

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2022**

Board present

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

- 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 Alderman Green moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen held September 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 1.4 Public Hearing:
1. Ordinance 22-17, an ordinance rezoning one (1) parcel located at 1800 South Main Street from (R7) High Density Residential District to (CLS) Commercial Limited Services District.
 2. Ordinance 22-18, an ordinance rezoning one (1) parcel located at 301 5th Avenue West from (RS10) Medium Density Residential Single-Family District to (CC) Core Commercial District.
 3. Ordinance 22-19, an ordinance rezoning one (1) parcel located at 2409 South Main Street from (R20) Low Density Residential District to (CS) Commercial Services District.
- 2.0 Legislative
- 2.1 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 22-17 on second and final reading. An ordinance rezoning one (1) parcel located at 1800 South Main Street from (R7) High Density Residential District to (CLS) Commercial Limited Services District. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 2.2 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 22-18 on second and final reading. An ordinance rezoning one (1) parcel located at 301 5th Avenue West from (RS10) Medium Density Residential Single-Family District to (CC) Core Commercial District. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 5-0-1 electronic vote. Abstain: Green

Alderman Green stated for the record that she would abstain from the vote as she serves on the board for Willow Oak.

- 2.3 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 22-19 on second and final reading. An ordinance rezoning one (1) parcel located at 2409 South Main Street from (R20) Low Density Residential District to (CS) Commercial Services District. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 2.4 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 22-20 on first reading. An ordinance amending the travel policy for the City of Springfield by rescinding Ordinance 96-49 in its entirety and substituting a revised travel policy for city officials and city employees conducting official business. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 2.5 Alderman Arnold moved to approve Ordinance 22-21 on first reading. An ordinance rezoning eight (8) parcels located on South Main Street and Batts Boulevard from (CS) Commercial Services District and (MRO) Multiple Residential and Office District to (CC) Core Commercial District. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 2.6 Alderman Arnold moved to approve Ordinance 22-22 on first reading. An ordinance rezoning eight (8) parcels located on 15th Avenue West, Bransford Drive, and John L. Patterson Street from (CLS) Commercial Limited Services District to (R7) High Density Residential District. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 2.7 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve Resolution 22-32. A resolution declaring certain property surplus and authorizing the disposal of such property. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

The surplus property contained items from the Police Department.

- 2.8 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 22-33. A resolution to delegate to the Robertson County Emergency 911 Communications District the authority to number streets within the municipal jurisdiction of the City of Springfield. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 2.9 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 22-34. A resolution naming the road located between Electrolux Drive and Industrial Drive to Delight Court. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

3.0 Administrative

- 3.1 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve the monthly TVA wholesale fuel cost adjustment of \$0.02944 per kilowatt hour effective November 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

The resulting retail rate is 2.4% lower than last month and will result in a \$1.91 to \$2.99 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 Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

The Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) increased to \$0.9992 or 5% from the previous month. The actual increase in rates across the board averaged 3.73%.

- 3.3 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve a request from the Electric Department to approve a consulting agreement to provide project management and joint purchasing services with Seven States Power Corporation of Chattanooga, TN. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 3.4 Alderman Green moved to approve the acceptance of a Volkswagon Diesel Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust Fast Charge TN Network Grant from the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation in the amount of \$300,000 for the Electric Department to be used for installation of two (2) EV fast charging stations. The Electric Department will contribute an additional amount up to \$50,000 that is budgeted in FY 22/23. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 3.5 Alderman Green moved to approve the funding for the TVA Home Uplift program. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 3.6 Alderman Green moved to authorize the order for future purchase of two (2) fire apparatus in the amount of \$2,225,084 from G & W Diesel dba Emergency Vehicle Specialists of Nashville, TN utilizing Sourcewell contract #113021-OKC. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 3.7 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve a request from the Water/Wastewater Department to approve a contract with Community Development Partners in the amount of \$2,600 for administrative services for the Infrastructure Planning Grant. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 3.8 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve a request from the Water/Wastewater Department to approve a contract with Rye Engineering in the amount of \$50,000 for engineering services for the Infrastructure Planning Grant. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

3.9 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve a request from the Police Department to accept the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) Community Based Traffic Safety Enforcement and Education grant in the amount of \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

3.10 Alderman Green moved to approve an agreement with Robertson County Government and Motorola Emergency Communications Equipment in the amount of \$459,750.73 for the purchase of new radios and upgrades to infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 6-0 electronic 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 6-0 electronic vote.

4.1 Public Works Department's request to award the bid for the William A. Batson Parkway extension in the amount of \$9,591,030.73 to Civil Constructors, LLC of Franklin, TN. Budget: \$7,236,666 – Street Aid and 2018 Municipal Bond and \$1,532,000 – Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and 2018 Municipal Bond

4.2 Electric Department's request to award the bid for materials to various vendors. Bid summary attached.

Mayor Schneider thanked the board for taking their job as aldermen seriously and for reviewing all of the information that is sent to them monthly in their meeting packets.

5.0 City Manager's Report

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

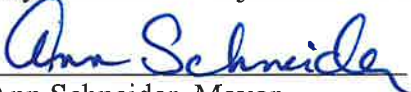
- Local option sales tax continues to be positive up to this point, we are still cautiously optimistic about the rest of the fiscal year and how the economic circumstances will affect us locally. Inflation continues and the federal reserve is expected to hike interest rates again.
- Software transition is still underway. We have gone live with the financial part of the software and appreciate everyone's patience. He thanked Finance Director Lisa Crockett for all of the time she has spent working on and coordinating the project. He also thanked city staff for adapting and adjusting to the changes.
- Robertson County is appropriating \$675,000 of their TDEC ARP funding to our Wastewater Treatment Plant project. There will be an additional sum coming our way for a collaborative stormwater project that we are awaiting approval.
- The E911 radios that were approved tonight were budgeted to cost around \$1.1 million. The county designated \$300,000 of their ARPA funds to help cover the cost of our radios. He stated that he appreciated Robertson County Government and their willingness to appropriate their funds to help fund the project.

- He asked the board to be proactive in warning citizens about energy cost for the upcoming winter months. Gas rates have increased 50% since last winter and citizens need to be prepared for the increase on their utility bills as we head into the winter months.

Mayor Schneider commented that colder weather meant that Winter Wonderland was coming soon. Parks Director Terry Martin said it would be bigger and better this year.

6.0 Adjournment

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting.


Ann Schneider, Mayor

Attest:


Lisa H. Crockett, City Recorder