



MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

June 14, 2016

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on June 14, 2016, in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Charles Hinely
Kenny Usher

Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager

Linda Rineair, City Clerk

The Assistant City Attorney, Lauren Meadows, was not present at the beginning of the meeting, but did arrive later in the meeting.

GUEST PRESENT:

Susie Etter
Clint Hodges

Joyce Alderman
Paul Lindsay

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Pro Tem Kenny Usher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Mayor Alderman explained that the agenda needed to be amended under "New Business: Item "e" should be changed to "Consideration to accept Rick Rafter's resignation from the Springfield Downtown Development Authority"; add Item "f" "SRC requests approval to landscape the area under the trees on Cleveland Street"; and also add Item "g" "Consideration to accept Charles Hinely's resignation from the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority."

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to amend the agenda as requested and approve the agenda as amended.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 04/12/16 Public Hearing

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 04/12/16 public hearing.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 04/12/16 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the minutes of the 04/12/16 regular meeting.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 04/21/16 Called Meeting

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the minutes of the 04/21/16 called meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of an amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance imposing a Civil Penalty

This Ordinance was presented as a first reading. The Mayor and Council reviewed the amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance imposing a Civil Penalty which was enclosed in Council packets.

This Ordinance will prove a method to enforce compliance reference trash carts being removed after they are emptied and for other issues. The City Manager Brett Bennett explained the ordinance and also the forms created for potential appeals.

Civil penalty notices may be forwarded to the applicable person(s) listed on City Utility Records (Water/Sewer Applicants) for the particular residence in which the violation occurs.

A discussion followed.

This ordinance will be presented for a second reading, with consideration for action, at the next Council Meeting.

Consideration for approval of a resolution (# R2016-04) reference adoption of local government record retention schedule, approved by the Georgia Archives

City Manager Bennett explained that the Assistant Director of Records Management with the Georgia Archives conducted a Records Training Session at City Hall in May. Listing of applicable destruction records will be maintained containing lists of what the records were, authorizations to destroy, manner of destruction, along with date of destruction, etc. Some very old records that could be destroyed, per the retention schedule, will be evaluated in order to decide if they would be better served as being designated to the Historic Society or Museum. If this is the case the destruction record records would indicate those transfers of records also with indication to where they were sent (located), etc.

It was also noted that Ordinances, Resolutions, and Minutes of Council Meetings are designated as permanent records and may not be destroyed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve a resolution reference adoption of local government record retention schedule, approved by the Georgia Archives.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of a contract for Sprayfield maintenance

Bennett discussed Sprayfield maintenance. This contract was received from one of the bidders who placed bid years ago. Included in the lease/maintenance agreement are stipulations which have been agreed upon. This is the final version of the contract which has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to authorize the City Manager to contract for Sprayfield maintenance.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for an appointment of Non-Public Representative for Effingham County and the cities of Guyton, Rincon and Springfield to serve on the CRC Council

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to reappoint Herb Jones to serve as the non-public representative on the CRC Council.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to accept Rick Rafter's resignation from the Springfield Downtown Development Authority

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to accept Rick Rafter's resignation from the Springfield Downtown Development Authority.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Council may appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term at the July meeting. If an appointment is filled at the July Meeting that person will be able to attend DDA training scheduled around July 20th.

Consideration to approve SRC request to landscape the area under the trees on Cleveland Street

Erin Phillips explained that bike ride funds could be used toward this venture and intends to carry this idea to the SRC. Phillips provided two sketches for Council review.

Phillips feels that the trees will be there awhile longer and would like to preserve them if possible. Or, later if the trees need to come down they can re-landscape. The last scenario is if the trees come down they would like to replace the trees. Intentions are to use plantings that would blend in with the streetscape project.

A discussion followed.

MOTION: Maennche made a motion to approve SRC's request to landscape the area under the trees on Cleveland Street.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Assistant City Attorney Lauren Meadows arrived at 6:41 p.m. and took her seat.

Consideration for acceptance of Charles Hinely's resignation from the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to accept Charles Hinely's resignation from the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

An appointment to serve the unexpired term will be addressed at the next meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mayor Alderman offered a reminder that the City Offices will be closed on Monday July 4, 2016 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

REPORTS

Springfield Police Department reports for the months of April and May of 2016 were included in Council Packets for review.

Effingham County Fire, Rescue & EMA reports for the months April and May of 2016 were provided for Council review. When questioned about structure fires, on April 8th & 9th on Elkins Cemetery Road, Clint Hodges of Effingham County Fire, Rescue noted that the same fire was involved.

Code Enforcement Reports for the month of May and June of 2016 were included in Council Packets for review. Usher feels that notifications to violators are being adequately processed. Erin Phillips explained that most people are making the effort to comply.

The City Manager notified the Mayor and Council that Darrell West, a long term employee, will be retiring at the end of this month. A retirement event will be held in his honor. Council will be notified as to the date and time, and were asked to attend if possible. This will eventually result in a replacement position.

SPLOST will be on ballot in November. Information was included in packets.

The Assistant City Attorney Lauren Meadows was asked to research the codes for any restrictions in reference to flatbed trailers, which can hold large equipment such as backhoe's, parking in residential areas.

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: Usher made a motion at 7:32 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

No Actions were taken.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at 7:36 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

07/12/2016 Approved