

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

Board present

Mayor Ann Schneider
Vice Mayor Tim Harris
Alderman Bobby Trotter
Alderman Lisa Arnold
Alderman Emily Green
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 congratulated the Springfield High School football team on their recent win in the playoffs and wished them luck as they travelled to Henry County this week for the next round.

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 October 18, 2022. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

1.4 Public Hearing:

1. Ordinance 22-20, 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.
2. Ordinance 22-21, 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.
3. Ordinance 22-22, 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.

2.0 Legislative

- 2.1 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 22-20 on second and final 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 Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.2 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 22-21 on second and final 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 Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.3 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 22-22 on second and final 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 Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.4 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve Ordinance 22-23 on first 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 Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.5 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve Ordinance 22-24 on first reading. An ordinance rezoning one (1) parcel located on Tom Austin Highway from (MPO) Medical Professional and Office District to (CS) Commercial Services District. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electric vote
- 2.6 Alderman Green moved to approve Resolution 22-35. A resolution declaring certain property surplus and authorizing the disposal of such property. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

The surplus property contained an item from the Police Department.
- 2.7 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve Resolution 22-36. A resolution authorizing the distribution of longevity pay to all full-time employees of the City of Springfield. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.8 Alderman Arnold moved to approve Resolution 22-37. A resolution amending the City of Springfield Personnel Policy Manual. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 2.9 Alderman Green moved to approve Resolution 22-38. A resolution accepting a performance bond from Reyes Construction, Inc. to guarantee the completion of infrastructure improvements in the Black Patch Point Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Alderman Arnold 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 \$0.02656 per kilowatt hour effective December 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

The resulting retail rate is .87% lower than last month and will result in a \$0.69 to \$1.07 decrease 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 Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

The Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) decreased to \$0.7668 or 23.2% from the previous month. The actual decrease in rates across the board averaged 17.5%.

- 3.3 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve an offer from Aigremont of Belgium to purchase approximately 15.3 acres of land in the North Industrial Park in the amount of \$431,040. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 3.4 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance for OM Shree Hari Vishnu Inc. dba One Stop Liquor. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-1 electronic vote. Ayes: Green, Arnold, Schneider, Hubbard, Trotter, Harris Nay: Gragg

- 3.5 Alderman Green moved to approve a contract amendment with CSR Engineering for a reduction of \$391,000 for the William A. Batson Parkway extension project. The new contract amount will be \$492,000. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 3.6 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve the appointment of Clayton Moore, Director of Public Works, to represent the cities of Springfield, Greenbrier, and White House, TN on the SMR Municipal Solid Waste Region Board for a two-year term. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 3.7 State Form CT-0253, Report on Debt Obligations, which reports on the \$5,341,095 State Revolving Fund loan (SRF 20-447). No action required.

- 3.8 Alderman Green moved to discuss the presentation for the fiber to home feasibility study. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard.

Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve the completion of the financial analysis for the project in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

- 3.9 Alderman Green moved to approve a right-of-way maintenance agreement with Southern States Construction for an alley located at the rear of the lot at 903 South Main Street. The motion was seconded by Alderman Arnold and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.
- 3.10 Alderman Trotter moved to approve a 5-year contract amendment/renewal with Cornerstone Golf Partners for the management of The Legacy Golf Course. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote. The contract will expire November 30, 2027.
- 3.11 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve a request from the Water/Wastewater Department to accept the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Contract in the amount of \$630,000. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

4.0 Consent

- 4.1 Alderman Green moved to approve the Police Department's request to purchase two 2023 Dodge Durango police vehicles in the amount of \$103,129 from Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram of Columbia, TN utilizing state contract # 209-RXRYQ3466-01. Budget: \$140,000 The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 7-0 electronic vote.

5.0 City Manager's Report

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

- Santa is coming to town on Saturday, November 19th for the Christmas Parade.
- The Employee Health Clinic has had right at 1,000 visits since the opening on August 3rd. The number of those visits from city employees is 222. The biggest issue for the clinic is that it is staying full which may be attributed to the shortage of primary care in Springfield.
- An email was sent to the board regarding a property tax refund to 2 entities based on a settlement with the assessor of property that is going to cost the city \$70,000-\$80,000. He asked the board to let him know if they had any questions.
- Bag leaf collection continues and he thanked the Public Works Department.
- Winter Wonderland begins December 9th which provides an economic boost to the community with all of the visitors.
- Customer Appreciation Day will be Friday, December 16th at City Hall from 7:30 am until 4:30 pm. Santa and Mrs. Clause will be here from 2 pm until 4 pm.
- The software transition was still in process.
- Energy rates are coming back down. Electric rates are back to January 2022 levels and gas is back down to where it was in the summer. They still aren't back down to normal levels and residents should expect higher energy bills this winter.

Mayor Schneider wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked the board and employees for their service to the city.

Alderman Hubbard thanked the board for putting up with him for 31 years.

Mayor Schneider congratulated Alderman Gragg, Alderman Trotter, and Alderman Hubbard on their recent re-election.

6.0 Adjournment

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting.



Ann Schneider, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa H. Crockett, City Recorder