

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2023**

Board present

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

Staff present

City Manager Ryan Martin
Assistant City Manager Candice Tillman
City Recorder Lisa Crockett
City Attorney Christy Bartee
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 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen held July 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 1.4 Public comment period.
- 1.5 Public Hearing:
1. Ordinance 23-22, an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2024 annual budget for the City of Springfield by amending certain General Fund and Utility Fund operating budgets.
 2. Ordinance 23-24, an ordinance rezoning three (3) parcels on Hwy 41 South from Commercial Services District (CS) to Agricultural (A).
- 2.0 Legislative:
- 2.1 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 23-22 on second and final reading. An ordinance amending the fiscal year 2024 annual budget for the City of Springfield by amending certain General Fund and Utility Fund operating budgets. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green.
- Vice Mayor Harris moved to amend to include amended "Exhibit A". 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.

2.2 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve Ordinance 23-24 on second and final reading. An ordinance rezoning three (3) parcels on Hwy 41 South from Commercial Services District (CS) to Agricultural District (A). The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

2.3 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 23-23 on first reading. An ordinance amending Ordinance 19-02 by amending Title 8, Chapter 2 of the Springfield Municipal Code entitled "Beer." The motion was seconded by Alderman Green.

Alderman Arnold moved to amend the removal of the one hundred (100) foot distance requirement for on premise beer permits from the Core Commercial (CC) District and extend to include citywide. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 6-1 electronic vote. Ayes: Schneider, Harris, Trotter, Green, Arnold, Hubbard Nay: Gragg

The main motion, as amended, was brought back to the floor and passed by a 5-2 electronic vote. Ayes: Schneider, Harris, Trotter, Green, Arnold Nays: Gragg, Hubbard

2.4 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 23-25 on first reading. An ordinance rescinding capacity fees for water and wastewater connections. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

2.5 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 23-26 on first reading. An ordinance amending the City of Springfield Conditions of Service Manual by adding the policy entitled "Installation of Fire Hydrant Assembly." The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

2.6 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 23-27 on first reading. An ordinance rescinding topographical map copy fees. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

2.7 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 23-28 on first reading. An ordinance amending the City of Springfield Conditions of Service Manual by amending the portion of the policies regarding water and wastewater tap fees. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

2.8 Alderman Trotter moved to approve Ordinance 23-29 on first reading. An ordinance rezoning a property on 15th Avenue from Commercial Limited Services (CLS) to High Density Residential (R7). The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

2.9 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 23-30 on first reading. An ordinance amending Section 8 of Ordinance 23-18 and setting a new property tax rate for fiscal year 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 2.10 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve Resolution 23-18. A resolution declaring certain property surplus and authorizing the disposal of such property. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

The surplus property included items from the Police Department.

- 2.11 Alderman Green moved to approve Resolution 23-19. An initial resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$13,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Springfield, Tennessee. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.12 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 23-20. A resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$13,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City of Springfield, Tennessee; making provision for the issuance, sale and payment of said bonds; establishing the terms thereof and the disposition of proceeds therefrom; and providing the levy of taxes for the payment of the debt service on the bonds. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.13 Alderman Green moved to approve Resolution 23-21. A resolution authorizing the appropriation for funds in the fiscal year 2024 annual budget for the financial aid of nonprofit charitable and nonprofit civic organizations in accordance with Section 6-54-111, Tennessee Code Annotated. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.14 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 23-22. A resolution accepting a performance bond in the amount of \$246,020.50 from Rootdev, LLC for the completion of infrastructure improvements of the Autumnwood Estates, Section 3. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.15 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 23-23. A resolution approving the adoption of the TDOT approved Local Version of TDOT Consultant Selection Policy. 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 \$0.02150 per kilowatt hour effective September 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

The resulting retail rate is 3.1 % lower than last month and will result in a \$2.42 to \$3.79 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 7-0 electronic vote.

The Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) increased to \$0.4114 or 5.8% from the previous month. The actual increase in rates across the board is 3.2%.

- 3.3 Vice Mayor Harris moved for discussion on a presentation on the municipal facilities study findings given by Jacob Cherry and Beth Meadows from Wold Architects and Engineers. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green. No action was taken.

- 3.4 Alderman Green moved to approve appointments to various boards and commissions. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter.

Historic Preservation Commission

At-Large: Cynthia Burkeen- Nominated for reappointment by Mayor Schneider.
Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals

At-Large: Patrick Powell- Nominated for appointment by Mayor Schneider to fill the unexpired term of Billy Townsend
Term Expires: December 31, 2023

Alderman Green moved to amend to include appointments to the following boards and commissions:

Planning Commission

At Large: Michael Briggs- Nominated for appointment by Alderman Green to fill the unexpired term of Skylar Tackett
Term Expires: November 30, 2024

Parks and Recreational Board

At-Large: Harold Barbee- Nominated for appointment by Alderman Hubbard to fill the unexpired term of Mark Jennings
Term Expires: June 30, 2025

The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 3.5 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve a partnership agreement with South Haven Christian School for use and upgrades to Legion Field. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 3.6 Aldermen Green moved to ratify an emergency purchase of a travelling screen from Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC in the amount of \$253,895 for the Springfield Water Treatment Plant. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 3.7 Alderman Green moved to approve a grant application for a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 3.8 Alderman Green moved to approve an agreement with Robertson County to accept and provide for the administration of a contribution of \$885,500 towards water and wastewater infrastructure projects from Robertson County's TDEC ARP allocation of funds. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris 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 Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 4.1 Electric Department's request to award the bid for the completion of the make-ready necessary for the installation of an electric vehicle charging station in the amount of \$113,739 to M&L Electric of Bowling Green, KY.
- 4.2 Gas Department's request to award the bid for annual materials supply contract for unit pricing as needed.
- 4.3 Water/Wastewater Department's request for approval to purchase a Chevrolet Silverado 4500 utility truck in the amount of \$97,901.34 from Wilson County Motors utilizing State of Tennessee Contract 72037 SWC#209.

Mayor Schneider reminded everyone that Springfield will play Greenbrier Friday night for the first home football game of the season.

5.0 City Manager's Report

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

- Mr. Billy Townsend and Mr. Louis Jameson, both great members of our community recently passed away. Proclamations will be presented to their families at the September board meeting.
- Regarding the executive session from last month's meeting, he hoped to have a conference with the attorney scheduled soon.
- Citizen's Police Academy will be starting soon and he encouraged everyone to sign up for the opportunity to see, from the inside, what the police department does.
- We have received a tremendous amount of rain and this has caused mowing to get behind. He apologized for the high grass and ensured that property owners with high grass are being notified.

- 5.0 of the agenda packets includes:
 - Springfield/Robertson County Airport report-Over 2,500 airplanes took off or landed at the airport in July
 - Utility write-off memo
 - Two memos from the Comptroller's office

Mayor Schneider mentioned the passing of Ms. Linda Lambert; an employee of the The Legacy Golf Course since the inception.

6.0 Adjournment

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting.



Ann Schneider, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa H. Crockett, City Recorder