

MINUTES
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 20, 2023

Board present

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

Staff present

City Manager Ryan Martin
Assistant City Manager Candice Tillman
City Recorder Lisa Crockett
City Attorney Matthew Holman
City Clerk Melissa Brown

- 1.0 Call to order 6:00 p.m.
- 1.1 Pledge of allegiance to the American flag.
- 1.2 Moment of silence.
- 1.3 Mike Stafford, from the Gas Department, introduced the recipients of the 2023 Gas Scholarships.
- Mason Dorris-Springfield High School
Carson Drake-Jo Byrns High School
Kyle Salsman-East Robertson High School
Lauryn Burns-South Haven High School
Kristin Gregory-Greenbrier High School
- 1.4 Alderman Gragg moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen held May 16, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 1.5 Public Hearing:
1. Ordinance 23-17, an ordinance amending fiscal year 2023 annual budget for the City of Springfield by amending certain General Fund and Utility Fund operating budgets.

2. Ordinance 23-18, an ordinance adopting the annual budget (and tax rate) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
3. Ordinance 23-19, an ordinance rescinding Ordinance 18-13 in its entirety and setting a new schedule of rates and charges for sanitation service.
4. Ordinance 23-20, an ordinance abandoning certain right-of-way on Robmont Drive.

2.0 Legislative

- 2.1 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 23-17 on second and final reading. An ordinance amending the fiscal year 2023 annual budget for the City of Springfield by amending certain General fund and Utility Fund operating budgets. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg.

Alderman Hubbard moved to amend to include amended "Exhibit A". The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris 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.

- 2.2 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve Ordinance 23-18 on second and final reading. An ordinance adopting the annual budget (and tax rate) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.3 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 23-19 on second and final reading. An ordinance rescinding Ordinance 18-13 in its entirety and setting a new schedule of rates and charges for sanitation service. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.4 Alderman Gragg moved to approve Ordinance 23-20 on second and final reading. An ordinance abandoning certain right-of-way on Robmont Drive. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

2.5 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 23-21 on first reading. An ordinance amending Section 1-102 of the Springfield Municipal Code relative to the regular order of business for meetings of the board of mayor and aldermen. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

2.6 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 23-16. A resolution declaring certain property surplus and authorizing the disposal of such property. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

The surplus property contained items from the IT Department and Police Department.

2.7 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 23-17. A resolution authorizing the issuance, sale and payment of up to \$515,000 capital outlay notes of the City of Springfield, Tennessee and levying ad valorem taxes for the payment of the notes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

3.0 Administrative

3.1 Alderman Green moved to approve the monthly TVA wholesale fuel cost adjustment of \$0.025 per kilowatt hour effective July 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

The resulting retail rate is 6.19% higher than last month and will result in a \$4.88 to \$7.63 increase in the 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 \$.3917 or 2.7% from the previous month. The actual decrease in rates across the board is 1.5%.

3.3 Alderman Green moved to approve appointments to various boards and commissions. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

Vice Mayor Harris moved to amend to include Alderman Gragg to serve on the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green 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.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

At Large/Chair-Mark Hollingsworth

Ward 4- Danielle Hand

Ward 5- Staci Clark

Ward 6- Kim Moffitt

Terms Expire: December 31, 2027

Stokes Brown Public Library Board

City-Harold Barbee (second term)

City -Paul Nutting (second term)

Terms Expire: December 31, 2026

Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Ward 2- Dwayne Sword (to replace W.R. Weaver)

Unexpired Term: December 31, 2023

Board of Zoning Appeals

Planning Commission-reappointed Alderman Jeff Gragg

Term Expires: December 31, 2026

Mayor Ann Schneider thanked everyone for their service on these boards. She encouraged residents to sign up for these boards and give back to the City of Springfield.

- 3.4. Alderman Hubbard moved to approve a contract in the amount of \$279,244.35 with Longbranch Construction, LLC to perform a 12" water line relocation for stream crossing #3 for the Experiment Station Road bridge project. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote. Budget: \$325,000
- 3.5 Alderman Green moved to approve a contract in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 with CSR Engineering for professional planning and design services for the Blackbranch Creek stormwater pipe lining project from CSX Railroad to 10th Avenue. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote. Budget: \$40,000

- 3.6 Alderman Green moved to discuss minimum distance requirements for on-premise beer permits. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard. No action taken.

The board requested City Manager Ryan Martin prepare an ordinance for the board's consideration at the July 18, 2023 meeting.

- 3.7 Alderman Green moved to approve an extension to the recycling collection and marketing services contract with Green Village Recycling for an additional twelve (12) months. The contract would expire June 30 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

4.0 Consent

No Consent Items

5.0 City Manager's Report

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

- He thanked the board for passing the budget, for valuing our opinion on where this city needs to go, and for valuing our employees. He thanked the staff, our team, and especially Mrs. Crockett for the work that goes into putting a budget together.
- There have been some sidewalk issues in the historical district. By ordinance, sidewalk maintenance is the property owner's responsibility. We are going to do a public awareness campaign by social media and send out some reminders.
- The utility bills are going to look a little differently. We are in the transition of changing software companies. We are excited about the change and the efficiencies that come with this change.
- We are going to end the year over \$970,000 ahead of budget in local option sales tax. Our economy is doing very well here.
- There is an MTAS opinion floating around that may present some issues regulating transient vendors. City Attorney Christy Bartee is looking into those concerns and issues. We will bring you something as soon as we can get the right answer legally.
- Freedom Fest is coming up in a couple of weeks. We are in the final stages of preparation. Our headlining act, Megan Moroney, has the

number one (1) song “Tennessee Orange” on the country air play chart this week.

- The Comprehensive Growth Plan kicked off last week. There was a lot of public input and participation in that.
- He wanted to give a shout out to the 6U Allstar team who won the district championship. They are on their way to the state tournament. Alderman Gragg’s grandson and my son play on this team so we are particularly proud. We also have some teams that are headed to state tournament that did not have district tournaments so we want to support all those and hope they represent Springfield well.

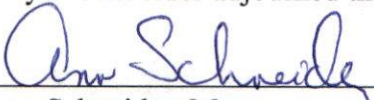
Mayor Ann Schneider thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget. She also commented on how amazing the first Friday Night Market was and invited everyone out to attend. She commended the volunteers from Historic Special Event Coordinators on what a great job they are doing.

Alderman Hubbard asked that everyone keep our sister cities from Louisiana to Georgia in their prayers, as they have been hit hard with tornadoes and terrible weather.

Alderman Trotter recognized Terry Martin for the fishing rodeo last Saturday. It was a great turnout with several participants and several prizes given away.


6.0 Adjournment

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting.



Ann Schneider, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa H. Crockett, City Recorder