



Council Chambers                      Minutes of Council Meeting                      Regular Meeting  
January 12, 2016

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**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on January 12, 2016, in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:00 p.m.

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**SWEAR-IN CEREMONY OF RE-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Judge Ed Reddick swore in incumbents Justin Cribbs and Gary Weitman for four-year terms as Council Members. After the ceremony Council Members Justin Cribbs and Gary Weitman took their seats with the other Council Members. Incumbent Steve Shealy will be sworn in at the February meeting.

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**MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:**

Justin Cribbs	Charles Hinely
Jerry Maennche	Kenny Usher
Gary Weitman	

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

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**ALSO PRESENT:**

Brett Bennett, City Manager	Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Lauren Meadows, Assistant City Attorney	

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**GUEST PRESENT:**

Rick Lott	Joyce Alderman
Clint Hodges	Travis Zittrouer

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**INVOCATION** – Given by Council Member Weitman

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Consideration to approve the agenda**

**MOTION:** Hinely made a motion to approve the Agenda.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.**

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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 12/08/2015 Public Hearings**

**MOTION:** Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/08/2015 public hearings.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.**

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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 12/08/2015 regular meeting**

**MOTION:** Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/08/2015 regular meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.**

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Consideration for approval of the Special Event Application for Beer and Wine Tasting, to be held by the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce on March 3, 2016 between the hours of 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., requested by applicant Rick Lott. The event will be held at the Effingham Recreation Department Gym, located at 808 Hwy 119 South**

The application was presented to Council. Rick Lott advised all will be the same as last year and he will meet with the Chief of Police in reference to this event.

A brief discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Weitman made a motion to approve the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce application for Beer and Wine Tasting to be held on March 3, 2016.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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### **Consideration for appointment of a Mayor Pro-Tem for the year 2016**

**MOTION:** Maennche made a motion to appoint Kenny Usher as the Mayor Pro-Tem for the year 2016.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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### **Consideration for appointment of Linda Rineair as the 2016 Election Superintendent**

**MOTION:** Hinely made a motion to appoint Linda Rineair as the 2016 Election Superintendent.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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### **Consideration for appointment of Amber Lancaster as the 2016 Election Chief Manager**

**MOTION:** Maennche made a motion to appoint Amber Lancaster as the 2016 Election Chief Manager.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Discussion of Downtown Development Authority**

The process of setting up a Downtown Development Authority, by Resolution, was discussed. The City Manager advised the Mayor and Council that the Resolution would describe the boundaries, (geographical area), and name the members of the first Board of Directors. Brett Bennett advised that the area would need to be defined, suggesting a smaller boundary in order to narrow the focus. The boundary could later be amended to a larger area, if needed. Various boundary suggestions were discussed.

The City Manager will email to Council, for their review, a few maps providing options/suggestions of potential Downtown Development Area boundaries. Brett Bennett asked that Council provide their input and also asked that they keep in mind that members would be named in the Resolution. One such appointment may be a member of the governing

body and not less than four shall be or represent a party who has an economic interest in the redevelopment and revitalization of the downtown development area. Other appointments such as a taxpayer residing in the municipal corporation for which the authority is created; an owner or operator of a business located within the downtown development area and a taxpayer residing in the County in which is located the municipal corporation for which the authority is created. Discussion followed. The City Manager hopes to move forward on this in February.

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**Reminder – City Offices will be closed on Monday 01/18/2016 in observance of the Martin Luther King Day holiday**

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## **REPORTS**

The Police Report was provided in Council Packets. New vehicles should be picked up this Thursday.

The Fire Report was provided prior to the beginning of the meeting. Effingham County Fire Rescue Fire Chief Clint Hodges explained the ISO rating results which will be published April 1st. Basically the entire city limits went from a 6 to a 4 rating, which should result in lower insurance premiums.

City Manager Brett Bennett discussed two projects that should be going right about the same time, estimated to be 90 days from February 1st.

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## **MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING**

**MOTION:** Hinely made a motion at 6:50 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.**

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03/08/2016 Approved