee will hold a Public Hearing, followed by a meeting and will make their recommendation to Council. The Council will also hold a Public Hearing, followed by review of the Planning and Zoning Committee recommendation and second reading of the Ordinance before consideration for approval. This process will occur over the next few months.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the Resolution to initiate the process reference an amendment to the zoning ordinance (truck & trailer parking).

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) between the U.S. Geological Survey, Georgia Water Service Center, United States Department of Interior and the City of Springfield for the project entitled “the continued operation and routine maintenance of the continuous streamflow gaging station 02198690 on Ebenezer Creek at Springfield, Georgia

The City Manager, Brett Bennett briefly explained the joint funding agreement, its purpose, and advised that it is approved each year.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the Joint Funding Agreement between the U.S. Geological Survey, Georgia Water Survey, Georgia Water Service Center, United States Department of Interior and the City of Springfield.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to approve a proposal with Colbert Construction for removal and replacement of roof at Public Works Building

When the building was purchased we knew that the roof would need to be replaced. Three proposals have been received. The costs will come out of the General Fund.

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to approve the proposal provided by Colbert Construction for removal and replacement of the roof of the Public Works Building at the cost for material and labor at Eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$11,500.00).

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a Proclamation – Effingham County NAACP’s Freedom Fund and Honor’s Day September 12, 2015

Mayor Alderman explained that this is a joint proclamation of the Effingham County Board of Commissioners, the City of Rincon, the City of Guyton, and the City of Springfield for an honors day, hosted by the Effingham County Branch of the NAACP, whereby four honorees, (Joanne Jackson, Phillip School, Roger Scott and Jasmine Nethels), will receive awards at the Freedom Fund and Honors Banquet on September 12, 2015 at the PMBA Social Hall in Guyton.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the Proclamation reference the Effingham County NAACP's Freedom Fund and Honor's Day September 12, 2015.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Update of Municipal Election Candidate Qualifications which were held August 31st through September 4th

Three Council Member posts were involved in this qualification period. Three candidates qualified, all were incumbents: Justin Cribbs, Steve Shealy and Gary Weitman.

REPORTS

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

The Effingham County Fire Rescue monthly report was also provided for review. Fire Chief Clint Hodges explained that "Good intent calls" was reports of smoke in the area and when the fire rescue responded they did not find anything.

City Manager Brett Bennett had no further reports at this time.

Introduction of Richard (Richie) Adams

Tommy Deadwyler, Director of Cultural Affairs, advised that this is the last Council Meeting that he will be attending before he leaves employment with the City of Springfield. Deadwyler introduced Richard Adams and advised that he will be acting as the theatre manager during the interim. Adams has worked with sounds at the Theatre and will be getting involved with the Fox Theatre. Deadwyler assures that he is willing to assist Adams during this transition period.

Richard Adams advised the Mayor and Council that he has been working with the Mars Theatre since we opened. Adams expressed his dedication to the theatre and believes he has the necessary skills needed to take on this opportunity.

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 6:52 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: Weitman made a motion at 7:38 p.m. 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

Consideration to finalize the purchase and execute closing documents in reference to the Jack Ramsey portion of parking lot parcel # S1070072.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to authorize and finalize the purchase and execute all closing documents needed, per the sales agreement.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 7:33 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

10/13/15 Approved



MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Chambers

October 13, 2015

Public Hearings

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Jerry Maennche
Kenny Usher

Charles Hinely
Steve Shealy
Gary Weitman

A quorum of Council was represented.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Ben Perkins, City Attorney

Linda Rineair, City Clerk

GUEST PRESENT:

Joyce Alderman
Clint Hodges

Rebecca Heidt
Pearl Thomas

PUBLIC HEARING: Reference Rebecca E. Heidt's request for an Alcohol License for the purpose of consumption on the premises of Malt Beverages and Wine and Distilled Spirits for "Heidt Smith Harris, LLC dba Salzburger Haus" located at 101 North Laurel Street in Springfield GA

This public hearing was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:02 p.m.

Rebecca Heidt stepped to the podium. The alcohol license request was for the purpose of consumption on the premises of Malt Beverages and Wine and Distilled Spirits for the "Heidt Smith Harris, LLC dba Salzburger Haus" located at 101 North Laurel Street.

Ms. Heidt remarked that the business is slowly growing and that she believes that some customers may enjoy being served alcohol with their meal. Ms. Heidt advised that one employee is 20, with the others being older.

No opposition was expressed in reference to this public hearing

This public hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Reference Teresa Sheppard's request for a Home Occupation to be located at 132 Rose Drive in Springfield GA, with name of business being "Teresa's Gifts Galore & More"

This public hearing was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:07 p.m.

The applicant for the Home Occupation was not present at this public hearing. Therefore the public hearing closed at 6:08 p.m.

Note Ms. Sheppard did arrive later, during the Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: Reference Luisa & Oulanger Hughie's request for a Home Occupation to be located at 139 Harvest Drive in Springfield GA, Owner Operator Trucking, with name of business being "O & L Hughie Enterprise"

This public hearing was not held due to the applicant not being present.

11/10/2015 Approved



Council Chambers Minutes of Council Meeting Regular Meeting
October 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on October 13, 2015 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order, immediately after the close of the Public Hearings, by Mayor Alderman at 6:09 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
Ben Perkins, City Attorney	

GUEST PRESENT:

Joyce Alderman	Rebecca Heidt
Clint Hodges	Pearl Thomas

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Barton Alderman

Teresa Sheppard entered the Council Chambers at approximately 6:13 p.m. and took her seat with the other guest.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to amend the agenda to add Teresa Sheppard's public hearing, reference a home occupation, under New Business before item "b" and approve the agenda as amended.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 09/08/2015 regular meeting

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 09/08/2015 regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

First Reading of an Ordinance to amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance Article IV General Provisions Section 4.33, in its entirety, regulating Truck-Tractors, Semi-Trailers, Truck-Tractor combination or Truck parking (Resolution # R2015-7 to initiate the process to amend the text to the Zoning Ordinance, reference truck-trailer parking, was approved at the 09/08/15 regular meeting)

Mayor Alderman provided the first reading of this ordinance to amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance which will regulate truck-tractors, semi-trailers, truck-tractor combination and truck parking, thereby introducing this ordinance to the public. This ordinance may be modified slightly. A public hearing will be held by the Planning and Zoning Board in December. The Mayor and Council will also hold a public hearing on this ordinance in December.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to approve Rebecca E. Heidt's request for an Alcohol license for the purpose of consumption on the premises of Malt Beverages and Wine and Distilled Spirits for "Heidt Smith Harris, LLC dba Salzburger Haus", located at 101 North Laurel Street in Springfield GA

The Council briefly deliberated.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve Rebecca E. Heidt's alcohol license application for the purpose of consumption on the premises of Malt Beverages and Wine and Distilled Spirits for "Heidt Smith Harris, LLC dba Salzburger Haus", located at 101 North Laurel Street in Springfield GA.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Mayor Alderman dispensed with the regular order of business to go into a Public Hearing at approximately 6:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Reference Teresa Sheppard's request for a Home Occupation to be located at 132 Rose Drive in Springfield GA, with name of business being "Teresa's Gifts Galore & More"

Teresa Sheppard stepped to the podium. Sheppard advised that she would like to currently operate her business from home and would eventually like to find a business location in the downtown area. Ms. Sheppard advised that the home occupation would not cause additional traffic due to the fact that she will deliver items purchased to her customers.

With no opposition expressed this public hearing closed at approximately 6:17 p.m.

CALLED REGULAR MEETING BACK TO ORDER

Mayor Alderman called the regular meeting back to order at approximately 6:18 p.m.

Consideration to approve Teresa Sheppard's request for a Home Occupation to be located at 132 Rose Drive in Springfield GA, with the name of the home occupation to be "Teresa's Gifts Galore & More"

The Council briefly deliberated.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve Teresa Sheppard's request for a Home Occupation to be located at 132 Rose Drive.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to approve Luisa & Oulanger Hughie's request for a Home Occupation to be located at 139 Harvest Drive, reference owner operator trucking, with name of business to be "O & L Hughie Enterprise"

This item was not considered due to applicant, or someone to speak on his behalf, present at either the public hearing or at this point in the meeting.

First Reading of an Ordinance reference rezoning of Parcel # S1030-001D, owned by Keith Hinely, located on West First Street Extension, requested to be rezoned from "R-1" zoning classification to "B-1" zoning classification

Mayor Alderman presented the first Reading thereby presenting this ordinance to the public. Public hearings will be conducted in reference to this request in December.

First Reading of an Ordinance reference rezoning of Parcel # S1030-002, owned by Keith Hinely, located on West First Street Extension, requested to be rezoned from "R-1" zoning classification to "B-1" zoning classification

Mayor Alderman presented the first Reading thereby presenting this ordinance to the public. Public hearings will be conducted in reference to this request in December.

First Reading of an Ordinance reference rezoning of Parcel # S1030-001, owned by Michael and Charlotte Hinely, located on West First Street Extension, requested to be rezoned from "R-1" zoning classification to "B-1" zoning classification

Mayor Alderman presented the first Reading thereby presenting this ordinance to the public. Public hearings will be conducted in reference to this request in December.

First Reading of an Ordinance reference rezoning of Parcel # S1030-002C, owned by Michael and Charlotte Hinely, located on West First Street Extension, requested to be rezoned from "R-1" zoning classification to "B-1" zoning classification

Mayor Alderman presented the first Reading thereby presenting this ordinance to the public. Public hearings will be conducted in reference to this request in December.

Consideration for approval of a Resolution (# R2015-9) reference the Early Street Sidewalk Project (PE14164) awarding bidder Jerry D. Rushing Construction Co. with the construction contract in the amount of \$87,821.00

City Manager Brett Bennett advised that this project was discussed at the retreat. A brief discussion followed. The start of the project will depend on scheduling, but should be a 90 day project from beginning to end.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve a Resolution reference the Early Street Sidewalk Project (PE14164) awarding bidder Jerry D. Rushing Construction Co. with the construction contract in the amount of \$87,821.00. The payment will come out of SPLOST Funds.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a Resolution (# R2015-8) re-adopting five ethic principles (Certified City of Ethics)

Mayor Alderman read the resolution to council members and to those present at this meeting. A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve a Resolution re-adopting five ethic principles.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval to open a checking account for Police Confiscated Funds required by O.C.G.A. § 9-16-10

The City Manager advised that any city checking account has to be opened or closed by approval of Council. Brett Bennett further stated that the state requires that the seized

monies be put into a separate checking account with interest bearing with interest accrued going to the Agency.

A short discussion followed.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to authorize the city manager or his designee to open a checking account for Police Confiscated Funds.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration of quotes and approval for the purchase of equipment and installation charges for Police Department Vehicles

These quotes are for the newly purchased police vehicles. Two separate actions need to be taken. One action would be for equipment and installation and the other action for decals. The City Manager suggests that we hold off on decals until the next meeting in order for that item to be listed on the Agenda.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to accept the quote offered from West Chatham Warning Devices at \$3,930.08 x 3 vehicles and to use the monies budgeted in General Fund with the balance coming from SPLOST Funds.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Discussion of FY2016 Budget Workshop(s)

It is the time of year for a budget workshop. The first reading of the FY2016 Budget Ordinance should be conducted at the November meeting. The second reading with consideration for adoption could then be held at the December meeting. The City Manager advised that he could select dates, preferably on a Tuesday, and forward those dates to the Mayor and Council in order to obtain a good date that the Mayor and Council could attend in order to finalize the date of the workshop and also advertise.

REPORTS

The monthly Springfield Police Department report was sent out in Council packets for review.

The monthly Effingham County Fire Rescue report was also sent out in Council packets for review. Fire Chief Clint Hodges advised that things are still working well with the consolidation.

City Manager Brett Bennett remarked on two employees who have received certified Competent Person Excavation training.

Bids will be advertised in next week's paper for pedestrian streetscape improvements. The improvements include new concrete sidewalk, brick pavers, low cover landscaping, street trees, new curb & gutter, ADA ramps and crosswalks.

A pretty good crowd attended the fall festival. Several positive comments were heard in reference to the football games shown in the Mars Theatre.

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 6:54 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: Weitman made a motion at 7:23 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

City Manager Brett Bennett conducted a short discussion on the Mars structure. If structured as such the budget would save about \$10,000 a year. We are at the phase to in which we need to get more people involved, such as "Friends of the Mars". Unless Council objects, the City Manager intends to structure the budget this way. The City Manager would like to move quickly on this issue. A brief discussion followed.

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

MOTION: Usher made a motion to authorize City Manager and City Attorney to speak with 4H officials and to enter into a zero short term agreement, reference the city owned, previous Walt's building.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 09/08/15 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 09/08/2015 executive session.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at approximately 7:38 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

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 approximately 7:45 p.m. 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

No actions were taken in reference to this executive session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Usher made a motion at 7:46 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

11/10/2015 Approved

City of Springfield
130 S Laurel Street
Springfield, GA 31329



Minutes of FY2016 Budgets Workshop

Council Chambers

November 3, 2015

Workshop

CALL TO ORDER

The City of Springfield held FY2016 Budgets Workshop on November 3, 2015 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. The workshop was called to order by Mayor Alderman at approximately 7:06 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Jerry Maennche
Kenny Usher

Charles Hinely
Steve Shealy
Gary Weitman

A quorum of Council was represented at the budgets workshop.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager

Amber Lancaster, Finance Director

THE FOLLOWING CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FY2016 BUDGETS WAS DISCUSSED WITH QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS ON EACH:

Water/Sewer
Sanitation
General Fund

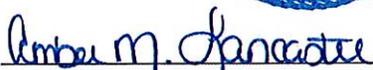
SPLOST
Arts & Events

ADJOURN

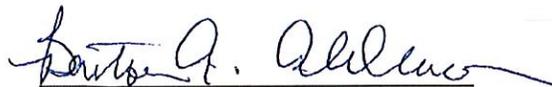
The Budgets Workshop ended at approximately 9:58 p.m.



ATTEST:


Amber Lancaster, Finance Director

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD


Barton A. Alderman, Mayor



Council Chambers Minutes of Council Meeting Regular Meeting
November 10, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on November 10, 2015 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:08 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Charles Hinely Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Council Members Steve Shealy and Kenny Usher were unable to attend this meeting. Council Member Justin Cribbs was not present at the beginning of the meeting, but did arrive later during 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

GUEST PRESENT:

Linda Santos Lon Harden
Joyce Alderman Clint Hodges

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Barton Alderman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Consideration to approve the agenda

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 10/13/2015 Public Hearings

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/13/2015 Public Hearings.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Council Member Cribbs arrived at approximately 6:11 p.m. and took his seat with other council members

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 10/13/2015 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Maennche made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/13/2015 regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 11/03/2015 FY2016 Budgets Workshop

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/03/2015 budgets workshop.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCES

Lon Harden appeared before the Mayor and Council requesting consideration for the 2016 MLK parade to be held on Monday January 18, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. lasting approximately one hour

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve Lon Harden's request for the MLK parade to be held on Monday 01/18/2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m., lasting approximately one hour.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of a Proclamation reference "November Pulmonary Hypertension Month"

Linda Santos stepped forward and explained this and the following proclamation.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve a proclamation reference "November Pulmonary Hypertension Month."

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a Proclamation reference "Color the World Periwinkle Day" (November 1, 2015)

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to approve a proclamation reference "Color the World Periwinkle Day."

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to authorize the Police Department to purchase and have installed decals on three police vehicles

These graphics are for the three police cars that were authorized for purchase at the last meeting (10/13/2015).

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to authorize the Police Department to purchase and have installed decals on three police vehicles per the quote received from Edwards Interiors, Inc.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a proposal received from Hansen Architects reference City Hall Redevelopment

Patrick Phelps stepped to the podium and spoke to the Mayor and Council. Thru proposed services, they would be looking at the existing city hall, surrounding area, and parking. The phasing plans would consider a 3-5 year time frame. The plan could take around 3-4 months preparation.

Paul Hansen was also present. Mayor Alderman reminded Council that the City Hall Redevelopment was discussed during the budget workshop.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the proposal received from Hansen Architects reference City Hall Redevelopment.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

First Reading of the FY2016 Budget Ordinance

The City Manager Brett Bennett advised that changes requested during the budget workshop have been made.

This was the first reading of the FY2016 Budget Ordinance. This Ordinance will come back for a second reading at the December 8, 2015 meeting and will also be considered for approval at that time.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder – The City Offices will be closed on 11/11/2015 in observance of the Veteran’s Day Holiday.

Reminder – The City Offices will also be closed on Thursday and Friday 11/26/15 and 11/27/15 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

REPORTS

City Manager Brett Bennett reminded the Mayor and Council of Effingham Day at the Capitol and also Mayors Day and asked that those who wish to attend notify us so that registration and lodging may be obtained.

The City Manager briefly discussed the Early Street project. He also advised that a pre-bid conference was held on November 6th in reference to the Streetscape Project.

Public Hearings reference the Zoning Amendment (truck parking) is scheduled with the Planning & Zoning Board on December 7th prior to the Planning & Zoning Board Meeting and with the Council on December 8th prior to the regular council meeting.

The monthly Springfield Police Report was included in Council packets for review.

The monthly Effingham County Fire Rescue report was included in Council packets for review and show overall county reporting.

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 6:35 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference real estate.

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 7:08 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

Real Estate – Portion of Parcel # S1260001 currently owned by the Effingham County Board of Education

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to enter into an agreement for the purchase of property for a fire station which is currently owned by the Effingham County Board of Education, a portion of Parcel # S1260001, for \$20,000 + closing costs and authorized all other necessary paperwork be completed in order to acquire the property.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Real Estate – Parcel # 04270045 with property being listed in the name of Walter David Gnnann & Ava G. Hartzog

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to enter into an agreement for the purchase of Parcel 04270045, being approximately 18 acres, more or less, for \$36,000 + closing costs to be taken out of the Water/Sewer Fund and authorized all other necessary paperwork can be completed in order to acquire the property.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

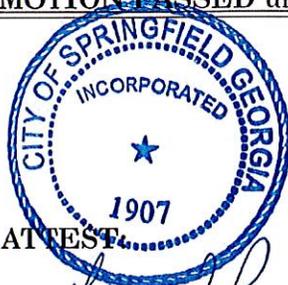
MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 7:14 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Jerry Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.



ATTEST

Linda T. Rinear
Linda T. Rinear, City Clerk

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Barton A. Alderman
Barton A. Alderman, Mayor



Minutes of Mayor and Council Public Hearings.
Council Chambers December 8, 2015 Public Hearings

CALL TO ORDER

Public hearings were held on December 8, 2015 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. The public hearings were 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
Jerry Maennche	Steve Shealy
Kenny Usher	Gary Weitman

A quorum of Council was represented at the public hearings.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

GUEST PRESENT:

Corey Schneider	Joyce Alderman
Clint Hodges	R. Watkins
Keith Hinely	

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO TEXT OF ZONING ORDINANCE, TO REGULATE PARKING OF TRUCK-TRACTORS, SEMI-TRAILERS, TRUCK-TRACTOR COMBINATION, AND TRUCKS

Mayor Alderman brought this public hearing to order and notified the public that anyone wishing to comment on this amendment to the text of the zoning ordinance should step forward and do so during this time.

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

Mayor Alderman closed this public hearing and immediately moved to the next public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING OF PARCEL # S1030-001D, OWNED BY KEITH R. HINELY, LOCATED ON WEST FIRST STREET EXTENSION. REQUESTED TO BE REZONED FROM R-1 ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO B-1 ZONING CLASSIFICATION

Mayor Alderman brought this public hearing to order and notified the public that anyone wishing to comment on this rezoning request should do so during this time.

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

Mayor Alderman closed this public hearing and immediately moved to the next public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING OF PARCEL # S1030-001, OWNED BY MICHAEL E. HINELY AND CHARLOTTE HINELY, LOCATED ON WEST FIRST STREET EXTENSION. REQUESTED TO BE REZONED FROM R-1 ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO B-1 ZONING CLASSIFICATION

Mayor Alderman brought this public hearing to order and notified the public that anyone wishing to comment on this rezoning request should do so during this time.

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

Mayor Alderman closed this public hearing.

ADJOURN

The Public Hearings closed at approximately 6:08 p.m.

01/12/2016 Approved



Council Chambers Minutes of Council Meeting Regular Meeting
December 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on December 8, 2015, immediately following the close of public hearings, in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:09 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
Ben Perkins, City Attorney	

GUEST PRESENT:

Corey Schneider	Joyce Alderman
Clinton Hodges	R. Watkins
Keith Hinely	

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Pro-Tem Usher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Consideration to approve the agenda

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to amend the agenda to remove item's "d" (Rezoning of Parcel # S1030-002C) and "e" (Rezoning of Parcel # S1030-002) Under "Old Business" and approve the agenda as amended.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 11/10/2015 regular meeting

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/10/2015 regular meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of an Ordinance (# 2015-05), with consideration for approval, to amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance Article IV General Provisions Section 4.33, regulating Truck-Tractors, Semi-Trailers, Truck-Tractor combination or Truck parking

A brief discussion along with a short deliberation period followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve an ordinance to amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance, Article IV General Provisions Section 4.33 regulating truck-tractors, semi-trailers, truck-tractor combination or truck parking.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of an Ordinance (# 2015-06), with consideration for approval – Parcel # S1030-001D, owned by Keith R. Hinely, located on West First Street Extension, requested to be rezoned from R-1 zoning classification to B-1 zoning classification

A brief discussion along with a short deliberation period followed.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve re-zoning ordinance reference parcel # S1030-001D, owned by Keith R. Hinely, located on West First Street Extension, to be rezoned from R-1 zoning classification to B-1 zoning classification.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Second Reading of an Ordinance (# 2015-07), with consideration for approval – Parcel # S1030-001, owned by Michael E. Hinely and Charlotte Hinely, located on

West First Street Extension; requested to be rezoned from R-1 zoning classification to B-1 zoning classification

A brief discussion along with a short deliberation period followed.

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to approve ordinance reference parcel S1030-001, owned by Michael E. Hinely and Charlotte Hinely, located on West First Street Extension, to be rezoned from R-1 zoning classification to B-1 zoning classification.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Second Reading of an Ordinance (# 2015-08), with consideration for approval of the FY2016 Budget

A brief discussion along with a short deliberation period followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the FY2016 Budget Ordinance.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of the bid recommendation letter for the TE Project

City Manager Brett Bennett discussed this item and advised that packets contained a recommendation from Keck & Wood, Inc.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the bid recommendation letter, awarding the contract to Swindell Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$189,642.65, reference TE Project with the award to be contingent on concurrence in the award from Georgia Department of Transportation.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the City of Springfield 2016 Holiday Schedule

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the City of Springfield 2016 Holiday Schedule.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Discussion – DRT Water and Sewer Service Agreement

Corey Schneider, representing DRT, stepped to the podium. Mr. Schneider explained that DRT's intention is to use our waste water plant. Mr. Schneider spoke to Mayor and Council about the project and about the kind of water that would be sent to our waste water treatment plant. Packets were handed out to the Mayor and Council for review. The DRT has manufacturing plants around the world. One is coming soon to Rincon. Most of the products are ingredients that go into perfumes or fragrance. The products are based on trees, such as by pine trees and come from natural resources. The holding tanks will be surrounded by concrete retention walls. Odor should be at a minimum. Safety concerns were discussed. Schneider advised that in the event of a fire systems would be set up whereby foam would distribute in order to prevent fire from spreading. In fact, the Effingham Fire Rescue will be brought in to review the site.

The hiring process will begin sometime in 2016, with approximately 30-35 employee hires initially.

The City Attorney, Ben Perkins, is reviewing the contract and will finalize it shortly. Drafts of the contract were provided to the Mayor and Council. A meeting will be held with the EPD tomorrow.

The City Attorney, Ben Perkins, walked the Mayor and Council through the contract. The finalized contract will be brought back before Mayor and Council for consideration at a later date.

Reminder - the City Hall Offices will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 12/23/15, 12/24/15, and 12/25/15 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

Reminder - the City Hall Offices will also be closed on Thursday and Friday 12/31/15 and 01/01/16 in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

REPORTS

The City Manager advised that the Streetscape project should start in early January, and that the Early Street project will begin soon.

Police and Fire Reports were included in packets for review.

Fire Chief Hodges explained that a good intent call is when a caller had good intents when making a call, but upon arrival at the reported location it turns out to be something such as smoke in the air.

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 7:11 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference real estate.

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 7:51 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

No actions were taken.

TRUCK AND VEHICLE PARKING

The Mayor and Council suggest that perhaps signs could be placed in the newly acquired parking lot notifying the public to not park vehicles overnight in that area.

The City Manager also suggested that notice of the amendment to the text of the zoning ordinance reference truck parking could be provided, during the initial period, to drivers parking trucks in violation of the Ordinance.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 8:00 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

01/12/2016 Approved