



CALL TO ORDER

A public hearing was held on March 8, 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:

Charles Hinely	Jerry Maennche
Steve Shealy	Kenny Usher
Gary Weitman	

Council Member Justin Cribbs was unable to attend this public hearing.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

GUEST PRESENT:

Travis Zittrouer	Joyce Alderman
Kathy Allred	Charles Montgomery
Becca Velasquez	Lori Velasquez
Carole Shealy	Lucille Williams
Mildred Arnold	

PUBLIC HEARING – HOME OCCUPATION REQUESTED BY TIMOTHY TUTTLE TO BE LOCATED AT 101 NEW STILLWELL ROAD

This public hearing was held in reference to Timothy Tuttle's request for a home occupation to be located at 101 New Stillwell Road, for painting & home repair, with name of business being T&D Home Improvement and Repair. Mr. Tuttle was not present at this public hearing.

No public comments were made.

ADJOURN:

This public hearing ended at approximately 6:08 p.m.

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Council Chambers Minutes of Council Meeting Regular Meeting
March 8, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on March 8, 2016, immediately following the close of the public hearing, 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:

Charles Hinely
Steve Shealy
Gary Weitman

Jerry Maennche
Kenny Usher

Council Member Justin Cribbs was not available at the beginning of the meeting but did arrive shortly after the meeting began. 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:

Travis Zittrouer
Kathy Allred
Becca Velasquez
Carole Shealy
Mildred Arnold

Joyce Alderman
Charles Montgomery
Lori Velasquez
Lucille Williams

SWEAR-IN-CEREMONY OF RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER – by City Attorney Benjamin Perkins

Steve Shealy stepped forward and was sworn in as a Council Member by the City Attorney Benjamin Perkins. Council Member Shealy will serve a four-year term ending 12/31/2019. Mr. Shealy would have normally been sworn in at the January 2016 meeting. Unfortunately Mr. Shealy was unable to attend the January 2016 meeting and the February 2016 meeting had been cancelled.

After being sworn in Council Member Shealy took his seat with the Mayor and Council Members.

Council Member Justin Cribbs arrived at 6:10 p.m. and took his seat with the Mayor and Council Members.

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor 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: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 01/12/2016 regular meeting

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 01/12/2016 regular meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 02/23/2016 Workshop reference Downtown Development Authority

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the 02/23/2016 workshop reference Downtown Development Authority.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCES

Abby Smith was scheduled to appear. Ms. Smith had contacted the City Manager and advised that she would be late due to traffic. Mayor Alderman advised that this appearance will be moved to later in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Montgomery and Kathy Allred stepped to the podium and expressed concerns about trash carts being left out on Ash Street Extension next to the road and in the way of traffic. Also on windy days trash cart lids open and sometimes the trash blows out. A brief discussion followed.

Lucille Williams and Mildred Arnold discussed the big dumpsters at the Spring Hollow Apartments. The Council was advised that the big dumpsters are never cleaned out, even remarked that they have seen maggots in them. Bennett advised that if this is a health hazard this can be addressed with the owner of the apartment complex.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of Timothy Tuttle's application for a Home Occupation, (painting & home repair), to be located at 101 New Stillwell Road in Springfield, with the name of the business being T&D Home Improvement and Repair

This request for a home occupation was not voted on due to the fact that Mr. Tuttle was not present at the public hearing or at this meeting. Therefore, no action was taken.

First Reading of an ordinance proclaiming the existence and establishment of the Office of Prosecuting Attorney of the Municipal Court of the City of Springfield (The 2nd Reading of the Ordinance along with presentation of a Resolution naming the prosecuting attorney will be held at the April meeting)

The City Attorney, Ben Perkins, discussed the need for a prosecuting attorney for the Municipal Court. A brief discussion followed.

Consideration for nominations for the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for three board members to serve for the upcoming 3-year period

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to nominate Brett Bennett.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Abby Smith arrived at 6:38 p.m.

Consideration for approval of the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement

Travis Zittrouer explained that he had reviewed the agreement and it appears to be the same as the last one. The agreement was briefly discussed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to surplus two Police Department vehicles: 2006 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAGP71W26X102689 and 2008 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAFP71V08X138536

The Council packets contained information on the request to surplus. A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to surplus the Police Department 2006 Ford Crown Victoria and the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCES

Abby Smith, the County Extension Coordinator for 4-H Youth Development stepped to the podium. Ms. Smith introduced Becca Velasquez who provided information to the Mayor and Council reference this event. The 4-H 5K Fun Run is a new fundraiser venture consisting of approximately 3.1 miles, scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2016. The approximate time would be 7 a.m. – 11 a.m., which includes set up, 5K run, and clean-up. This event will be open to all 4-H members, families and community members. An estimate of 50-100 runner/walkers from Effingham was projected. The proposed course will start and finish at Ulmer Park in Downtown Springfield. A map showing the route was provided to the Mayor and Council for their review. Becca advised that medals will be given to all those that finish the event.

MOTION: Maennche made a motion to approve the 4-H 5K Fun Run.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration of appointments for the Downtown Development Authority of Springfield

The City Attorney explained the specifications for appointments to the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority. The Mayor, Council and the City Manager went over several potential suggestions for appointments. The outcome resulted in the following:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Runs with Council Seat	Council Member Steve Shealy
6 year term	Lonnie Pate

6 year term	Dee Bankston
4 year term	David Sharp
4 year term	Van Horton
2 year term	Rick Rafter
2 year term	Mitchell Weitman

The City Attorney and the City Clerk took a short recess in order to enter the terms and appointments and specify representation into the Resolution in order to finalize the Resolution for consideration for approval.

Consideration for approval of a Resolution for activation of the Downtown Development Authority of Springfield GA

With the appointments and terms specified in the Resolution for the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority, the Resolution for activation of the Downtown Development Authority was then brought before the Council for approval.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve a Resolution (# R2016-01) for activation of the Downtown Development Authority of Springfield GA.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The City Manager briefly discussed group health insurance.

REPORTS

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

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at 8:01 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference 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 8:08 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

No actions were taken.

Street Paving

Areas suggested for street paving was briefly discussed, mainly Ash to Cedar.

Golf Carts

The Mayor and Council discussed the ordinance reference motorized carts, such as golf carts, and suggestions were made to further enforce the ordinance against violators.

2016 Annual Convention

The Georgia Municipal Association 2016 Annual Convention to be held in Savannah was briefly discussed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Usher made a motion at 8:17 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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