

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 15, 2021**

**Board present**

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

**Staff present**

City Manager Ryan Martin  
Assistant City Manager Candice Tillman  
City Recorder Lisa Crockett  
City Attorney Christy Bartee  
City Clerk Kimberly Brickles

1.0 Call to order 6:00 P.M.

1.1 Pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Mayor Schneider took a moment to brag on Springfield. She mentioned that over the weekend the Parks and Recreation Department held the Junior Fishing Rodeo. She thanked Terry Martin, Director of Parks and Recreation, for a job well done. She also mentioned several other events that were held including a BBQ Cookoff hosted by the Robertson County Fair Association, Spirits of the South hosted by the Robertson County Chamber, and the opening of The Warehouse.

1.2 Sam Andavazo of the Springfield Gas Department introduced the recipients of the 2021 Gas Scholarships.

Clayton Wells – Springfield High School  
Colby Drake – Jo Byrns High School  
Camryn Dillehay – Greenbrier High School  
Dalton Pigg – East Robertson High School  
Mason Mitchell – South Haven High School

Mayor Schneider thanked Sam Andavazo for his 30 years of service to the City of Springfield and wished him well on his retirement.

1.3 Alderman Green moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen held May 18, 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderman Arnold and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

1.4 Public Hearing:

1. Ordinance 21-06, an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2021 annual budget for the City of Springfield by amending certain General Fund and Utility Fund operating budgets.

2. Ordinance 21-07, an ordinance adopting the annual budget (and tax rate) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
3. Ordinance 21-11, an ordinance rescinding Ordinance 20-09 in its entirety and setting a new schedule of rates and charges for the Springfield wastewater system.
4. Ordinance 21-05, an ordinance rescinding Ordinance 20-10 in its entirety establishing a new schedule of fees and charges for play at The Legacy Golf Course.
5. Ordinance 21-08, an ordinance establishing a new schedule of sign-up fees for city recreation leagues.
6. Ordinance 21-09, an ordinance amending Title 20 of the Springfield Municipal Code by amending Chapter 2 entitled "Temporary Food Vendor Regulations".
7. Ordinance 21-10, an ordinance amending Title 15 of the Springfield Municipal Code by amending Chapter 5 entitled "Parking" by the addition of a new section entitled "Fifteen Minute Parking".
8. Ordinance 21-12, an ordinance rezoning three (3) parcels located in the 9<sup>th</sup> Civil District on 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East from R7 high density residential district to MRO multiple residential and office district.
9. Resolution 21-19, a resolution annexing property owned by Sabi Kumar, located in the 16<sup>th</sup> Civil District, including a portion of right-of-way of Old Highway 431 South and Tom Austin Highway.

Sabi Kumar, of 2923 Old Highway 431, spoke in favor.  
 Joe Ford, of 2851 Old Highway 431, spoke in opposition.  
 Roy Dell, representing Mr. Kumar, spoke regarding project.  
 Amy McClintock, granddaughter of Joe Ford, spoke in opposition.

10. Resolution 21-23, a resolution of concurrence with the Springfield Regional Planning Commission approving the preliminary PUD Masterplan submitted by GVTP Developments, LLC.

Joe Ford, of 2851 Old Highway 431, spoke in opposition.

## 2.0 Legislative

- 2.1 Alderman Trotter moved to approve Resolution 21-22. A resolution honoring Mr. James Willhite. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 2.2 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve Ordinance 21-06 on second reading. An ordinance amending the fiscal year 2021 annual budget for the City of Springfield by amending certain General Fund and Utility Fund operating budgets. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter.

Vice Mayor Harris moved to go to a roll call vote due to voting system issues. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Alderman Hubbard moved to amend Ordinance 21-06 to include amended "Exhibit A". The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

- 2.3 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 21-07 on second reading. An ordinance adopting the annual budget (and tax rate) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.4 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve Ordinance 21-11 on second reading. An ordinance rescinding Ordinance 20-09 in its entirety and setting a new schedule of rates and charges for the Springfield wastewater system. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.5 Alderman Trotter moved to approve Ordinance 21-05 on second reading. An ordinance rescinding Ordinance 20-10 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 and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.6 Alderman Gragg moved to approve Ordinance 21-08 on second reading. An ordinance establishing a new schedule of sign-up fees for city recreation leagues. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.7 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 21-09 on second reading. An ordinance amending Title 20 of the Springfield Municipal Code by amending Chapter 2 entitled "Temporary Food Vendor Regulations". The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris. Alderman Arnold stated for the record that she would be abstaining from the vote because some of her clients are temporary food vendors. The motion passed by a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Harris, Trotter, Schneider, Hubbard, Gragg, and Green Abstain: Arnold
- 2.8 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 21-10 on second reading. An ordinance amending Title 15 of the Springfield Municipal Code by amending Chapter 5 entitled "Parking" by the addition of a new section entitled "Fifteen Minute Parking". The motion was seconded by Alderman Arnold and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

- 2.9 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 21-12 on second reading. An ordinance rezoning three (3) parcels located in the 9<sup>th</sup> Civil District on 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East from High Density Residential (R7) District to Multiple Residential and Office (MRO) District. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.10 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 21-13 on first reading. An ordinance amending portions of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance pertaining to hotels, motels, and extended stay motels. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.11 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve 21-14 on first reading. An ordinance rezoning one (1) parcel located in the 9<sup>th</sup> Civil District on Highway 41 N and Wallace Road from Commercial General (CG) District to Commercial Services (CS) District. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.12 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 21-15 on first reading. An ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Multiple Residential and Office (MRO) Districts. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Mayor Schneider thanked the Girl Scouts for attending as they exited the room.

- 2.13 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 21-19 on second reading. A resolution annexing property owned by Sabi Kumar, located in the 16<sup>th</sup> Civil District, including a portion of right-of-way of Old Highway 431 South and Tom Austin Highway. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.14 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 21-21. A resolution declaring certain property surplus and authorizing the disposal of such property. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

The surplus property included items from the Electric Department.

- 2.15 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 21-23. A resolution of concurrence with the Springfield Regional Planning Commission approving the preliminary PUD Masterplan submitted by GVTP Developments, LLC. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.16 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 21-24. A resolution accepting a performance bond from Reyes Construction, Inc. to guarantee the completion of infrastructure improvements in Green Hills Subdivision, Section 1, Phase 4. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

2.17 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 21-25. A resolution accepting an irrevocable letter of credit from JRF, LLC to guarantee the completion of stormwater improvements in Village Square Townhomes Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

3.0 Administrative

3.1 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve the monthly TVA wholesale fuel cost adjustment of \$0.01901 per kilowatt hour effective July 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

The resulting retail rate is 1.9% higher than last month and will result in a \$1.39 to \$2.18 increase in the average residential electric bill.

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

The Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) increased to \$0.3605 or 9.90% from the previous month. The actual increase in rates across the board averaged 5.58%.

3.3 Alderman Hubbard moved to appoint Clayton Moore, Public Works Director, to the Business Conduct and Ethics Committee for FY 2021-2022. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

3.4 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve the submission of a grant application from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture for trees to be located in the island of William A. Batson Parkway. The grant is a 50/50 grant with an estimated project cost of \$20,383.54; the City's portion would be \$10,191.77. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

3.5 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve the FY 2022 budget for the Springfield-Robertson County Joint Airport. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

3.6 Alderman Hubbard moved to discuss the reappointment of Alderman Gragg or to appoint another member of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to the Planning Commission. Alderman Gragg's current term expires June 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris.

Vice Mayor Harris moved to reappoint Alderman Gragg to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Green, Harris, Hubbard, Arnold, Schneider, and Trotter  
Abstain: Gragg

- 3.7 Alderman Trotter moved to approve the reappointment of members to the Parks and Recreation Board. Below are a list of the appointees and the Ward they represent. The term will expire June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- Mark Jennings – Ward 1
  - Eugene Ellis – Ward 2
  - Michael (Buzzy) Poole – Ward 3
- 3.8 Vice Mayor Harris moved to appoint Hannah Sadler as a replacement for the unexpired term of Jim Willhite on the Industrial Development Board and Health and Education Facilities Board. The term will expire September 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 3.9 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Change Order #3 to the Carr Creek and Sulfur Fork Creek Wastewater storage facilities contract with Cumberland Valley Constructors, Inc. for a credit of \$43,453.39. The final contract amount will be \$14,967,576.30. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 3.10 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve a request for funding for TVA's COVID-19 Community Care Fund award in the amount of \$10,000 to United Way of Robertson County. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 3.11 Alderman Gragg moved to approve a proposal from Tischler Bise to conduct a system development fee study. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 4.0 Consent
- Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve the entire consent docket. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 4.1 Electric Department's request to award the bid for ductile iron poles in the amount of \$68,962.28 to KMS Electrical Products of LaVergne, TN.
- 4.2 Electric Department's request to purchase three (3) SCADA servers in the amount of \$17,305 from CDW-G, LLC of Vernon Hills, IL utilizing state contract #MNNVP-134 49463. SCADA/AMI Budget: \$65,000
- 4.3 Electric Department's request to approve the purchase of a transformers in the amount of \$590,900 from Border States Electric Company of Nashville, TN. Budget: \$590,900
- 4.4 Public Works Department's request to purchase five hundred (500) refuse carts in the amount of \$28,200 from Stringfellow, Inc of Nashville, TN utilizing the current bid. Sanitation Budget: \$60,000

- 4.5 Public Works Department's request to purchase Flexamat (drainage materials) in the amount of \$20,551 from Jen-Hill Construction Materials of Hendersonville, TN as a sole source. Budget: Street (Greenway Maintenance) \$10,000, Storm Water (Drainage Materials) \$41,150

Mayor Schneider thanked Electrolux for their commitment to the City of Springfield and stated that she and Mr. Martin attended the ribbon cutting on the \$250 million expansion project. Electrolux plans to host an event for the community in October.

5.0 City Manager's Report

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

- Tonight, we used another variation of the voting software and it still failed so staff will continue to trouble shoot the issues.
- Paving projects are continuing to move forward. Central Avenue has been repaved and striping will be finished soon. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been milled and will also be paved soon. Within the next year almost all of Main Street will be resurfaced and cross walk stamping will begin.
- Freedom Fest is coming up July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Robertson County Fairgrounds. Grace Baptist is the presenting sponsor, Ricky Skaggs will be headlining, there will be other music throughout the day, food trucks, bounce houses, carnival rides, and fireworks.
- Free movie Fridays kicks off this Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Robertson County Fairgrounds; "Croods 2" will begin at 7:30 pm.
- First Friday Night Markets were back on June 4<sup>th</sup> with Buzzy Poole and the Fortunate Sons providing the music. There were a few thousand people and it was a great evening. July 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the next Market and The Howard Decker Band will be the entertainment.
- Free Fishing Rodeo was a huge success.
- Public Affairs Coordinator interviews are currently taking place and we hope to have that position filled soon.
- The Electric Utility Director position has been posted and is currently open.
- The Precision Products building had no offers good enough to bring to the board. The feedback received from interested parties was that the building was a liability to the property rather than an asset. Staff is currently exploring internally into taking the building down ourselves. There is asbestos so an environmental study is being done to try to get more value out of the property.
- The Northcrest deal with HCA is not going to close on schedule and will be delayed at least another 30 days. Blue Cross will be allowing Northcrest to stay in "Plan S" for the remainder of the policy year. Staff will be doing their work to find the best insurance option for the employees if no agreement is reached.

- Thursday July, 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am we will have The State of the City event. The Kiwanis Club of Springfield and the Springfield Rotary Club has invited city officials and others to participate and give updates regarding economic growth, etc.

Mayor Schneider stated the Kiwanis Club had publicly announced they had raised \$50,000 for our skate park. She challenged other civic groups or individuals to donate as well. Also, she reminded everyone of the special called meeting on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at noon for the third and final reading of the budget. The meeting will be held in the board room at City Hall.

6.0 Adjournment

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting.



Ann Schneider, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa H. Crockett, City Recorder