

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2023**

**Board present**

Mayor Ann Schneider  
Vice Mayor Tim Harris  
Alderman Bobby Trotter  
Alderman Lisa Arnold  
Alderman James Hubbard  
Alderman Jeff Gragg  
Alderman Emily Green

**Staff present**

City Manager Ryan Martin  
Assistant City Manager Candice Tillman  
City Recorder Lisa Crockett  
City Attorney Christy Bartee  
City Clerk Melissa Brown  
Executive Assistant to the City Manager/  
Personnel Coordinator Kimberly Brickles

1.0 Call to order 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Mayor Schneider recognized Boy Scout Troop #144 who were in attendance.

Mayor Schneider expressed her gratitude to the employees of the Police Department, Fire Department, Electric Department and Public Works Department for their hard work and long hours due to the March 3<sup>rd</sup> storm that affected our area.

1.2 Moment of silence.

1.3 Alderman Arnold moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen held February 21, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

1.4 Public Hearing

1. Ordinance 23-04, an ordinance rezoning one (1) parcel located on Curtiswood Lane East of the South Meade Subdivision from (R15) Medium Density Residential District to (MRO) Multiple Residential and Office District.
2. Ordinance 23-05, an ordinance amending the City of Springfield, Conditions of Service Manual by amending the section entitled "Electric" by amending certain policies.

2.0 Legislative

- 2.1 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 23-04 on second and final reading. An ordinance rezoning one (1) parcel located on Curtiswood Lane East of the South Meade Subdivision from (R15) Medium Density Residential District to (MRO) Multiple Residential and Office District. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.2 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 23-05 on second and final reading. An ordinance amending the City of Springfield Conditions of Service Manual by amending the section entitled "Electric" by amending certain policies to read as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green.

Vice Mayor Harris moved to amend on second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

The main motion, as amended, was brought back to the floor and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 2.3 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 23-06 on first reading. An ordinance amending the fiscal year 2023 annual budget for the City of Springfield by amending certain General Fund and Utility Fund operation budgets. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.4 Alderman Gragg moved to approve Ordinance 23-07 on first reading. An ordinance rescinding Ordinance 22-01 in its entirety establishing a new schedule of fees and charges for play at The Legacy golf course. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard.

Vice Mayor Harris moved to amend to keep Friday rate the same as weekend rate. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and failed by a 2-5 vote. Nays: Schneider, Trotter, Hubbard, Gragg and Arnold.

The main motion was brought back to the floor and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 2.5 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 23-06. A resolution declaring certain property surplus and authorizing the disposal of such property. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

The surplus property included items from the Police and Public Works Departments.

- 2.6 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 23-07. A resolution amending the City of Springfield Occupational Safety and Health Program. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.7 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 23-08. A resolution accepting an irrevocable letter of credit from Clay Jones to guarantee the maintenance surety for streets, right-of-way, easements, and infrastructure improvements for the Belle Haven Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.8 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 23-09. A resolution naming a certain private road Woolen Mills Way located between North Walnut Street and North Main Street. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.9 Alderman Green moved to approve Resolution 23-10. A resolution amending prior action as it related to the Industrial Development Fund. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

3.0 Administrative

- 3.1 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve the monthly TVA wholesale fuel cost adjustment of \$0.02103 per kilowatt hour effective April 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

The resulting retail rate is 7.9% lower than last month, and will result in a \$6.18 to \$9.95 decrease in average residential electric bill.

- 3.2 Alderman Green moved to approve the adjustment of monthly gas rates of the Springfield Gas Department. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

The Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) decreased to \$0.4938 or 10.7% from the previous month. The actual decrease across the board averaged 6.8%.

- 3.3 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve an offer on a surplus property acquired via delinquent tax sale. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

The property, highest offer, and offeror are as follows:

Address	Map & Parcel	Offeror	Offer
22 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue	091G A 030.00	Jim Moore	\$2,500

- 3.4 Alderman Green moved to discuss amending Section 8-211 of the Springfield Municipal Code as it relates to the minimum distance requirement from the listed uses. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard. No action taken.

The board's consensus was to gather feedback from citizens and businesses in the Core Commercial (CC) District.

- 3.5 Alderman Green moved to discuss implementing a commercial vacancy tax. The motion was seconded by Alderman Arnold. No action taken.

Alderman Trotter recommended the topic be turned over to the City Manager's office for further study.

- 3.6 Alderman Green moved to approve the joint airport board's effort to secure funding for the proposed hangar construction project via grants and/or public-private partnership. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 3.7 Library Director Michelle Adcock for Stokes Brown Library provided an update on activities and services offered at the library.

- 3.8 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve the authorization for the future purchase of sixty-six (66) golf cars for The Legacy golf course in the amount of \$306,900 from Yamaha to be delivered March 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 3.9 Alderman Green moved to approve agreements related to a tax increment finance incentive package with New Urban Development Springfield, TN, LLC. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

4.0 Consent

Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve the entire consent docket. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 4.1 The Electric Department's request to award the bid for two-hundred fifty (250) 60-watt LED street lights in the amount of \$49,450 to Wesco Distribution of Nashville, TN. Budget: \$150,000

- 4.2 The Electric Department's request to award the bid for various pad mount transformers in the amount of \$512,192 to Gresco Distribution of Madison, AL.

Mayor Schneider offered her condolences to the family of Coach Robert Farmer who recently passed away.

Alderman Trotter announced the arrangements for Coach Farmer.

## 5.0 City Manager's Report

During City Manager Ryan Martin's report, he reported that:

- Natasha Tice is the city's new Public Affairs Coordinator.
- The facility study should be wrapping up very quickly, and we will have a report to share within the next month or so.
- A Section 5.0 has been added to the agenda packet to provide additional information on some things that may be of interest including information about the airport and library.
- We are thankful for the crews from Tullahoma and Cookeville who came to assist in the efforts to restore services to our area due to the March 3<sup>rd</sup> storms. Some of the city's facilities sustained damage during the storm. He thanked the Electric Department employees as well as other city departments, who worked tirelessly and continuously during that time and he thanked Mayor Schneider for her presence at the command center.
- Energy rates are down. Electric rates are the lowest we have seen in fourteen (14) months and gas rates are the lowest we have seen in ten (10) months.
- We are working on the budget internally and we will have it to everyone in the next month or so. Mayor Schneider and I will work on scheduling a budget work session for May.
- The local option sales tax continues to come in really well.
- The transient vendor discussions not being on the agenda. More time was needed to review the feedback submitted as a result of the survey.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> is when junk collection begins.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day which will also be our spring community cleanup day. Last year's turnout was over 100 volunteers. Larry's Restaurant will be providing breakfast again this year for the volunteers.

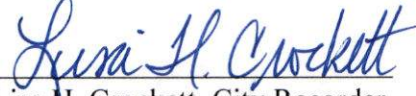
6.0 **Adjournment**

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting.

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Ann Schneider, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa H. Crockett", written over a horizontal line.

Lisa H. Crockett, City Recorder