

October 04, 2021
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session October 4, 2021 in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure. A moment of silence was observed.

Roll Call

Present: Andrew Lear, Heather Hardinger, Angela Romine, Abe McGull, Mike Schilling, Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis, and Ken McClure. Absent: None.

Minutes

The minutes of September 20, 2021 were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

Anita Cotter, City Clerk noted a request to remove item number 35, Council Bill 2021-252 from Consent Agenda Second Reading Bills. She further noted this item is now 11.5 under Second Reading Bills.

Councilwoman Romine asked for clarification about the use of grant funds on Consent Agenda item 30, Council Bill 2021-259. Jason Gage, City Manager responded the State is allowing the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to utilize part of the Community Highway Safety Grant to share the SGF Yields Program with other communities. Councilwoman Romine further inquired if this would be considered a consultant fee. Mr. Gage answered affirmatively, noting it is a form of consultant fee to offset out of pocket fees.

The Consent Agenda was approved as amended.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

City Manager Report

Jason Gage, City Manager noted Police Officer recruiting has rebounded and should continue to increase. He explained after three months of the new recruiting plan, the Police Department has met and exceeded the first set of goals. Mr. Gage noted the last testing date is October 15, 2021 and there are over 50 applicants ready to test. He further noted as of October 1, 2021, the Police Department has 41 sworn officer vacancies, down from a high of more than 50 this summer. Mr. Gage noted the City will not see the effect of the January 2022 recruit class until they complete their training and are released to solo patrol duty in November of 2022.

Mr. Gage noted Police Chief Paul Williams has provided Council with the latest National Incident-Based Reporting System crime report.

Mr. Gage noted north Springfield's historic Jefferson Avenue Footbridge will soon be given another chance at life. He explained the solicited construction project will involve the complete rehabilitation of the bridge structure. He noted two elevators will be installed on the north and south approaches to bring the bridge into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Mr. Gage proclaimed October is Fire Prevention Month. He noted the Springfield Fire Department firefighters are scheduled throughout the community in 53 preschool and elementary classrooms to provide age-appropriate fire and life safety education and skills to keep children safe from fires. He further noted the Fire Prevention Month education program is part of the Springfield Fire Department's comprehensive Community Risk Reduction program, which is focused on the reduction and elimination of risk from fire in the community.

Mr. Gage announced the City of Springfield is one of 10 cities selected by New York University's GovLab to participate in a six-month program supporting local government technology officials in developing data-driven projects for their cities. He explained Springfield's project consists of developing key performance indicators (KPIs) and open data sets across City departments. Mr. Gage noted Danny Perches, Project Facilitator is representing the City of Springfield in the project and notes his goals include finalizing the KPI's and developing a plan to implement them.

Mr. Gage noted the City's SGF Yields Pedestrian Safety Program was given the Missouri Municipal League's highest honor last week in front of an audience of 680 attendees. He further noted Mayor McClure, Cora Scott, Brett Foster, Mandy Buettgen-Quinn and Kristen Milam attended the awards ceremony in St. Louis.

Mr. Gage revealed the City kicked off the Clean Green Springfield Fall edition this past week with more than 100 individuals signed up to help. He noted the spring campaign brought out 1,009 volunteers who helped clean up and green up Springfield. He explained Clean Green is a joint project with the Public Information & Civic Engagement Department, Public Works, and Environmental Services. He noted there are many public partners, including KY3, who are putting substantial promotional support behind this project.

Mr. Gage ended his report with a Clean Green Public Service announcement.

Councilwoman Romine inquired about the officers that were part of the double graduating police academy classes from 20 years ago. She asked what the projected loses from this group are now that they are eligible for retirement in the next couple of years. Mr. Gage voiced he did not have that information available at this time but would gather data to present later.

Councilman Hosmer mentioned recent crimes committed in various neighborhoods by motorcyclists. He commented on how the perpetrators license plates weren't registered or displayed and requested a 10-year citation history from Springfield Police Department for these types of violations. Mr. Gage replied he would gather this requested information to send to Council.

Katie Towns, Director of Health provided an update on COVID-19. She noted last week 50% of eligible Greene County residents are now fully vaccinated. She explained the current vaccination rate stands just under 51%. She noted the research continues to show that increasing the vaccination rate is the best way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and prevent severe illnesses and hospitalizations. She further noted the

7-day rolling average is 44 individuals per day, down 11% over the past week. Ms. Towns noted while cases are continuing to fall in the area, the Center for Disease Control still classifies our region as an area of high transmission. She expressed our citizens must remain vigilant to continue slowing the spread of this disease and prevent another surge of the Delta variant or another COVID-19 variant. She explained part of this vigilance is ensuring those who are at the highest risk have the most protection as possible. Ms. Towns noted the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has authorized booster doses of the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine for high-risk individuals. She explained this authorization includes people who are 65 years and older, residents in long term care facilities, individuals ages 18-64 years with underlining medical conditions, or individuals ages 18-64 who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutionalize settings. She explained the Health Department will provide access to those who are eligible to receive a booster, but the department is not able to make individual recommendations. Ms. Towns urged residents who fall into one of those categories and have questions about the risk and benefits of receiving the booster should discuss this with their healthcare provider. Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services does recommend those who are 65 and older, residents of long-term care facilities, and those ages 50-60 years old with underlining health issues receive a booster dose. When visiting a vaccination clinic, anyone wanting to receive a booster dose must self-attest they are in an approved group. She noted those who received their shots between December 2020 and April 2021 are eligible to receive a Pfizer booster shot. She noted Pfizer submitted data on the safety and effectiveness of their vaccine for those in the age category of 5-11 years old. She noted Pfizer is currently seeking authorization from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which would allow 23,000 children in Greene County to be vaccinated. Ms. Towns explained the FDA is meeting this month to review the data provided by Pfizer and an authorization could come as soon as the end of October, which means in the coming months more than 120,000 people are expected to seek a vaccine. Ms. Towns announced due to these changes in demand, Springfield is opening a new mass vaccination site.

Ms. Towns thanked the City Manager's office, the Law Department, Finance Department, City Council, and the office of Emergency Management for the work that has made this new site possible.

Councilwoman Romine asked how many people in the hospital are currently unvaccinated. Ms. Towns expressed not having the information readily available. Councilwoman Romine asked if a person gets a COVID shot today and then went into the hospital tomorrow, would that person be considered vaccinated or unvaccinated. Ms. Towns noted those individuals would not be considered fully vaccinated until two weeks after the second dose is administered or two weeks after the one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine is given. Councilwoman Romine asked for clarification as to how the partially vaccinated individuals are classified on Ms. Towns report. Ms. Towns noted when an individual has received their first dose, it would be listed under her report as a not fully vaccinated person. She explained the information the Health Department receives does not give a specific level of detailed information regarding fully vaccinated people versus partially vaccinated people like the hospitals receive and chart. Councilwoman Romine asked Ms. Towns for information about the amount of

heart attack and stroke victims within the last three to four years. Ms. Towns noted the Department would work to gather the requested information specifically for Greene County. She further noted this information is available on the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services website.

Mayor McClure thanked Ms. Towns.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading Bills.

**Annexing MoDOT
Right-of-Way**

Sponsor: Romine Council Bill 2021-245.

A general ordinance amending Section 1-9 of the Springfield City Code, 'City Limits;' and amending Section 46-1 of the Springfield City Code, 'Boundaries of wards, precincts and council zones;' for the purpose of annexing approximately 5.11 acres of Missouri Department of Transportation right-of-way, generally located in the 5900 through 6200 blocks of West State Highway 266, and referenced as Annexation A-3-2021, into the City of Springfield.

Council Bill 2021-245. General Ordinance 6686 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Rezoning; 2625
West Delmar
Street, 1025 and
1045 South Clifton
Avenue, and 2620
West Grand Street**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-246.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 3.3 acres of property generally located at 2625 West Delmar Street, 1025 and 1045 South Clifton Avenue, and 2620 West Grand Street from Planned Development No. 269 to Planned Development No. 378; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend approval.) (By: Simmons First National Bank; 2625 W. Delmar Street, 1025 & 1045 S. Clifton Avenue and 2620 W. Grand Street; PD 378).

Councilman Schilling moved to amend Council Bill 2021-246 by replacing Exhibit A with a revised Exhibit A that is on file with the City Clerk; this would correct the legal description for the property by replacing one with the other listing the corrected legal description.

Councilwoman Romine second the motion and it was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Mayor McClure noted the public hearing for Council Bill 2021-246 will continue on the amendment only until the October 18, 2021 City Council Meeting.

**Municipal Court
Costs**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-247.

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 42, 'Courts,' Division II, 'Municipal court,' Section 42-41, 'Court costs,' to correspond with changes in state law.

Councilwoman Romine asked for clarification on the fees associated with the proposed. Rhona Lewsader, City Attorney noted the proposed would make the language in the Springfield City Code in compliance with state law. She further noted these are fees the Municipal Court stopped charging citizens when the state law changed. Councilwoman Romine asked how these changes were decided. Ms. Lewsader noted the Office of State Courts Administrator did a review of the Springfield Municipal Courts' fees which prompted a letter asking the City to pass a code revision to amend the court cost section of the Springfield City Code.

Councilman Hosmer asked Ms. Lewsader if an offender is booked in the Greene-County jail but not incarcerated, are they still required to go through the biometric and finger printing process. Ms. Lewsader expressed not having that information available at this time but would contact the Greene County jail for further information. Councilman Hosmer noted the testimonies of citizens regarding crimes that have been recently committed. He expressed the importance of compiling biometric data to keep on file. He noted this information would help show a correlation between offenders that are "booked and released" and those who are "booked and incarcerated".

Council Bill 2021-247. General Ordinance 6687 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Purchase of Real
Property; 2131
West Kingsley
Street real property**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2021-248.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the owners of the property generally located at 2131 West Kingsley Street, to purchase the real property at this location; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith.

Council Bill 2021-248. Special Ordinance 27581 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: Romine. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Approving and
Accepting GAP
Collaborative to
design and
construct the
Grant Avenue
Parkway Project**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-249.

A special ordinance approving and accepting the proposal from the team, GAP Collaborative, as the best value team to design and construct the Grant Avenue Parkway Project; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with the GAP Collaborative team leader, Radmacher Brothers Excavating Company, Inc.; and amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$2,714,000.

Council Bill 2021-249. Special Ordinance 27582 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Amending the
Budget for
Springfield Police
Department; Drug
Task Force**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-252.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Postal Inspection Service to allow the Springfield Police Department to participate in the United States Postal Inspection Service Springfield Drug Task Force; and amending the budget of the Police Department in the amount of \$18,649.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Schilling expressed his opinion about dedicating one of the Springfield Police Officers to participate with the Springfield Drug Task Force. He expressed concerns about officers assisting with the United States Postal Inspection Service while there is a shortage of community police officers. Jason Gage, City Manager clarified the proposed bill is amending the budget of the Springfield Police Department. He explained this officer is already working with the Springfield Drug Task Force and the proposed is for overtime pay that would not detract from the officers regular working hours.

Paul Williams, Springfield Police Chief noted there is a dedicated narcotics police officer who is already working with the United States Postal Inspection Service Springfield Drug Task Force. He noted the proposed is for the overtime this officer is already working and it is not taking a community police officer away from their normal duties. Councilman Schilling asked if this is the United States Postal Service operation, why is there a Springfield Police Officer needed. Chief Williams noted this is a joint operation between the Springfield Police Department and the Federal Government due to the number of illegal items that are sent through the mail service.

Councilman Hosmer asked if this was to provide more manpower to fight money laundering and drug trafficking through the United States postal service. Chief Williams noted the postal service is dedicating seven postal inspectors out of the Kansas City office and Springfield is part of the overall strategy. Councilman Hosmer inquired if the one Springfield Police Officer and the seven postal inspectors would be enough to maximize the use of resources to combat the number of offenders. Chief Williams explained they would work together to combat illicit activities coming in and out of the region. Councilman Hosmer clarified this would maximize the Springfield Police Departments' efforts by having the postal inspectors assist with criminal conduct.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed utilizing one full time employee in exchange for the assistance of seven full time employees is a good opportunity to help maximize Springfield's effort to deal with these types of issues.

Chief Williams noted the Police Department has an elected task force officer already working these cases. He further noted the proposed will allow this officer to continue as a designated task force officer which would allow the federal government to pay his overtime rather than the City of Springfield.

Council Bill 2021-252. Special Ordinance 27582 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Hardinger, Romine, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and McClure. Nays: Schilling. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Resolutions.

**Annexation of
Property; 3284
North Mulroy
Road**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2021-254.

A resolution declaring an intent to initiate annexation of approximately 2 acres of private property, generally located at 3284 North Mulroy Road, and referenced as Annexation A-5-2021, into the City of Springfield. (Staff recommends approval.) (Vivian L. McKinzie; 3284 N. Mulroy Road; A-5-2021)

Brendan Griesemer, Acting Director of Planning and Development provided an overview of the proposed. He noted this is an annexation request near Mulroy Road and Interstate 44. He explained it is approximately two acres of private property that the property owner has petitioned the City to voluntarily annex into the city limits. He explained this area is adjacent to city limits and is within the urban service area. He noted this land is surrounded on all four sides by the City, and the proposed will initiate the start of the annexation process to include this land.

Councilman Hosmer asked how an area of land becomes surrounded by city limits without becoming part of the City itself during development. Mr. Griesemer explained the original agreement was a voluntary annexation but the property owner, at the time, may not have wanted to be annexed.

Mayor McClure clarified the proposed is the intent to annex the land and will be followed up with the annexation process at a later time.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

Council Bill 2021-254. Resolution 10599 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Amending the
Major
Thoroughfare Plan**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-255.

A resolution amending the Major Thoroughfare Plan, a portion of the Transportation Plan element of the Springfield-Greene County Comprehensive Plan, by removing two future collectors from Figures 20-2 and 20-9. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommends approval.)

Dawne Gardner, Transportation Planner provided an overview of the proposed. She explained the Major Thoroughfare Plan is part of a comprehensive plan utilized to determine future roadways and corridors based on land use. She noted the first amendment of property at 5505 West Sunshine Street had been annexed into the City of Springfield and rezoned. She explained after further investigation and consultation with the City of Republic, Greene County, and Ozark Transportation Organization, it was determined this future corridor is not needed based on current land uses in the area. She noted the proposed future collector serves no connectivity purpose and is not needed for traffic relief. Ms. Gardner then explained the amendment to the second property at 3800 West Sunshine Street. She noted the large area has been partially developed and is moving forward with future phases of development. She explained a traffic impact study has been submitted which shows required improvements to existing streets and new street connections if necessary, to maintain safety and traffic flow.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

Council Bill 2021-255. Resolution 10600 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, Romine, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

EMERGENCY BILLS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

GRANTS

AMENDED BILLS

The following bill appeared on the agenda under Council Bills for Public Hearing.

**Amending General
Ordinance 6662;
Grand Avenue
Parkway District**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2021-256.

A general ordinance amending General Ordinance 6662, which rezoned approximately 72.33 acres of property generally located adjacent to Grant Avenue between College Street and Catalpa Street to the Grant Avenue Parkway District, and which is referenced as Zoning Case Z-11-2021, to correct the legal descriptions of Subdistricts B and C within the Grant Avenue Parkway District. (City of Springfield; 465 S. Grant Avenue (Part of the Grant Avenue Parkway District); Z-11-2021-Corrected)

Alana Owen, Senior City Planner provided an overview of the proposed. She noted the previous Council approvals of the creation of the Grant Avenue Parkway District and rezoning of property along Grant Avenue from College Street to Catalpa Street. She explained following those approvals, staff have determined there was an incorrect legal description. She noted part of the property that was included on the map of Subdistrict B was described in the legal description as part of Subdistrict C located at 465 South Grant Avenue. She further noted the proposed is to correct that legal description.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under First Reading Bills.

**Intergovernmental Agreement;
Ozarks Technical Community College and City of Springfield Fire Department**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2021-257.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Ozarks Technical Community College for the provision of professional equivalency credit for eligible sworn personnel of the City of Springfield Fire Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson recused himself and exited chambers.

David Pennington, Fire Chief provided an overview of the proposed. He noted this bill would allow the City of Springfield Fire Department and Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC) to enter into an intergovernmental agreement. He further noted this would provide opportunities and guidelines for the establishment of a professional equivalency credit for fire fighters. He explained after an individual has graduated the fire academy, they have a course of work through the professional development programs over the next four years while obtaining additional education certifications. He further explained this would allow professional development to continue for fire fighters while earning a four-year degree.

Councilwoman Hardinger asked if there were any other grants or funding opportunities for individuals who are interested in the program. Chief Pennington noted for this program there are some traditional grants through OTC. He further noted there are also opportunities through Human Resources that employees can explore.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson returned to the dais.

**Wastewater
Service; Mutual
Aid Agreement;
City of Battlefield**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2021-258.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Wastewater Service Contract and Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Battlefield for the purpose of continuing to provide contract wastewater service to Battlefield.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services provided an overview of the proposed. He noted the City of Battlefield historically elected to send their wastewater to the City of Springfield for treatment. He explained this service had been facilitated through a contract that required Battlefield to submit monthly payments for the operation of its sewer systems and allowed Springfield to recover cost associated with the treatment of the wastewater. Mr. Kemper noted under the previous contract, which has been in place since 2000, Battlefield made a monthly payment to Springfield based on the number of individual wastewater users while deducting a percentage of the remittance for on-going maintenance cost. He further noted the contract also required Battlefield to adopt and maintain sewer ordinances consistent with state law. He expressed for the last several decades, this agreement has served both communities well, however following a review of the contract, Springfield has proposed to restructure the contract to provide a more streamlined approach. Mr. Kemper explained under the new contract, Springfield will recover expenses through a per gallon or wholesale user fee. He noted Battlefield will pay Springfield for the quantity of water delivered at point of connection and will continue to enforce rules regarding the sewer system. He noted in addition to the new contract, both parties wish to enter into a mutual aid and assistance agreement which provides terms of mutual assistance in times of emergency, including provisions for reimbursement for equipment, supplies and personnel made available to each party on an emergency basis.

Councilman McGull asked how often the wastewater coming into Springfield from Battlefield is checked for oil type substances. Mr. Kemper noted the wastewater that arrives in aggregate is tested daily through in-flow monitoring. He expressed the wastewater at each point of connection is tested quarterly, at a minimum. He noted each community is responsible for maintaining adequate plumbing, which includes grease traps that must be pumped at a certain frequency.

Councilman Hosmer asked how the proposed was changing the way Springfield billed Battlefield. Mr. Kemper clarified under the old contract each satellite community would pay the City of Springfield the number of users they had, multiplied by the base charge, then individual wastewater usage would be multiplied by the volume charge. He noted this process was cumbersome, so the new contract would avoid this process by adding a meter at each connection point. He noted this would gauge the total flow that comes to Springfield and would be a cleaner way to measure the wastewater.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if the volume-based charges are set by Springfield and approved by Council, would it not require renegotiation of the contract when those rates change. Mr. Kemper expressed it would not require renegotiation as it becomes a component of the overall rates structure. He noted another cost services analysis will be completed in the future.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. There being no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

The following items appeared on the agenda under Petitions, Remonstrances, and Communications.

Appeared

Ben Brown addressed City Council. He expressed his support for the Springfield Police Department. He further expressed the importance of the way police officers communicate with citizens. He spoke about his concerns for the safety of the community and offered suggestions of how to alleviate the perceived issues of communications between officers and citizens. He expressed his thought about how police officers could show positive actions toward those in the community and help citizens feel safe.

Councilman Ollis asked Jason Gage, City Manager if there has been any additional conversation about a police consultant for Springfield. Mr. Gage answered affirmatively.

Appeared

Laurel Bryant addressed City Council. She noted the hard work put into making the community strong through place making, beatification, developing diversity within businesses and strong walkable neighborhoods. Ms. Bryant spoke about recent incidents and threats happening within her neighborhood. She noted conversations she has had with individuals within her neighborhood and spoke about the fears associated with growing violence and retaliation from reporting these issues.

Councilman McGull thanked Ms. Bryant for her comments. He acknowledged her concerns about crime and mentioned Councils' upcoming retreat to discuss these issues. He expressed the issue of crime being a growing problem.

Councilwoman Romine spoke about her visit with a business who shared similar concerns about crime. She expressed her support to finding a solution to this issue. She mentioned some neighborhood associations are currently working to form a neighborhood watch program. She noted these programs are struggling to get the required number of volunteers. Councilman Romine asked Chief Williams if it was possible to lessen the threshold of required participants so that the programs can start sooner. Police Chief Williams noted there are currently over 20 neighborhood watch groups within Springfield. He explained this requirement has been lessened to a program of "Block Watch" which allows the established group to look out for issues on their block. He noted this smaller program starts within one block of a neighborhood and can grow block by block as participation increases. He encourages these neighborhoods to talk to their Police Area Representative Officer.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Ms. Bryant for her comments. He mentioned previous remarks about issues with motorcycles speeding through neighborhoods. He asked Chief Williams if there is something that could be done to address this issue. Chief Williams noted there are plans in place to work with Highway Patrol and Greene County Sheriff's office to approach these issues.

Councilman Hosmer inquired about the requirements for license plates and registrations for motorcycles in the city limits. He asked what can be done to find those who don't abide by the laws. Chief Williams noted the number of citations written this year regarding expired registrations. He expressed the Police Department is working on a new way of deploying officers more proactively to help address these issues.

Did Not Appear

Josephine Grace did not appear to address City Council.

Appeared

Curt Marshall addressed City Council. He expressed effective public safety is important. He noted the frustrations many individuals have within the community about aggressive and dangerous motorcyclists. He noted vacancies in the Springfield Police Department and the struggle to fill those positions. He expressed his appreciation for the upcoming Council Retreat and for the Police Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Marshall noted the importance of addressing other issues such as education, homelessness, and poverty. He expressed his opinion on the public, private, and non-profit arenas working together to help the community grow.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked Mr. Marshall for his comments. He expressed the importance of addressing the underlining issues that cause homelessness and poverty. He expressed the importance of finding the structural cause to these issues for long term improvement.

Councilman Ollis thanked Mr. Marshall for his comments. He expressed his agreement about public and private sectors working together to clean up the community and create more job opportunities.

Did not Appear

Rachel Owens did not appear to address City Council.

Appeared

Susan Carter addressed City Council. She expressed her concerns involving health freedoms. She provided background information about recent events happening with the Missouri Legislature. She expressed her frustration and disagreement about the manner at which the government is choosing to address mandatory vaccinations.

Councilman Hosmer asked Ms. Carter about various vaccines. Ms. Carter clarified her stance on each vaccine and expressed her opinion and understanding of the usage of each vaccine.

Appeared

Ambrose Layton addressed the issue of crime in his neighborhood. He told the story of his firsthand experience of crime and expressed his fear from witnessing gun violence outside his home.

Mayor McClure thanked Mr. Layton for speaking with Council. He expressed his sympathies for Mr. Layton's experience.

Councilman Hosmer thanked Mr. Layton for his comments. He noted this issue is being worked on by Council and the Springfield Police Department.

Councilman Ollis commented on the violence witnessed by Mr. Layton. He expressed this recent incident is very troubling and noted he hopes the City can work to handle these types of issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked in terms of addressing gun violence, how has staff on the state level affected the City's ability to address gun violence and has it affected the ability to coordinate with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and federal partners. Chief Williams noted staff has not changed how the enforce and pursue criminals with illegal guns. He explained they do not take guns from law abiding citizens. He noted Springfield Police Department still works with the ATF. He further noted additional information will be available during the upcoming Council retreat.

Councilman McGull asked if it was possible to have a police officer in the areas where motorcycle issues are being reported. Chief Williams noted this has been an ongoing issue the Police Department has dealt with for years. He explained the efforts the department has gone through in these situations and how they are continuing to work on these issues. He further noted the nonstop work the Police Department has done to alleviate the problems.

Did Not Appear

Jim Meadows did not appear to address City Council.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk noted Kevin Berry and Mindy Caldwell provided comments that were distributed to members of Council.

Kevin Berry provided a handout regarding his proposed alternative to the COVID-19 vaccine. He provided his contact information should anyone have questions.

Mindy Caldwell provided comments regarding her concern for the community. She provided her opinion on homelessness and suggested ways to combat issues within the foster care system.

The following items appeared on the agenda under New Business.

Andrew Lear will be the employer representative at the upcoming 2021 Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS) Annual Meeting.

Appointed

Mayor McClure is appointing Andrew Lear to serve as the City Council representative for Springfield Sister Cities Association.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

CONSENT AGENDA FIRST READING BILLS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda One Reading Bills.

**Community
Highways and
Transportation
Commission; SGF
Yields Safety
Program**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-259.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept federal grant funds in the amount of \$46,000 from a Section 402 State and Community Highway Safety Grant from the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to develop a shareable version of SGF Yields, the City's pedestrian safety program; amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in that amount upon award of the grant; and declaring that this bill qualifies as a one-reading bill.

Council Bill 2021-259. Special Ordinance 27584 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Accepting the
“Show Me-Zero
Grant”**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-260.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a ‘Show-Me-Zero Grant’ in the amount of \$8,000 from the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to support continuation of the City’s pedestrian safety education program “SGF Yields;” amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in that amount upon award of the grant; and declaring that this bill qualifies as a one-reading bill.

Council Bill 2021-260. Special Ordinance 27585 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda Second Reading Bills.

**Supplemental
Agreement with
Missouri
Highways and
Transportation
Commission and
TransCore ITS,
LLC**

Sponson: Simpson. Council Bill 2021-250.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a supplemental agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and TransCore ITS, LLC, for continued maintenance of Advanced Traffic Management System software and hardware at the Transportation Management Center of the Ozarks.

Council Bill 2021-250. Special Ordinance 27586 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**Missouri
Highways and
Transportation
Commission; On
Call Work Zone
Enforcement
Program**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2021-251.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to participate in the On Call Work Zone Enforcement Program to provide enhanced traffic enforcement in work zones.

Council Bill 2021-251. Special Ordinance 27587 was approved with the following vote: Ayes: Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**United States
Postal Inspections
Service;
Springfield Drug
Task Force**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2021-252.

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Postal Inspection Service to allow the Springfield Police Department to participate in the United States Postal Inspection Service Springfield Drug Task Force; and amending the budget of the Police Department in the amount of \$18,649.

Council Bill 2021-252 was removed from Consent Agenda Second reading and became item 11.5 under Second Reading Bills.

- Confirmed** Confirm the following appointment to the Board of Equalization: Derek White, with a term to expire April 1, 2026.
- Confirmed** Confirm the following appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development: Brennan Pratt, with term to expire May 1, 2022.
- Confirmed** Confirm the following appointments to the Landmarks Board: Bryan Lenox, with a term to expire November 1, 2023, John Hawkins, with a term to expire November 1, 2022, and Jan Preston, with a term to expire November 1, 2021.
- Confirmed** Confirm the following appointment to the Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees: Charles Munsey, with a term to expire April 30, 2024.
- Confirmed** Confirm the following reappointments to the Springfield- Greene-County Environmental Advisory Board: Barbara Garcia and Krista Peryer, with terms to expire October 1, 2024.
- Confirmed** Confirm the following appointments to the Springfield Greene-County Environmental Advisory Board: Lindsey McDaniel, with term to expire October 1, 2022, and Mark Millsap, with a term to expire October 1, 2024.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

- Motion to Adjourn** Councilwoman Romine moved to Adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes. Romine, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. None. Nays. Hosmer. None. Absent. None. Abstain. None. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



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