



CALL TO ORDER

A regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Springfield Mayor and Council Members was held on March 14, 2017 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
Kenny Usher

Charles Hinely
Gary Weitman

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Amber Lancaster, Finance Director

Lauren Meadows, City Attorney

GUEST PRESENT:

Bubba Hughes
Leonard Blount
Joyce Alderman

Troy Allen
Bill Blount
Clint Hodges

INVOCATION – Given by Gary Weitman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of February 14, 2017 minutes of public hearing and regular meeting

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve February 14, 2017 minutes of public hearing and regular meeting.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of February 28, 2017 minutes of called meeting

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve February 28, 2017 minutes of called meeting.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCES

Presentation by Capstone Benefits Consulting, LLC

Troy Allen with Grant Financial Group stepped to the podium to introduce Leonard Blount and Bill Blount with Capstone Benefits Consulting, LLC., Health insurance consultants that partnered with Allen's company to provide health insurance. Leonard Blount and Bill Blount presented their proposal for Employee Benefits Consulting and Brokerage Services to Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading, with consideration for approval, Ordinance Number 2017-01, reference an amendment to Chapter 26, Solid Waste, Section 26-35(f) Time and Placement of Residential Solid Waste for Collection

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve this Ordinance for adoption (amendment to Chapter 26, Solid Waste, Section 26-35(f) Time and Placement of Residential Solid Waste for Collection).

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation and First Reading of an Ordinance reference an amendment to City of Springfield Codes – Chapter 2, Administration, adding Article VIII. “Fee Schedule”

City Manager Bennett explained that Council had 3 options in front of them with Option B being the one he would propose. Options were as follows:

- A. Current Fees with the only difference being changing the fire fees equivalent to Effingham County Fire Fees
- B. Middle Ground with the changes with some increases highlighted
- C. Effingham County Equivalent Rates

Usher suggested an option is chosen based on today’s presentation and bring that option back before Council at the April Meeting for the first reading. All present agreed and no action was taken.

Consideration for award of a contract to Sikes Brothers, Inc. for resurfacing of various streets with 2017 LMIG Funds & SLOST Funds

Brett explained the recommendation from Parker Engineering reference paving (get info from summary) \$33,000 in LMIG Fund remainder in SPLOST

Resolution Number R2017-02	2017 Springfield LMIG – Award Construction Contract to Sikes Brothers in amount of \$73,446.60: 1. 1 st Street Paving 2. Alley Paving 3. Reconstruct Zoller and Ash Intersection Apron 4. Reconstruct Ash and Madison Intersection Apron 5. Zoller and Laurel Apron Overlay
Resolution Number R2017-03	2017 Springfield LMIG (Add Alternate #1) – Award Construction Contract to Sikes Brothers in amount of \$132,451.78: 1. Ash Street Paving

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve award of the contract to Sikes Brothers, Inc. (Resolution # R2017-02) for resurfacing of various streets and Add Alternate #1 (Resolution # R2017-03) totaling \$205,898.38 to be paid with 2017 LMIG Funds and SPLOST Funds.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to authorize the City Manager to purchase a used passenger van not to exceed \$12,500

This vehicle will be used for Effingham Co. inmate crew per the contract recently approved by Council.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to authorize the City Manager to purchase a used passenger van not to exceed \$12,500.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to authorize the closure of the West End of Azalea

Weitman spoke with several residents in the area who stated that they would rather see this portion of the street closed rather than becoming a one-way street from Chestnut to Third.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to authorize the closure of Azalea on the West End.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of Resolution Number R2017-04 appointing a Prosecuting Attorney of the Municipal Court of the City of Springfield

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve a resolution (# 2017-04) appointing a Prosecuting Attorney of the Municipal Court of the City of Springfield.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration for approval of an amendment to the agreement with the City of Guyton regarding sewer capacity

City Manager Brett Bennett explained the reason for the amendment is Guyton is currently out of capacity with the City per the current agreement. Their plant is proposed to be completed in June 2017 and this agreement would give them an additional 25,000 gallons per day without Guyton having to pay \$200,000 for additional capacity needed now. This agreement would expire August 1, 2017, therefore if they go past this date they would have to pay the \$200,000 via a reduction of the final City of Springfield buy-out. Attorney Meadows stated that this gives Guyton options, takes the urgency off the City of Springfield's end as well as gives the current agreement finality.

MOTION: Usher made a motion to approve the 4th amendment to the agreement with the City of Guyton regarding sewer capacity.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Discussion of how to handle household items left by the road (sofa, mattress, washer, etc.)

A brief discussion ensued on how this matter is currently handled and options for handling in the future. No action was taken.

REPORTS

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

Fire Department – monthly report from Effingham County Fire, Rescue & EMA was available in Council packets for review.

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

MOTION TO MOVE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Reference Personnel, Pending Litigation, and Real Estate Acquisition

MOTION: Weitman made a motion at approximately 7:24 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference Personnel, Pending Litigation, and Real Estate Acquisition.

Second: Hinely 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 8:10 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

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to appoint Rick Rafter as interim prosecuting attorney of the Municipal Court of the City of Springfield.

Second: Hinely seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION: Hinely made a motion to approve the acceptance of 27.58 acres located in the 9th G.M. District, Effingham County, Georgia currently owned by the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority.

Second: Cribbs seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

MOTION: Hinely made a motion at approximately 8:12 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Usher seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

04/11/2017 Approved