



**Council Chambers**

**October 25, 2016**

**Regular Meeting**

***\*\*Note\*\* This meeting was originally scheduled for 10/11/2016, but was postponed due to severe storm warnings (Hurricane Matthew)***

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on October 25, 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:**

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 Rineair, City Clerk

Ben Perkins, City Attorney  
Erin Phillips, Community Development Director

**GUEST PRESENT:**

Joyce Alderman

Danny Smith

**INVOCATION** – Given by Mayor Alderman

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Usher made a motion to amend the agenda by correcting the date for the Family & Faith Festival under "Appearances" from October 11<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>; and to add two items under "New Business": Item "e" – Consideration for approval for the 4-H "temporary use" of the Walt's Building, and Item "f" – Consideration for approval of the SRC "Run with the dogs" in Ulmer Park to be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, and approve agenda as amended.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Consideration for approval of the minutes of the 09/13/2016 regular meeting**

**MOTION:** Shealy made a motion to approve the 09/13/2016 minutes of regular meeting.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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**APPEARANCES**

**Family and Faith Festival Request – October 31, 2016**

Molly McKenzie was unable to attend. This event will be hosted by the First Baptist Church and the United Methodist Church. Brett Bennett discussed the Family and Faith Festival requested to be held from 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 31<sup>st</sup>. This festival would require Laurel Street to be closed from Cleveland to Second Street during that time frame. A request for road closure has already been forwarded to the DOT. A stage will be set up near Cleveland Street.

**MOTION:** Weitman made a motion to approve.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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**Danny Smith – 509 North Laurel Street (See Agenda Request)**

Danny Smith stepped to the podium reference an Agenda request to appear before Council reference property located at 509 North Laurel Street. Mr. Smith reported that he had been cited and had paid a fine reference to parked vehicles in violation of an ordinance that limits auto repair shops from leaving parked vehicles for more than 72 hours, (Downtown District). Mr. Smith asked for a variance so that he may have more time to move vehicles stating that some customers do not pick up their vehicles within that time line.

Mr. Smith advised that the City Manager did explain the 72 hour time frame before he opened the business. Smith then suggested that perhaps vehicles could be placed in a fenced in area with some type of cover on the fence, or perhaps providing him 5 days rather than the 72 hours.

Mayor Alderman explained that a variance request would have to go before the Planning and Zoning Board, would require public hearings, before the request could come back before Council for a vote. The only other option would be an amendment to the zoning ordinance.

Danny Smith advised that he would like to go before the Planning and Zoning Board and was told that he could come to City Hall and meet with Erin Phillips in reference to this request.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Second Reading, with consideration for approval, of an Ordinance (#2016-04) to amend Chapter 1 Sec. 1-7 to provide a general penalty for violations of said article; to provide for notice of the imposition general penalty; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict and for other purposes**

A brief discussion was held.

**MOTION:** Weitman made a motion to approve an Ordinance to amend Chapter 1 Sec. 1-7.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.**

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Consideration for approval to purchase a car for the Police Department through a State Contract**

This new vehicle will be in reference to a new officer that will begin in January. A discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Hinely made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 Dodge Charger Pursuit for the Police Department through a State Contract in the amount of \$24,020.75, to be purchased out of SPLOST funds.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.**

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### **Consideration for approval to purchase a truck for the Waste Water Treatment Plant through a State Contract**

This vehicle would be for the new Class 1 Lead Officer at the WWTP. A brief discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Cribbs made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford F150 (1/2 ton) truck for the Waste Water Treatment Plant through a State Contract in the amount of \$22,908.00, to be purchased out of SPLOST funds.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.**

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### **Consideration for approval to purchase a truck for the Streets and Lanes Department through a State Contract**

A brief discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Weitman made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford F250 Regular Cab V8 Long Bed 4 x 2 (3/4 ton) truck for the Streets and Lanes Department through a State Contract in the amount of \$27,262.00 to be purchased out of SPLOST funds.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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**Consideration to amend the “event date” for the Special Event/Alcohol (Beer) License, requested by the Merchants Association, for an event to be held in Downtown Springfield (originally approved for October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>)**

Joyce Alderman reminded the Council that immediately following the Mayor’s opening of the festival will be “The Men in Blue” honoring law enforcement. A brief discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Weitman made a motion to amend the event date for the Special Event/Alcohol (Beer) License, requested by the Merchants Association, for an event to be held in Downtown Springfield on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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**Consideration for approval for the 4-H “temporary use” of the Walt’s Building**

Brett Bennett discussed this matter and requested council consideration to authorize the City Manager and/or the Mayor to sign a lease, with the City Attorney’s approval. The 4-H would need use of the Walt’s Building from November into the middle of January in order to host archery. It would be a few hours after school and this would be a good activity in that building. The Attorney explained that the City would not assume liability.

A brief discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Usher made a motion to authorize the City Manager and/or Mayor, with the City Attorney's approval, to sign a lease with the 4-H for “temporary use” of the Walt’s Building during archery season.

Second: Cribs seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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**Consideration for approval of the SRC “Run with the dogs” event at Ulmer Park to be held on November 5, 2016**

Erin Phillips briefly described the event and noted that waivers would be signed.

**MOTION:** Weitman made a motion to approve the SRC’s request for the “Run with the dogs” event to be held at Ulmer Park on November 5, 2016.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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Usher commended all city personnel for the effort and courtesy shown to residents during the recent severe storm. Springfield personnel were out there and on top of the clean-up process.

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## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

## **Discussion of the 2016 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) for the Off-System Safety Program**

The City had applied for the grant and we received \$30,000 in which we have to match slightly for safety improvement.

A discussion followed. The contract approval will come up at the next meeting.

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## **Discussion of Mars Theatre backstage expansion**

The City Manager discussed the possibility of the Mars Theatre backstage expansion. It's time to do this and do it right. No Council objections were expressed. Brett will obtain architect proposals to bring back before Council.

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## **REPORTS**

**Mayor Alderman** – Mayor Alderman asked that Council Members review the Mayors Day brochure and let the City Clerk know who wishes to attend.

**City Manager** – A meeting was held with the county in reference to the recent severe storm (Hurricane Matthew). Being able to communicate with citizens is very important. Bennett suggested that the reader sign on Hwy 21 and also the sign at the Mars Theatre could be used as a method of communication. Generators are needed. Perhaps having one Windstream line could also be used as a backup. If Southern link goes down the 2-way function can be utilized.

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

**Code Enforcement** – the monthly code enforcement report was provided to Council prior to the meeting for their review.

**Planning and Zoning Board appointment needed** - Rose Mary Tebeau has resigned from the Planning Board therefore another appointment will need to be made. Mayor Alderman asked that Council bring appointment suggestions back to the next regular meeting.

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**MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION** – reference real estate and pending litigation

**MOTION:** Weitman made a motion to move from the regular meeting into an executive session at approximately 7:59 p.m. in reference real estate and pending litigation.

**Second:** Cribbs seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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## **MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING**

**MOTION:** Usher made a motion at approximately 8:42 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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

No Actions were taken.

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

**MOTION:** Cribbs made a motion at approximately 8:43 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

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11/08/2016 Approved