



PUBLIC HEARING

CALL TO ORDER

A Public Hearing, was held on July 11, 2017 in the Council Chambers in Springfield, GA. This public hearing was held to receive public comments, reference Shawn Martinez and Tay Taylor's home occupation, conditional use request, to operate a lawn care business at the residential location of 102 Holly Drive in Springfield. This public hearing was called to order by Mayor Alderman at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR BARTON ALDERMAN AND THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Jerry Maennche
Gary Weitman

Steve Shealy

Council Members Justin Cribbs, Charles Hinely and Kenny Usher were unable to attend this public hearing.

ALSO PRESENT:

Brett Bennett, City Manager
Linda Rineair, City Clerk
Amber Lancaster, Finance Director

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

GUEST PRESENT:

Joyce Alderman
Lewis Taylor
Breanna Haydon

Shawn Martinez
Richard Deal
Mary Pearl Thomas

COMMENTS REFERENCE PUBLIC HEARING:

Shawn Martinez stepped to the podium. Mr. Martinez advised Council that his plans for storage of the yard maintenance equipment include moving a gate so he will have access to the back yard so the equipment will not remain in the driveway.

Mayor Alderman advised that at the 07/10/17 Springfield Planning and Zoning Board meeting the board had recommended to Council that this home occupation, conditional use, be approved.

No opposition was expressed during this public hearing.

ADJOURN

This public hearing closed at approximately 6:06 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Immediately following the close of the Public Hearing Mayor Alderman called the council meeting to order, at approximately 6:07 p.m.

Clint Hodges entered the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

All those present during the Public Hearing were also present during this meeting, unless otherwise noted. A quorum of council was represented at this meeting.

INVOCATION – Given by Mayor Alderman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Barton Alderman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the agenda.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of 06/13/2017 minutes of public hearing and regular meeting

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the 06/13/2017 corrected minutes of public hearing and regular meeting that were provided to the Mayor and Council prior to beginning of this meeting.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

APPEARANCES

Clarence Morgan, Effingham County Recreation and Parks Director, requests consideration for approval of a proclamation to promote July as Park and Recreation month

Clarence Morgan stepped to the podium. Mr. Morgan asked that the City be part of the promotion of July as Park and Recreation month.

Copy of the proclamation had been provided to the Mayor and Council in their packets.

MOTION: Maennche made a motion to approve the proclamation to promote July as Park and Recreation month.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Lewis Taylor entered the Council Chambers.

Lewis Taylor request consideration for approval of a resolution (# R2017-06) to recognize Ebenezer Creek in Effingham County, GA as an outstanding natural area of local, state and national value

Lewis Taylor stepped to the podium. Mr. Taylor thanked the Mayor and Council for letting him return to the Council with the corrected resolution.

A copy of the corrected resolution had been sent out in the Mayor and Council packets for review.

A brief discussion followed.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve a resolution to recognize Ebenezer Creek in Effingham County, GA as an outstanding natural area of local, state and national value.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Richard Deal, CPA (CGMA with Lanier, Westerfield, Deal and Proctor, CPAs) – Presentation of FY2016 Audited Financial Statement

Richard Deal stepped to the podium. Mr. Deal remarked that Breanna Haydon was the senior auditor reference the 2016 audit, and that she was present at this meeting. Deal provided some highlights on the City of Springfield Annual Financial Report for the Year ending December 31, 2016 to the Mayor and Council Members and those present at this meeting.

Amber Lancaster and Clarence Morgan exited the Council Chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for approval of a Home Occupation, conditional use request, to operate a lawn care service, from the residential property located at 102 Holly Drive, requested by Shawn Martinez and Tay Taylor

Springfield Planning & Zoning Board Public Hearing	07/10/2017
Springfield Planning & Zoning Board Meeting followed the close of Public Hearing	07/10/2017
Springfield Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval	07/10/2017
City Council Public Hearing – No opposition expressed	07/11/2017

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to approve the Home Occupation, conditional use request, to operate a lawn care service from the residential property located at 102 Holly Drive.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to authorize the purchase of a new server and related network equipment, to be paid by SPLOST Funds, through Georgia Technologies

City Manager Brett Bennett advised the Mayor and Council that the city server is nearing full capacity. It is a common practice to replace a server every five to seven years or so. Police Officer videos and pictures require quite a bit of storage.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to authorize the purchase of a new server and related network equipment, to be paid, as the City Manager sees fit, by SPLOST Funds, through Georgia Technologies.

Second: Shealy seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Richard Deal and Breanna Haydon exited the Council Chambers.

Consideration for approval to authorize the City Manager to purchase 14 trash cans and 16 benches for main street in Springfield

Bennett has begun research of benches and trash cans for Springfield. A quote from Peach State Amenities, LLC, along with pictures was provided to the Mayor and Council for review. Plans are to bolt down the benches once they are obtained. Bennett is prepared to review more options, if Council is willing to provide him a dollar amount to work within.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to authorize the City Manager to purchase of 14 trash cans and 16 benches for main street in Springfield not to exceed the total of the quote received from Peach State Amenities, LLC, that was distributed to Council for review.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to approve the allocation and distribution of funds to be paid from the General Fund in the amount of \$15,000 to the Springfield Downtown Development Authority, as requested for their Incentive Programs for FY2017

Mayor Alderman advised that this was discussed during the Council Retreat. A letter from Lonnie Pate, Chairman of the DDA was received, copy of which was provided in Council packets for review.

MOTION: Weitman made a motion to approve the allocation and distribution of funds to be paid from the General Fund, in the amount of \$15,000, to the Springfield Downtown Development Authority, as requested for their Incentive Programs for FY2017.

Second: Maennche seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

Consideration to authorize advertisement of the November 7, 2017 Election notice, along with candidate qualification information

A copy of this notice was included in Council packets for review.

MOTION: Shealy made a motion to authorize advertisement of the November 7, 2017 Election notice, along with candidate qualification information.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Presentation of Ordinance: An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Springfield by amending Chapter 17, Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, by adding Article VII Tattooing

This was a presentation of an Ordinance, requiring no action at this meeting. This ordinance will be brought back for consideration for approval at the August 2017 regular meeting.

Presentation of Ordinance: An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Springfield by amending Chapter 17, Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, by adding Article VIII Body Piercing

This was a presentation of an Ordinance, requiring no action at this meeting. This ordinance will be brought back for consideration for approval at the August 2017 regular meeting.

Presentation of Ordinance: An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Springfield by amending Sections 12-23 and 12-33 of Chapter 12, "Fee Schedule", regarding Home Occupation Fees and Zoning Rates and Charges

This was a presentation of an Ordinance, requiring no action at this meeting. This ordinance will be brought back for consideration for approval at the August 2017 regular meeting.

The City Manager asked that the Mayor and Council please forward any comments to him, reference the three ordinances presented at this meeting.

REPORTS

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 briefly discussed a few items listed on the code enforcement report.

City Manager – No report at this time.

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

MOTION: Shealy made a motion at approximately 7:00 p.m. to move from the regular meeting into an executive session reference real estate and pending litigation.

Second: Weitman 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 7:36 p.m. to move from the executive session back into the regular meeting.

Second: Shealy 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: Maennche made a motion at approximately 7:37 p.m. to adjourn this meeting.

Second: Weitman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimous without opposition.

08/08/2017 Approved