

November 28, 2022
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session on November 28, 2022, in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken McClure. Mayor McClure recognized the passing of former Mayor “Mac” McCartney.

Roll Call

Present: Richard Ollis, Andrew Lear, Heather Hardinger, Abe McGull, Mike Schilling, Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, and Ken McClure. Absent: Monica Horton.

Mayor McClure welcomed Professor Jeff VanDenBerg’s Civic Leadership and Political Action class from Drury University to the Council meeting this evening.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 14, 2022, City Council meeting were considered. Councilman McGull moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Simpson and approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented by the following vote: Ayes: Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

The following item appeared on the agenda under Ceremonial Matters.

Sponsor: City Council. Council Bill 2022-283

A resolution recognizing and honoring the life of former Mayor N. L. “Mac” McCartney for his exemplary service as Mayor and as a member of the Springfield City Council and his service to the community as a volunteer and businessman.

Mayor McClure read the resolution in its entirety.

Mr. Gage noted his appreciation for Mayor McCartney’s service to the community.

Council Bill 2022-283. Resolution 10668 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

The presentation resolution was presented to family friend Laura Elwood. Ms. Elwood expressed her appreciation and noted how much “Mac” loved Springfield.

City Manager Report

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted the Ozark Empire Fair Board and Sports Town broke ground on two major projects, the arena at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds and the Sports Town facility. The arena at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds will hold over 6,000 people for events and is estimated to cost \$20 to \$25 million. The Sports Town facility is a high-quality facility with 12 soccer fields, including 4 turf fields, and a 90,000-square-foot field house with two indoor turf

soccer fields and four basketball courts. The City provided a public infrastructure incentive to the Sports Town project to be reimbursed over time through a Community Improvement District (CID) for the commercial development area.

Mr. Gage noted the City was awarded nearly \$17 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant dollars through the State of Missouri's Water Infrastructure Community Grant Program for 14 submitted stormwater projects, including: Renew Jordan Creek, Jordan Creek detention, Glenwood regional detention, and a variety of other project that included stormwater needs.

Mr. Gage noted on November 19, 2022, staff hosted a celebration and tree lighting event on Park Central Square. Approximately 2,000 people enjoyed the festivities, which included free hot cocoa, cookies, train, horse, and carriage rides, and of course, a visit from Santa Claus. More than 20 performing artists shared their talent in live and pre-recorded performances. A holiday television special aired on KY3 and went live to downtown for the actual tree lighting moment. The event and television special were fully produced by the City's Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement. The department extends thanks to Public Works, the Police Department, and the Fire department for their support.

Mr. Gage noted nearly 100 residents turned out for the first Lake Springfield Plan Public Information and Input meeting on December 17, 2022. The event took place at Springfield Art Museum. Steve Prange, Project Manager, introduced the project team and the City of Springfield Senior Planner shared context for the catalyst project. Public engagement will continue for this project throughout 2023.

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

**Amending
Springfield Land
Development
Code: Rezoning
2000 West
Thoman Street**

Sponsor: Horton. Council Bill 2022-274

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.5 acre of property generally located at 2000 West Thoman Street from HM, Heavy Manufacturing District, to R-SF, Residential Single-Family District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2022-274. General Ordinance 6762 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

**Grant Avenue
Parkway
Redevelopment
Plan**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-275

A special ordinance approving a redevelopment plan for the Grant Avenue Parkway Redevelopment Area, which is generally bounded by West Olive Street to the north, West Catalpa Street to the south, South Campbell Avenue to the east, and South Douglas Avenue to the west; and declaring the Grant Avenue Parkway Redevelopment Area to be blighted and its redevelopment necessary for the preservation of the public peace, prosperity, health, safety, morals, and welfare. (The Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Staff recommend approval.)

Councilman Hosmer asked the cost of the blight study. Mr. Gage responded \$75,000 was budgeted for the study. Councilman Hosmer asked if a blight study will be conducted in other areas. Mr. Gage responded blight studies may be conducted if City Council determines they are needed.

Councilman Schilling expressed his belief the data shows the blight study was warranted. He expressed his hope the area will improve.

Councilman Ollis expressed his appreciation to staff for their work in revitalization of the area. He expressed his excitement that homeowners can participate in the program. He noted possibly using this type of program to help others in need. Mr. Gage noted a housing study will be conducted through a qualified company.

Councilman Hosmer asked if a requirement is in place to require certain homeownership in the blighted area. Mr. Gage responded generally an area can be customized as needed. Councilman Hosmer expressed his opinion it is not desirable to blight an area without encouraging or incentivizing homeownership. Mr. Gage noted homeownership can be considered.

Council Bill 2022-275. Special Ordinance 27777 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Ollis, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

**Springfield City
Code: Chapter 98:
Encroachments**

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-277

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 98, 'Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places,' Article VII, 'Encroachments on City Property,' to allow for administrative approval of certain encroachments placed or installed by community improvement districts in areas not adjacent to property owned or leased by said districts.

Council Bill 2022-277. General Ordinance 6763 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

**Cost Share
Agreement for
Roadway
Improvements:
LeCompte Road**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-278

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Cost Share Agreement for Roadway Improvements, with the Erlen Group, to coordinate participation in the cost of improvements on LeCompte Road from its intersection with Division Street north to the BNSF Railroad tracks; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$1,256,010 and to accept payment for the Erlen Group's share of the project.

Council Bill 2022-278. Special Ordinance 27778 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Ollis, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

**Amending City
Code: Pension
Board: Pension**

Sponsor: Lear, Hardinger, Schilling, Simpson. Council Bill 2022-279

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, “Administration,” Article VI, “Finances,” Division 4, “Police Officers’ and Fire ‘Fighters’ Retirement System,” Section 2-444, “Board of trustees established; membership; election of members,” to revise the residential requirements for Pension Board candidates and to revise the procedures for filling vacant elected voting positions; and amending Sections 2-473, “Non-duty disability pension,” and 2-474, “Duty disability pension,” to remove the workers’ compensation offset.

Mayor McClure expressed his hesitancy to support as the proposed includes applicants from outside counties. He asked that members of the Public Involvement Committee first seek and support applicants from Springfield or Greene County.

Council Bill 2022-279. General Ordinance 6764 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Ollis, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

**CUP 469: 600
South Glenstone**

Sponsor: McGull. Council Bill 2022-280

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 469 for the purpose of permitting an automobile washing business as a conditional use within the GR – General Retail District, generally located at 600 South Glenstone Avenue. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2022-280. Special Ordinance 27779 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Ollis, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

**CUP 470: 404, 420,
and 424 East
Sunshine**

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2022-276 (Bill was inadvertently placed under Public Hearing and has been moved to First Reading Bills.)

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 470 for the purpose of permitting an eating and drinking establishment use group, including drive-in, pick-up window, or drive-thru facilities, as a conditional use within the LB – Limited Business District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 207, generally located at 404, 420, and 424 East Sunshine Street. (Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial and staff recommends approval.)

Councilman Ollis asked the number of vehicles anticipated to use the facility per day. Martin Gugel, Assistant Director of Public Works, noted the anticipated traffic would be pass-through traffic, and a significant increase in traffic is not anticipated.

Councilwoman Hardinger asked if the traffic analysis completed is enough to make an informed decision on the impact of traffic on the neighborhood. Jason Gage, City Manager, noted there is not enough increase in traffic to warrant a traffic study. Councilwoman Hardinger asked if the traffic signal at Jefferson and Sunshine could be controlled to prevent traffic back-ups. Mr. Gage noted a back-up is not anticipated, but control of the signal could be a tool used if necessary. He further noted the proposed establishment utilizes an efficient process, when compared to national chains, which helps to prevent back-ups from occurring.

Councilman Schilling expressed his opposition to the proposed. He expressed his belief the area would become more chaotic with the addition of the proposed. Councilman Schilling suggested the best use would be for the City to buy the corner and turn it into a pocket park to add greenspace to the area and enhance quality of place.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the modifications to the plan have been substantial. Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, responded. Ms. Istenes noted the proposed has been rejected by the Planning and Zoning Commission three times. Ms. Istenes noted the changes as increasing to three drive-through lanes, traffic being funneled to exit more towards Jefferson Street, a sidewalk connection, outdoor seating was added, operating hours were changed by one hour, and speakers for music will be directed away from the neighborhood. Ms. Istenes noted the proposed is a strictly drive-through business. Councilman Hosmer expressed his opinion the proposed is not a neighborhood coffee shop and is not the right fit for the area.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his opinion the changes are substantive. He asked if there are restrictions for Limited Business for the hours of operation and speakers. Ms. Istenes noted the conditional use permit is necessary for the drive-through, but not for the speakers or hours of operation. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if left turns into the lot from Jefferson are a traffic concern. Ms. Istenes noted the distance is approximately 150 feet, and the drive-through lanes hold approximately twenty-six cars. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked if there is any improvement that could be made to this issue. Mr. Gage responded the traffic could be monitored first to determine if there is any issue. Ms. Istenes noted the proposed was evaluated under the old ForwardSGF plan.

Councilman McGull asked if an entrance from Sunshine Street was considered. Ms. Istenes responded there are criteria that must be met for access to Sunshine Street. Mr. Gugel noted the spacing is an issue regarding access to Sunshine Street. Councilman McGull expressed his belief access to Sunshine Street would be preferred. Mr. Gage noted wide or offset driveways and too many entrances cause confusion for drivers and can create traffic hazards.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson asked the options available to have traffic concerns be addressed. Mr. Gugel responded the traffic numbers show an average of 776 trips per day, with the highest volume per hour at 82 trips. He noted the level of service was not interrupted from this number of trips per day.

Councilman Lear noted the noise and traffic issue would be permissible for any Limited Business. Ms. Istenes noted the conditional use permit is only to allow the drive-through. Councilman Lear expressed his belief a Limited Business district makes sense for the area, but he has concern over the traffic issues.

Councilman Ollis noted he has a business on Sunshine Street and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is closing some entrance points or driveways on the street to improve traffic. He expressed his opinion this makes the street safer. Councilman Ollis expressed his support for the proposed.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief traffic could back up when a car is making a left turn into the proposed. Mr. Gugel noted the site is set up to absorb traffic. Mr. Gage expressed the efficiency of the proposed will make a difference in traffic back-ups.

Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief it is important to protect the neighborhoods just as much as the developers. He expressed his belief it is time to act on the issue.

Mayor McClure asked if the Planning and Zoning Commission had discussion on conditional uses that fit under the zoning. He expressed his belief it is important to balance the past, present, and future and get the decision right.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted he would like to table to allow staff to work toward an agreement to address the traffic issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to table Council Bill 2022-276 until the December 12, 2022, City Council Meeting. Councilman Lear seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Simpson, Lear, Hardinger, McGull, and McClure. Nays: Schilling, Hosmer, and Ollis. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

The following items appeared on the agenda under Resolutions.

**Roy Blunt
Terminal**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2022-284

A resolution renaming the Midfield Terminal of the Springfield-Branson National Airport 'Roy Blunt Terminal' to honor the legacy and outstanding public service of Roy Blunt.

Ken McClure, Mayor, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mayor McClure noted the resolution would rename the Midfield Terminal as 'Roy Blunt Terminal' beginning December 16, 2022, to recognize the outstanding service of Senator Roy Blunt for nearly fifty years. Senator Blunt played a significant part in the development of the Midfield Terminal, worked tirelessly to open the American Airlines maintenance terminal, and secured funding for the Missouri National Guard Air Facility. Senator Blunt has been an advocate for badly-needed transportation infrastructure, including runways and taxiways at the Airport. Mayor McClure noted Senator Blunt has served our City, State, and Nation well for nearly fifty years. Mayor McClure added all funding for the name change was raised privately.

Katie Moore, Chair of the Airport Board, noted the board voted unanimously to rename the terminal to the 'Roy Blunt Terminal'. She thanked City Council for their consideration.

Brian Weiler, Director of Aviation, thanked Mayor McClure for his leadership on the initiative. Mr. Weiler acknowledged the work Senator Blunt has done for the region and noted he has played a direct role in many of the improvements made. Mr. Weiler expressed it would be an honor to have the terminal named for Senator Roy Blunt.

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

Council Bill 2022-284. Resolution 10669 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Ollis, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

Special Municipal Election

Sponsor: City Council. Council Bill 2022-285

A resolution declaring the results of a Special Municipal Election held on November 8, 2022, under the Home Rule Charter of the City of Springfield, Missouri.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Cotter noted the proposed declares the results of a special election held on November 8, 2022. She further noted on August 10, 2020, City Council passed General Ordinance 6614 to rezone 4.2 acres generally located at 3503, 3521, 3527, and 3535 South Lone Pine Avenue from R-SF, Single-family Residential, GR, 28, General Retail, and LB, Limited Business District, to Planned Development 29 No. 374. A referendum petition was then filed to repeal Ordinance 6614 and the item was sent to a vote of the people. Ms. Cotter added the results of the vote were 13,864 yes votes and 33,048 no votes. The rezoning failed to pass based on the results of the vote, and the ordinance is deemed repealed.

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

Council Bill 2022-285. Resolution 10670 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Ollis, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

Grant Avenue Parkway Redevelopment Area

Sponsor: Schilling, Horton. Council Bill 2022-286

A resolution declaring the Redevelopment Plan for the Grant Avenue Parkway Redevelopment Area a multi-project redevelopment plan pursuant to Section 40-19 of the Springfield City Code.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would declare the redevelopment plan as a multi-project redevelopment plan. She added the five factors to consider are size, requirement of land assemblage, the scope of the redevelopment plan, if the redevelopment plan was initiated by the City to facilitate redevelopment in the area, and if there are multiple land or property owners within the area. Ms. Ohlensehlen added the redevelopment area meets all five of the criteria.

Councilman Hosmer asked when the requirement to have homeownership as a component would be implemented. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted there are allowances within the plan to develop multi-family developments and to improve owner occupied properties. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted she will research Land Clearance for Redevelopment Area (LCRA) requirements for the area.

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

Council Bill 2022-286. Resolution 10671 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Ollis, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

EMERGENCY BILLS.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

GRANTS.

AMENDED BILLS.

PUBLIC HEARING.

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

**Comprehensive
Housing
Assistance
Program**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-287

A special ordinance amending the Rules and Regulations for the Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program to include revisions necessary to match the regulations of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, to allow the Director of Planning and Development and the Loan Committee certain flexibility when dealing with various issues arising under the City's loan programs, to include the ability to acquire existing occupied housing, and to allow for annual adjustments to loan interest rate. (Planning staff and the Loan Committee recommend approval.)

Bob Jones, Grants Administrator, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Jones noted the Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) document lists how to use the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant funds, provides loan program descriptions and policies, describes loan committee involvement, informs U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and City auditors, provides a planning staff cross training manual, and gives the process for timely loan default response. CDBG and HOME are HUD grants for housing assistance. Mr. Jones noted the proposed edits include to add or clarify several definitions, continuation of using best practices by the loan committee, to recognize and apply the HOME and CDBG differences, establish a competitive interest rate for housing projects, link the target area to the 5-year Consolidated Plan, and document the department director's role for program decisions.

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

**Jefferson Avenue
Streetscape**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2022-288

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Jefferson Avenue Streetscape improvement; accepting the bid of KCI Construction Company in the amount of \$1,797,790 for said improvements; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Martin Gugel, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Gugel noted the proposed would allow the department to accept the bid of KCI Construction Company, which was 3.3% above the engineer's estimate. He further noted approximately \$6,000 of the work involves removal of abandoned City Utilities infrastructure which will be reimbursed by City Utilities.

Mayor McClure noted his approval of the bid being only slightly above the estimate.

Councilman Lear asked if the area includes expansion of pedestrian access and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. Mr. Gugel answered affirmatively.

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

Salary Ordinance

Sponsor: Lear. Council Bill 2022-289

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-92, known as the 'Salary Ordinance,' relating to salary grades for various job titles within the City service as contained in the Crafts, Trades and Labor Union Schedule, the Fire Protection Union Schedule, and the Professional, Administrative, and Technical Non-Union Schedule by adding eleven (11) new job titles and deleting two (2) job titles; and amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget to adjust the authorized employee positions in the Department of Human Resources and Department of Environmental Services by adding one new Full Time Equivalent position to each respective department.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would allow the addition of eleven new job titles and deletion of two job titles. She further noted the recommendations come from job studies. Two new full-time equivalent will be added, one for Human Resources and one for Environmental Services. These changes are due to long-term service needs.

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

Sanitary Sewer Overflow Control Program Group 7

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2022-290

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Control Program, Group 7 Public Sewer Rehabilitation – Open Cut Repairs project; accepting the bid of Rosetta Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$4,059,920 for the project; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract for said project; and approving a budget adjustment in the amount of the bid, plus a contingency, to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget of the Department of Environmental Services Clean Water Enterprise Fund by appropriating reserves of said fund in the amount of \$4,871,904.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would allow for approval of plans and specifications and acceptance of the bid for the Open Cut Repair project and authorize a budget adjustment. He

added the plan will allow for much-needed repairs to the sewer system and provide predictable and affordable sewer rates for the next fifteen years.

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

**Contract of
Obligation: Noble
Hill Sanitary
Landfill**

Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-291

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Contract of Obligation with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources whereby the City agrees to financially secure the future closure and post-closure care of all currently active and previously completed portions of the City's Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would allow the City Manager to enter into a Contract of Obligation with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources whereby the City agrees to financially secure the future closure and post-closure care of all currently-active and previously-completed portions of the City's Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill. He added State statutes require the City to provide care and maintenance even after the Landfill is closed.

Councilman Hosmer asked how long before it is anticipated the Landfill will close. Mr. Kemper responded approximately 50 to 75 years. He added this is dependent on how much waste is received. Councilman Hosmer asked if the percentage of recycling has decreased. Mr. Kemper responded the total amount of waste has recently increased. Mr. Hosmer expressed his opinion all trash haulers should incentivize recycling. Mr. Kemper responded a great deal of effort is put into education on recycling. Councilman Hosmer requested a lunch meeting to address recycling.

Councilman Schilling asked who is allowed to use the Landfill. Mr. Kemper responded the waste-shed extends to a larger area. He added landfills are decreasing which expands those from outside the area who use the Landfill and the same rate is charged to all.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson acknowledged the hard work of the department to educate the public.

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

**Land Lease
Agreement:
Watershed
Committee of the
Ozarks**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2022-292

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a land lease agreement with the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc., for the lease of a four-acre parcel of land near the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant and Yardwaste Recycling Center.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would allow for lease of a four-acre parcel of land near the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant and Yardwaste Recycling Center to be used by The Watershed Committee to grow native trees and wetland vegetation used for land restoration

projects. He added they would create educational experiences to highlight these activities. The lease will run for five years with the opportunity for three additional five-year periods.

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

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The following item appeared on the agenda under New Business.

Mayor McClure recommends the following appointment to the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.: Darline Mabins with term to expire January 1, 2026.

Mayor McClure recommends the following reappointment to the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.: Bill Hobbs and Laura Head-Elliot with terms to expire January 1, 2026.

The Public Involvement Committee recommends the following appointment to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee: Dr. Keri Franklin with term to expire May 1, 2025.

The Committee of the Whole recommends the following reappointment to the Board of Public Utilities: Louise Knauer with term to expire December 1, 2025.

The Committee of the Whole recommends the following appointments to the Board of Public Utilities: Steve Dooley with term to expire December 1, 2025; Dr. Alina Lehnert with term to expire December 1, 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following item appeared on the agenda under Consent Agenda – First Reading Bills.

Memorandum of Understanding: Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network Zone Four Partnership	Sponsor: Hardinger. Council Bill 2022-293 A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Springfield, City Utilities of Springfield, Greene County, and the Missouri Department of Public Safety regarding the Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network Zone Four partnership.
2022 Kindergarten Readiness Study	Council Bill 2022-294 (McClure) A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$5,000 from the Musgrave Foundation, administered by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, to help fund the 2022 Kindergarten Readiness Study conducted by the Mayor's Commission for Children in collaboration with Missouri State University.

CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

**Municipal
Agreement:
Kearney Street**

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

Sponsor: Horton, McGull. Council Bill 2022-281

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Municipal Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to coordinate the construction and maintenance of improvements along Kearney Street.

Council Bill 2022-281. Special Ordinance 27780 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Lear, Hardinger, Ollis, McGull, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.

The following items appeared on the agenda under Board Confirmations.

Confirm the following appointment to the Mayor's Commission for Children: Thomas Masterson with term to expire November 29, 2025.

Confirm the following reappointments to the Mayor's Commission for Children: Amy Chenoweth, Michael White, and Gerald Lee with terms to expire on November 29, 2025.

Confirm the following appointment to the Board of Equalization: Dwight Marshall with term to expire April 1, 2026.

Confirm the following appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development: Dr. Earle Doman with term to expire May 1, 2023.

Confirm the following reappointments to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development: Trish Hubbell and Brennan Pratt with terms to expire May 1, 2025.

Confirm the following appointment to the Landmarks Board: John Sellers with term to expire November 1, 2025.

Confirm the following reappointment to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee: Erin Gray with term to expire May 1, 2025.

Confirm recommends the following reappointments to the Landmarks Board: Erik Kiser and John Hawkins with terms to expire November 1, 2025.

Confirm the following appointment to the Personnel Board: Russell Rowe with term to expire March 1, 2024.

Confirm the following appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Betty Ridge with term to expire January 1, 2026; Dan Scott with term to expire January 1, 2025.

Confirm the following appointment to the Public Building Corporation: Courtney Hayes with term to expire September 1, 2028.

Confirm the following appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Helen Gunther with term to expire January 1, 2024.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion to Adjourn Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Hardinger seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote. Ayes: Lear, Hardinger, Ollis, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: Horton. Abstain: None.


Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

Prepared by
Michelle Brown