



CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on July 12, 2016 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:06 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 this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rinear, City Clerk

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

GUEST PRESENT:

Joyce Alderman
Clint Hodges

Jacob Lang
George Berta

INVOCATION – Given by Council Member Weitman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 06/14/2016 regular meeting

MOTION: Cribbs made a motion to approve the minutes of 06/14/2016 regular meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading, with consideration for approval, of an amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance (# 2016-02) imposing a Civil Penalty

The amendment was briefly discussed. After a brief deliberation Council took action.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve an amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance imposing a Civil Penalty.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to authorize the City of Springfield Five Year History of Tax Levy for advertisement

The five year tax levy history advertisement was briefly discussed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to authorize the City of Springfield Five Year History of Tax Levy to be advertised.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

First Reading of the 2016 Tax Levy Ordinance

Mayor Alderman read the 1st Reading of 2016 Tax Levy proposed to be set at 4.80 mills, the same millage rate as the year 2015 and 2014. Public Hearings will be scheduled and this Ordinance will come back before Council on August 9, 2016 for a second reading with consideration for approval at that time.

Consideration to approve the DRT Water Agreement

Attorney Ben Perkins and City Manager Bennett clarified the agreement. This ten year agreement is renewable. Attorney Perkins noted a change needed in Section 12.9 whereby the word "without" should be replaced with the word "with".

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the DRT Water Agreement, with the requested change in Section 12.9 for the wording "without" to be replaced with the word "with".

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for an appointment to the Industrial Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Charles Hinely

The Appointment will need to be made effective August 1, 2016. Jacob Lang's name was suggested for this appointment.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to appoint Jacob Lang to the Industrial Development Authority, effective August 1, 2016 to fill the unexpired term of Charles Hinely.

Second: Cribbs 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

No suggested were offered at this time. This appointment will be brought back before Council at the next regular meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Discussion of Zoning Map Update

Erin Phillips, the Community Development Director, provided an update on the Zoning Map update process.

Discussion of a project to improve access to Jack's Branch Trail

City Manager Bennett discussed two options that may improve access. Bennett will be coordinating with the Historic Society also.

REPORTS

Police Department – the 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, the Community Development Director, advised that the process seems to be working.

City Manager - Bennett briefly discussed the solid waste ordinance and explained that some residents just do not remove the carts from the road and we ultimately needed the civil penalty in order to encourage compliance. City Attorney Ben Perkins remarked that a Hearing and appeal mechanism has been built into the ordinance.

Fire Department Report – The July 2016 monthly Effingham County Fire, Rescue & EMA report was provided to Council for review. Clint Hodges briefly discussed high calls on one day as being storm related.

Business Summit - The Effingham Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Business Summit on August 18th. A brief discussion followed.

Garden Club - Mayor Alderman received a card of thanks to the Mayor and Council Members from Betty Waller, reference beautification projects being completed in the City of Springfield.

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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at approximately 6:46 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference real estate.

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 approximately 7:39 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.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at approximately 7:40 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

08/09/2016 Approved