

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2021**

Board present

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

Staff present

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

Board absent

Alderman Bobby Trotter

1.0 Call to order 6:00 P.M.

1.1 Pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Mayor Schneider thanked everyone for attending. She also encouraged everyone to watch the Dan and Shay video that was filmed in town and thanked Dan and Shay for choosing Springfield.

1.2 Alderman Green moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen held July 20, 2021. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

1.3 Public Hearing:

1. Ordinance 21-16, an ordinance to require premises identification through numbering of properties in the City of Springfield.
2. Ordinance 21-17, an ordinance amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by amending certain General Fund and Utility Fund operating budgets.
3. Ordinance 21-18, an ordinance amending Title 8 of the Springfield Municipal Code entitled "Alcoholic Beverages" by amending Chapter 2 entitled "Beer" by rescinding Sections 8-215 entitled "Revocation of Beer Permits" and 8-216 entitled "Civil Penalty in Lieu of Suspension" in their entirety and substituting a new Section 8-215.
4. Ordinance 21-19, an ordinance rezoning three (3) parcels located in the 9th Civil District. One (1) located on RA Benton Lane from Medium Density Residential (R10) District to Multiple Residential and Office (MRO)

District, and two (2) parcels located on South Main Street from Low Density Residential (R40) District to Multiple Residential and Office (MRO) District.

5. Ordinance 21-20, an ordinance rezoning three (3) parcels located on Hall Lane from Commercial General (CG) District to Multiple Residential and Office (MRO) District.
6. Ordinance 21-21, an ordinance rezoning three (3) parcels located on New Chapel Road from Medium Density Residential District with a Planned Unit Development (R15 PUD) overlay to Medium Density Residential (R15) District.
7. Ordinance 21-22, an ordinance rezoning portions of two (2) parcels located on William A. Batson Parkway from Low Density Residential District with a Planned Unit Development (RS20 PUD) overlay to Low Density Residential (RS20) District.
8. Ordinance 21-23, an ordinance amending Title 5 of the Springfield Municipal Code by enacting a privilege tax upon the occupancy in any hotel or motel.

2.0 Legislative

- 2.1 Alderman Arnold moved to approve Resolution 21-27. A resolution commending Springfield native Taylor “Tally” Victoria Fleming Bevis upon being crowned Miss Tennessee 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 2.2 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 21-13 on third and final reading. An ordinance amending portions of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance pertaining to hotels, motels, and extended stay motels. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 2.3 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 21-14 on third and final reading. An ordinance rezoning one (1) parcel located in the 9th 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 Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 2.4 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 21-15 on third and final 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 Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 2.5 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 21-16 on second reading. An ordinance to require premises identification through numbering of properties in the City of Springfield. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 2.6 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 21-17 on second reading. An ordinance amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by amending certain General Fund and Utility Fund operating budgets. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 2.7 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 21-18 on second reading. An ordinance amending Title 8 of the Springfield Municipal Code entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” by amending Chapter 2 entitled “Beer” by rescinding Sections 8-215 entitled “Revocation of Beer Permits” and 8-216 entitled “Civil Penalty in Lieu of Suspension’ in their entirety and substituting a new Section 8-215. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 2.8 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 21-19 on second reading. An ordinance rezoning three (3) parcels located in the 9th Civil District. One (1) located on RA Benton Lane from Medium Density Residential District (R10) to Multiple Residential and Office District (MRO), and two (2) parcels located on South Main Street from Low Density Residential District (R40) to Multiple Residential and Office District (MRO). The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 2.9 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 21-20 on second reading. An ordinance rezoning two (2) parcels located on Hall Lane from Commercial General District (CG) to Multiple Residential and Office District (MRO). The motion was seconded by Alderman Green.
- Alderman Hubbard moved to amend by adding a third parcel to the rezoning. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- The main motion, as amended, was brought back to the floor and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 2.10 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 21-21 on second reading. An ordinance rezoning three (3) parcels located on New Chapel Road from R15 Medium Density Residential District with a Planned Unit Development overlay (R15 PUD) to R15 Medium Density Residential District. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 2.11 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 21-22 on second reading. An ordinance rezoning portions of two (2) parcels located on William A. Batson Parkway from RS20 Low Density Residential District with a Planned Unit Development overlay (RS20 PUD) to RS20 Low Density Residential District. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 2.12 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve Ordinance 21-23 on second reading. An ordinance amending Title 5 of the Springfield Municipal Code by enacting a privilege tax upon the occupancy in any hotel or motel. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 2.13 Alderman Hubbard move to approve Ordinance 21-24 on first reading. An ordinance rezoning a portion of one (1) parcel located on West Hillcrest Drive from Commercial Services (CS) District to Medium Density Residential (R10) District. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 2.14 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve Ordinance 21-25 on first reading. An ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the Springfield Zoning ordinance pertaining to landscaping requirements. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 5-1 electronic vote. Ayes: Harris, Hubbard, Schneider, Arnold, Green
Nay: Gragg

3.0 Administrative

- 3.1 Alderman Arnold moved to approve the monthly TVA wholesale fuel cost adjustment of \$0.01802 per kilowatt hour effective September 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote. The resulting retail rate is 0.8% lower than last month and will result in a \$0.60 to \$0.94 decrease 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 6-0 electronic vote. The Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) increased to \$0.4304 or 16.64% from the previous month. The actual increase in rates across the board averaged 9.81%.

- 3.3 Alderman Green moved to approve reappointments to various boards and commissions. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- Stokes Brown Public Library Board – Vice Mayor Harris
Term will now expire June 30, 2024.
- Highland Crest College Campus Advisory Board – Clyde Richert & Sharon Hargraves. Terms will now expire July 31, 2024.
- Historic Preservation Commission – Robert Ralston
Term will now expire June 30, 2026.

- 3.4 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve a 20-year contract with the City of Greenbrier, TN for the sale and purchase of potable water. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 3.5 Alderman Green moved to approve the conveyance of the Bransford Community Center property located at 1519 John L. Patterson Street to Greater Faith Community Action Corporation for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). Alderman Arnold stated for the record that she will be abstaining from the vote due to her interest in Bransford. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 5-0-1 electronic vote. Ayes: Harris, Hubbard, Schneider, Gragg, and Green
Abstain: Arnold

- 3.6 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve a proposal from Griggs & Maloney, Inc. in the amount of \$305,000 for engineering services for the high service pump upgrade at the water treatment plant. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 3.7 Alderman Green moved to approve a change order in the amount of \$97,525 to the Techcoat, Inc. contract to repair filter media at the water treatment plant. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote. The new contract amount will be \$309,767.
- 3.8 Alderman Green moved to approve an amendment in the amount of \$25,609 to the engineering services contract with Gresham Smith, Inc. regarding the relocation of utilities for the Batson Parkway Extension. The motion was seconded by Alderman Arnold and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote. The new contract amount will be \$71,649.

4.0 Consent

Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve the entire consent docket. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 4.1 Gas Department's request to purchase two (2) McElroy Pit Bull #14 pipe fusion machines in the amount of \$10,894 from Consolidated Pipe and Supply Inc. in Nashville, TN as a sole source. Budget: \$11,000
- 4.2 Gas Department's request to purchase a Ditch Witch directional boring machine tracker beacon for the existing boring machine in the amount of \$17,751.65 from Ditch Witch of LaVergne, TN as a sole source. Budget: \$19,000
- 4.3 Gas Department's request to purchase a 2021 Chevrolet ½ ton 4 WD pickup truck in the amount of \$28,751.90 from Wilson County Motors of Lebanon, TN utilizing state contract 064414 SWC #209. Budget: \$35,000
- 4.4 Public Works Department's request to award the concrete construction bid in the amount of \$754,287.50 to Brown Builders, Inc. of Springfield, TN.
- 4.5 Public Works Department's request to purchase an air curtain burner fire box in the amount of \$128,277.40 from Air Burners, Inc. of Palm City, FL utilizing the GSA contract. Budget: \$130,000
- 4.6 Parks and Recreation Department's request to purchase a 2021 John Deere 5075E utility tractor in the amount of \$27,543.03 from Hutson, Inc. of Paducah, KY utilizing state contract #SWC242. Budget: \$28,000

Mayor Schneider stated she would be attending the Tennessee Municipal League's annual conference in September, representing the City of Springfield.

5.0 City Manager's Report

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

- Staff will work to provide more information on the landscaping ordinance before the September meeting.
- Census data had been released and our population increased to 18,782. An increase of 14.26% over 10 years.
- Census data for redistricting has not yet been released and should be available in September.
- The Covid-19 Delta Variant is now a cause for concern. NorthCrest Medical Center is full, and the majority of those hospitalized are unvaccinated. Those that are hospitalized and have been vaccinated are severely immunocompromised. The local task force reactivated this week.
- Dan & Shay's video that was filmed in town was released yesterday. The filming provided an economic boost to the city. Crew members stayed at local hotels, local restaurants catered, and because of Dan & Shay's popularity, Springfield received a lot of attention.
- Staff had determined that the Precision Products building could not be safely taken down in-house with the equipment we have. The asbestos has been abated and the Phase 1 Environmental Study has been completed. The next step will be to bid out the demolition.
- Free Movie Fridays is back this week and the movie is *Trolls World Tour*. The movie will begin at 8 pm at the Robertson County Fairgrounds.
- Administration has released an Employee Benefits Survey to employees and are awaiting the feedback regarding the benefits the city provides.
- There will be a public survey issued soon for park improvements. This is for a BCBS grant application.
- The city will have a booth again at the September First Friday Night Market on September 3rd. The Jimmy Church Band will be the entertainment.

Mayor Schneider encouraged everyone to attend the Friday Night Markets.

Mayor Schneider offered her condolences to Alderman Hubbard. Mr. Hubbard's sister passed away and he will be traveling to Texas.

6.0 Adjournment

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting.



Ann Schneider, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa H. Crockett, City Recorder