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**CALL TO ORDER**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on January 10, 2017, in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Alderman at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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**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.

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**ALSO PRESENT:**

Brett Bennett, City Manager  
Linda Rinear, City Clerk

Ben Perkins, City Attorney  
Erin Phillips, Comm. Dev. Dir.

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**GUEST PRESENT:**

Joyce Alderman  
Pearl Thomas

Rick Lott  
Clint Hodges

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**INVOCATION** – Given by Mayor Alderman

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

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Consideration for approval of 12/13/16 minutes of public hearing and regular meeting**

**MOTION:** Hinely made a motion to approve 12/13/16 minutes of public hearing and regular meeting.

Second: Cribbs 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 appointment of 2017 Mayor Pro Tem**

**MOTION:** Weitman made a motion to re-appoint Kenny Usher as the 2017 Mayor Pro Tem.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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### **Consideration for an appointment of 2017 Election Superintendent for the City of Springfield**

**MOTION:** Hinely made a motion to appoint Linda Rineair as the 2017 Election Superintendent.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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### **Consideration for an appointment of 2017 Election Chief Manager for the City of Springfield**

**MOTION:** Hinely made a motion to appoint Amber Lancaster as the 2017 Election Chief Manager.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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### **Consideration for approval of a qualifying fee notice to be advertised in the Effingham Herald**

**MOTION:** Weitman made a motion to approve a qualifying fee notice to be advertised in the Effingham Herald Newspaper.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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### **Consideration for approval of a Special Event Alcohol Permit, requested by Rick Lott with the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, to be held on Thursday March 2, 1017 between the hours of 5pm-7pm at the Recreation Department gym located at 808 Highway 119 South**

Rick Lott stepped to the podium and advised that this request is for the “Taste of Effingham” event. Lott further noted that this request is for consumption on premises with the alcohol being sold by the cup and not package sales.

A brief discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Hinely made a motion to approve the Special Event Alcohol Permit, requested by Rick Lott with the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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Rick Lott exited the Council room after the approval was received.

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**Consideration for approval of a contract with DPR Architecture for architectural services reference the Mars Theatre expansion**

City Manager Brett Bennett discussed numerous reasons for suggesting this firm such as DPR Architecture's responsiveness, pricing, and experience. The contract includes architectural design services, bidding, addenda and negotiations, and construction administration. Bennett further explained the process to develop a plan before going out to bids, which may take approximately three months.

Mayor Alderman advised that the proposal is in line with what he was expecting. A discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Usher made a motion to approve a contract, at \$17,000, with DPR Architecture for architectural services reference the Mars Theatre expansion.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Discussion of modification to solid waste ordinance regarding trash carts**

The solid waste ordinance has worked very well but has not solved all of the problems. The city has been cleaned up quite a bit. Additional modifications to the ordinance may need to be made, such as where the trash carts should be stored. Some carts cannot be stored on the side or behind a dwelling. Alleys may also need to be addressed. Modification of the ordinance will be needed in order to further clarify cart storage locations and also make it easier to enforce.

Pearl Thomas advised that she pulls her cart off the road on Railroad Avenue. She supports carts being removed from the road. Thomas also discussed some problems experienced during the holiday with trash or recycling pickup. Pearl Thomas was asked to contact the City Hall Office whenever any trash or recycling problems occur.

The City Manager advised that carts normally remain with the home when someone moves. If the home is abandoned, vacant for long periods of time, the cart(s) can be removed.

The solid waste ordinance will be reviewed with modification recommendations being brought back before Council for consideration.

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**Reminder – The City Hall Office will be closed on Monday 01/16/17 in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday and the parade will begin at 10 a.m. on that date**

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**REPORTS**

**City Manager**

City Charter - Brett Bennett discussed that minor revisions to the City Charter may need to be made in order to clarify a few items. Bennett asked that the City Clerk forward copies of the City Charter to the Mayor and Council for their review. A resolution would begin the process, perhaps at the February meeting. A discussion followed.

Fire Department - Bennett advised that property has still not been obtained for the Fire Department.

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

**Code Enforcement** – the code enforcement report was available in Council packets for review.

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

**MOTION:** Hinely made a motion at approximately 6:42 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimous without opposition.

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**02/14/2017 Approved**