



Council Chambers

August 9, 2016

Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER

A Public Hearing was held on August 9, 2016 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. 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
Kenny Usher

Council Member Steve Shealy was unable to attend this public hearing.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Amber Lancaster, Finance Director

Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Erin Phillips, Comm. Dev. Director

GUEST PRESENT:

Charles Heino
Ben Smith
Joyce Alderman
Logan Youmans
Wesley Parker

Gail Smith
Pearl Thomas
Jennifer Smith
Clint Hodges
Kay Proctor

THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD IN REFERENCE TO:

Proposed city 2016 Net Tax Levy Ordinance thereby setting the 2016 net tax of 4.80 mills on each one dollar of the assessed value of the taxable property in said City of Springfield for the year 2016

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

ADJOURN

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



ATTEST

Linda T. Rineair

Linda T. Rineair, City Clerk

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Barton A. Alderman
Barton A. Alderman, Mayor



CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on August 9, 2016 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:05 p.m., immediately following the close of a Public Hearing.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Charles Hinely
Kenny Usher

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Amber Lancaster, Finance Director

Ben Perkins, City Attorney
Erin Phillips, Comm. Dev. Director

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INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Alderman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 07/12/2016 regular meeting

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the 07/12/2016 minutes of regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCES

Kay Proctor of Lanier, Westerfield, Deal and Proctor stepped to the podium and presented the results of the Fiscal Year 2015 audit. Ms. Proctor went over various sections of the audit. Proctor further went over notes to the Financial Statements. No compliance findings. Two internal findings were noted in which she understands that the city software vendor will be contacted so this may be corrected through the computer program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joyce Alderman stepped to the podium, as a resident of Springfield, and commended the Mayor, Council and the staff of the City of Springfield for all they have done, especially keeping financials balanced and in good shape.

Mayor Alderman also thanked staff for all they do.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading, with consideration for approval, of an 2016 Tax Levy Ordinance (# 2016-03) setting the net millage rate at 4.80 mills on each one dollar of the assessed value of taxable property in said City of Springfield for the year 2016

07/12/2016	First Reading of 2016 Tax Levy Ordinance at 4.80 mills
07/12/2016	Five Year History published on City Website
07/20/2016	Five Year History published in Effingham Herald
07/27/2016	Public Hearing Notice published in Effingham Herald
08/09/2016	Public Hearing held, prior to beginning of this meeting, with no opposition expressed to proposed 2016 tax levy

Mayor Alderman read the second reading of the 2016 Tax Levy Ordinance setting the millage rate at 4.80 mills, the same millage rate as the years 2014 and 2015.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve an Ordinance setting the 2016 Tax Levy at 4.80 mills.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of a Special Event/Alcohol (Beer) Permit Application, requested by Springfield Merchants Association, Inc., reference an event to be held in Downtown Springfield October 7th and 8th

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the Special Event/Alcohol (Beer) Permit, requested by the Springfield Merchants Association, Inc.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to approve a final plat for Frank and Gail Smith

Gail and Ben Smith stepped to the podium. City Manager Brett Bennett explained the main reason for the Smith request was to subdivide the plat in order to provide access to a parcel. The City Attorney has found a slight problem. To subdivide a parcel the plat needs to meet certain requirements.

Gail and Ben Smith discussed this request with the Mayor and Council and also the City Attorney and City Manager. City Attorney Ben Perkins explained to Gail and Ben Smith what needs to be done before it could be brought before Council to be subdivided.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to deny approval of the plat as currently presented.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous to deny approval without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a final plat for the Effingham County Board of Commissioners (Recreation Facility)

All of these parcels meet streets, so that requirement has been met. A discussion followed.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve a final plat for the Effingham County Board of Commissioners reference the Recreation Facility.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of an Intergovernmental agreement to fund water and sewer infrastructure at the new County Recreation facility

The actual agreement was not available at this time. Wesley Parker, President of Parker Engineering, was present and stepped to the podium to explain the plan. Parker went over some drawings including the original plan. The pump station could be located at another location that could be more beneficial to us and also to

make it larger, which will allow additional gravity and a force main. Different options were shown. Effingham County needs to know that we are behind this. The cost is not tied down at this time. This could pick up additional customers, 225-250 additional houses and the recreation department.

A discussion followed.

No opposition of Council was voiced. Bennett will get with the County and move forward. This will come back before Council in the form of an agreement.

Consideration to approve a contract with Enviroworx Operations Management

Bennett explained this agreement. It will provide manpower that we need as an alternative for a year. Arrange manpower that will help to get some projects done. Checking lift stations and wells on daily basis, projects replacing lines, manage project and 250 hours of EOM staff. Our personnel can call them when they need them. Bennett went over several lines that need improvement. The City Attorney suggested deletion of section 6.3 ("In no event shall EOM, its subcontractors or their officers or employees be liable for EOM indirect or consequential damages, whether such liability arises in breach of contract or warranty, or tort, including negligence, strict or statutory liability, or any other cause of action") in the agreement and recommended to Council that this should change should be noted if approved.

A discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve a contract with Enviroworx Operations Management with wording in section 6.3 being removed.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for an appointment to the Downtown Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Rick Rafter

Community Development Director Erin Phillips spoke with Kris Brinker and has found that he is willing to serve on the Downtown Development Authority. A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to appoint Kris Brinker to the Downtown Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Rick Rafter.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reminder – The City Offices will be closed on Monday September 5, 2016 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

REPORTS

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

Code Enforcement – the code enforcement report was available in Council packets for review. Erin Phillips advised that reported violations have slowed down to only one or two a month now.

Mars Theatre – the Mars Theatre report was available in Council packets for review.

City Manager – briefly discussed trash cart responses. A few Council members mentioned that they have heard from several residents who have offered positive remarks in reference to the removal of trash carts from the roadways.

Pearl Thomas stated that she had to replace a side mirror on her vehicle caused from hitting a cart that had been left by the road. She supports the removal of carts from the side of roads.

Fire Report - was available prior to beginning of meeting.

The City Attorney Ben Perkins spoke with City Prosecutor Orlando and advised that an Ordinance will be brought back later to the Mayor and Council for review in reference to a change in some of the Municipal fines.

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to move from the regular meeting into an executive session at 7:34 p.m. 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 approximately 7:55 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

No actions were taken

A brief discussion followed on water/sewer needs.

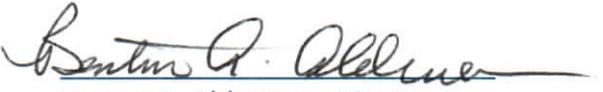
MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

MOTION: Usher made a motion at approximately 8:04 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD


Barton A. Alderman, Mayor



ATTEST:


Linda T. Rineair, City Clerk



CALL TO ORDER

The Springfield Downtown Development Authority, the Springfield City Council, and the Springfield Revitalization Board held a planning workshop on August 15, 2016. The planning workshop was called to order at approximately 4:10 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Justin Cribbs
Steve Shealy (also on DDA)
Gary Weitman (also on SRC)

Jerry Maennche
Kenny Usher (also on SRC)

Council Member Charles Hinely was unable to attend this workshop.

SPRINGFIELD DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dee Bankston
David Sharp

Lonnie Pate
Mitchell Weitman

Members Kris Brinker and Van Horton were unable to attend this workshop.

SPRINGFIELD REVITALIZATION BOARD (SRC) MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Miller

Members Mary Downing, Mark Forrester, Katie Waldhour, and Lisa Wood were unable to attend this workshop.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager

Erin Phillips, Community Dev. Dir (also on SRC)

GUEST PRESENT:

Brian Cohen

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

Goals and Vision for future development downtown

- Who comes to downtown?
- Who doesn't come to downtown?
- What needs to be downtown to attract people?
- What do we have downtown that does not need to be here?

Possible uses for Walt's Building

- Interim uses

- Permanent uses
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ADJOURN

This planning workshop ended at approximately 5:56 p.m.



ATTEST:

Linda T. Rinear

Linda T. Rinear, City Clerk

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