



City of Springfield

Minutes

City Council

Ken McClure, Mayor

Zone Councilmembers

Monica Horton, Zone 1

Abe McGull, Zone 2

Mike Schilling, Zone 3

Matthew Simpson, Zone 4

General Councilmembers

Heather Hardinger, General A

Craig Hosmer, General B

Andrew Lear, General C

Richard Ollis, General D

April 17, 2023

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. (APPROVED AS PRESENTED)

2.1. Approval of Minutes. April 3, 2023, City Council Meeting and April 11, 2023, Special City Council Meeting.

Councilmember McGull moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023, City Council Meeting and the April 11, 2023, Special City Council Meeting. Councilman Hosmer seconded the motion, and the two sets of minutes were approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Horton and McClure. Abstain: None.

3. FINALIZATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDAS. (APPROVED AS PRESENTED)

CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK TO OR REMOVE ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDAS MUST DO SO AT THIS TIME.

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

*Councilwoman Monica Horton and Mayor Ken McClure joined the meeting at approximately 7:11 p.m.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT AND RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted nearly 200 people worked to pick up litter and plant flowers in the City's right-of-way over the weekend as part of the City's Clean Green Initiative. Mr. Gage thanked Drury University's Greek Life students, Connecting Grounds, and Crossway Baptist Church for a huge turnout. Citizens can sign up to participate at CleanGreenSGF.com. Disposal opportunities begin in May with mattress and TV recycling opportunities, and a Tire Toss on May 6.

Mr. Gage congratulated City Utilities for receiving a \$10 million infrastructure grant to replace old gas pipes in Zone 1. He noted the funds come from the United States Department of Transportation and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. City Utilities is one of only 37 utilities to receive the funds.

Mr. Gage noted the City's annual Budget Workshops begin May 2, 2023, as part of City Council lunch meetings. The budget meetings will run each Tuesday through May 16.

Mr. Gage noted the public is invited to provide input and learn more about the Lake Springfield Plan at a meeting and open house from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at the Lake Springfield Boathouse. Those interested in touring the Power Station can register at Lakespringfieldplan.com for 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. tours.

Mr. Gage noted consultants from APD will be in Springfield the first week of June to continue work and public discussions about the City's Housing Study. Watch Springfieldmo.gov and the City's social media accounts for additional information.

Mr. Gage thanked Richard Ollis, Andrew Lear, and Mike Schilling for their years of service on City Council and their commitment to the community.

Councilman Hosmer asked if Jason Gage had an update on the halfway house on Sieger Street. Mr. Gage responded the issue was forwarded to the Building Development Services Department for review.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson congratulated City Utilities on receiving the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Grant. He asked if there were any updates on the City's grant applications for funds to repair the C-Street Footbridge. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, responded there was no update at this time.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. Except Item #6.2. Citizens May Speak to the Amendment Only. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2023-073 (Simpson) **ORDINANCE 6782**

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 2.4 acres of property generally located at 1760 East Bradford Parkway from Planned Development No. 117 Amendment 5 to Planned Development No. 385; and adopting and Official Zoning Map. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend approval.) (By: Bibi Bradford, LLC; 1760 East Bradford Parkway; Planned Development No. 385.)

Council Bill 2023-073. General Ordinance 6782 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.2. Amended Council Bill 2023-074 (Horton) **ORDINANCE 6783**

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1.5 acres of property generally located at 1409 to 1429 North Washington Avenue from R-SF, Single-family residential district, to Planned Development No. 384; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Boyd School Redevelopment Corp; 1409-1429 N. Washington Avenue; Planned Development No. 384.)

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views on the amendment only.

Marie Wood spoke in support of the amendment. Ms. Wood noted the improvements to the downtown area and C-Street areas. Ms. Wood, a member of the Midtown Board, expressed her belief the development will help attract a new generation to the area.

Danny Crisp expressed his support for the project.

Matt Blevins, the developer, was available for questions.

With no further appearances, the public hearing for the amendment was declared closed.

Councilman Ollis noted he and Councilwoman Hardinger are members of the ForwardSGF Board, and ForwardSGF is working on securing a lease in the Boyd School Development.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his support for the proposal. He expressed his belief this type of adaptive mixed-use project is what Springfield needs.

Councilman Hosmer noted his research into the proposed states a bar could not be allowed in the development. Susan Istenes, Director of Planning and Development, responded affirmatively to the exhibit language that prohibits a bar. She added the closing time for any business in the proposed would be 10:00 p.m.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted a protest petition was received for the proposed and was found to be sufficient at 38.1%. Therefore, a supermajority, or 6 votes, would be required for passage.

Amended Council Bill 2023-074. General Ordinance 6783 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2023-072 (Hosmer) **ORDINANCE 27823**

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds under the Consolidated Plan, to accept Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds, to enter into any necessary agreements to carry out the grants, and to exercise any and all powers necessary to implement selected projects; selecting projects for funding for the City of Springfield Fiscal Year 2023-2024; and reaffirming the City Council Objectives and Community Development Priorities.

Council Bill 2023-072. Special Ordinance 27823 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2023-079 (Horton) **ORDINANCE 27824**

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Pea Ridge Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Doling Park Branch Project, generally located from Talmage Street to Bethany Drive east of Grant Avenue, and generally referred to as Plan No. 2020PW0044; accepting the bid of Rosetta Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$5,626,850 for said 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 \$6,752,220.

Council Bill 2023-079. Special Ordinance 27824 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.5. Council Bill 2023-080 (Hardinger) **ORDINANCE 27825**

A special ordinance approving the Letter of Understanding regarding the July 1, 2021, Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Southern Missouri Professional Fire Fighters Local 152, the Exclusive Representative of a certain Bargaining Unit within the Springfield Fire Department, and authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver the Letter of Understanding to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the Exclusive Representative.

Council Bill 2023-080. Special Ordinance 27825 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.6. Council Bill 2023-081 (Lear) **ORDINANCE 6784**

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 78, 'Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions,' Article VI, 'Offenses Against Public Health and Safety,' by amending Section 78-260, 'Possession of narcotics paraphernalia;' amending Section 78-261, "Possession of thirty-five grams or less of marijuana;" enacting Section 78-62, 'Public consumption of marijuana;' enacting Section 78-263, 'Consumption of marijuana in a motor vehicle;' and enacting Section 78-268, 'Marijuana accessories,' to regulate the possession and consumption of marijuana following recent amendments to the Missouri Constitution.

Councilman Hosmer asked if there was an update regarding laws for marijuana use equivalent with open container laws. Chris Hoeman, Chief Litigator, responded the Chief of Police noted they would be policing for evidence of impaired driving behavior. He added there is currently no good enforcement means to determine if the item is a marijuana product. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief there should be a per se limit. Councilman Hosmer asked the number of drug recognition officers in the City. Mr. Hoeman responded he will get the information.

Mr. Gage noted alcohol is in a prescribed container. Marijuana is not which makes it difficult to determine if a marijuana product is being used while in a vehicle. Mr. Hoeman noted that dispensaries use prescribed packaging while home cultivation will not, which would prove difficult to determine if a package contains a marijuana product. Councilman Hosmer asked if a per se limit could be enacted. Mr. Hoeman responded he is not aware of any scientific evidence used to determine a limit.

Council Bill 2023-081. General Ordinance 6784 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.7. Council Bill 2016-293 (Hardinger) **ORDINANCE 27826**

A special ordinance approving Redevelopment Project 2 for the Springfield Plaza Tax Increment Financing Plan and initiating tax increment financing therein.

Mayor McClure noted the proposed was for the Springfield Plaza Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan for which the public hearing was held in 2016.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted tax increment financing is a redirection of incremental tax revenue that is generated by a redevelopment project for approved project costs. She further noted that Springfield Plaza is an approximately 96-acre parcel located generally at the intersection of Sunshine Street and West Bypass. Ms. Ohlensehlen added the TIF plan for Project Area 2 was tabled in December of 2016 at the request of the developer as they were not ready to activate that part of the development. Project Area 1 was enacted at that time. She added the TIF will last no longer than 18 years upon activation, and a Community Improvement District (CID) was established for Springfield Plaza to accelerate reimbursement of eligible expenses. The total cost for both project areas is approximately \$78 million, of which approximately \$9.5 million is projected to be reimbursed. Reimbursable project costs are public improvements. Area 2 is approximately 60 acres. The request is for approval so the TIF can be activated prior to the May 6, 2023, deadline.

Tom Rankin, the project developer, expressed his belief Area 1 of the project has been a good catalyst for development in the area. He noted Area 2 infrastructure cost was approximately \$4.5 million for public improvements.

Councilman Lear moved to suspend City Council rules to allow public comment for the second reading of the bill. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

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

Councilman Hosmer asked if the TIF uses sales tax generated from this location to reimburse the developer for public improvements. Ms. Ohlensehler responded affirmatively, noting there is also a CID.

Council Bill 2016-293. Special Ordinance 27826 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

7. GRANTS.

8. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

8.1. Maggie Mendez wishes to address City Council. **APPEARED.**

Maggie Mendez addressed City Council in opposition to electronic registration for Springfield Park Board pool use. Ms. Mendez expressed her belief registration should be optional. She added she takes her children's data privacy seriously. Ms. Mendez noted there is an exception for daycare and schools and believes the same exemption should be granted to parents who remain at the pool with their children.

Mayor McClure noted the Park Board just released information that the registration would be voluntary.

Jason Gage, City Manager, suggested Ms. Mendez may wish to speak to the Park Board.

8.2. Ralph Longston wishes to address City Council. **APPEARED.**

Ralph Longston addressed City Council regarding homelessness in the City. He noted he would like to help the City address the homeless population and drugs in Springfield and to make the community better for all.

8.3. Paige Oxendine wishes to address City Council. **APPEARED.**

Paige Oxendine addressed City Council to express her appreciation for their service. Ms. Oxendine congratulated all who sought and won re-election. Ms. Oxendine thanked Councilmembers Schilling, Ollis, and Lear for their service and all the time and energy they have spent on the community. She then congratulated those who were newly elected.

9. NEW BUSINESS. All items were accepted as presented.

9.1. Certification of referendum petition. CERTIFIED.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, noted on March 23, 2023, she received a referendum petition to repeal Special Ordinance 27804 pertaining to Condemnation of Hotel of Terror – 334 N. Main Avenue, which was found to be insufficient. On April 10, 2023, Ms. Cotter received an amended referendum petition. Based on requirements of Section 14.2 of the City Charter, the number of signatures required for the petition to be sufficient was 1,568. Ms. Cotter was able to verify, with the addition of the amended petition, the number of required signatures was attained. Based on this, the petition was certified as sufficient. A copy of the certification was given to City Council for review.

9.2. The City Council of the City of Springfield, Missouri, has received cost information for a possible change in retirement benefits for its employees under the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System. Section 105.675 Revised Statutes of Missouri (“RSMo.”) provides that: (a) when a political subdivision is making a substantial proposed change in benefits, a prepared statement regarding the cost of such change shall be prepared in accordance with Section 105.665 RSMo.; (b) the statement of cost shall be made available as public information for at least 45 calendar days before taking final action to adopt the change in benefits; and (c) the statement of cost shall be filed in the office of the clerk, secretary or other individual responsible for keeping the official records, and with the joint committee on public employee retirement. In accordance with Section 105.675 RSMo., said cost information shall be made available for public inspection for at least 45 calendar days from today prior to adoption of the benefit change. Interested parties may view a copy of this cost information at the City Clerk’s Office at 840 North Boonville Avenue (Busch Building 4th floor) and or/by contacting City Clerk Anita Cotter at acotter@springfieldmo.gov or 417-864-1651.

9.3. As per RSMo. 109.230 (4), City records that are on file in the City Clerk’s office and have met the retention schedule will be destroyed in compliance with the guidelines established by the Secretary of State’s office.

10. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS. See Item #3.

10.1. Council Bill 2023-084 (Hardinger) RESOLUTION 10698

A resolution confirming the appointments of Louie Michael and Mark Pickens to the Airport Plaza Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2023-084. Resolution 10698 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Horton and McClure. Abstain: None.

10.2. Council Bill 2023-085 (Hosmer) ORDINANCE 27828

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager or his designee to accept \$17,375 in grant funds from Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Ozarks Headwaters Recycling and Materials Management District, to fund teacher professional development, and to enter into a contract to receive such funds; amending the budget of the Department of Environmental Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in that amount upon award of the grant; and declaring this bill qualifies as a one-reading bill.

Council Bill 2023-085. Special Ordinance 27828 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Horton and McClure. Abstain: None.

10.3. Council Bill 2023-086 (Hosmer) **RESOLUTION 10699**

A resolution confirming the reappointments of Kevin Guffey and Brad Thessing to the Glenstone Marketplace Community Improvement District Board of Directors. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2023-086. Resolution 10699 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Horton and McClure. Abstain: None.

11. CONSENT AGENDA – SECOND READING BILLS. See Item #3.

11.1. Council Bill 2023-082 (McGull) **ORDINANCE 27827**

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Governors of Missouri State University for the purpose of continuing to provide enhanced law enforcement services within and around the Missouri State University campus.

Council Bill 2023-082. Special Ordinance 27827 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, and Hardinger. Nays: None. Absent: Horton and McClure. Abstain: None.

- 11.2. Confirm the following removal from the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development: Shawna Batty based on a failure to take the oath of office as recommended by the Public Involvement Committee. **CONFIRMED.**
- 11.3. Confirm the following reappointment to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development: Dr. Earle Doman with term to expire May 1, 2026. **CONFIRMED.**
- 11.4. Confirm the following appointments to the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development: Matthew Whitehead with term to expire May 1, 2025; Larry Flenoid II with term to expire May 1, 2026. **CONFIRMED.**
- 11.5. Confirm the following reappointment to the Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees: Andy Stewart, Financial Representative, with term to expire April 30, 2026. **CONFIRMED.**
- 11.6. Confirm the following appointments to the Police Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees: Laura Robinson, Attorney Representative, with term to expire April 30, 2026; Ann Young, Medical Representative, with term to expire April 30, 2025. **CONFIRMED.**
- 11.7. Confirm the following appointment to the Public Building Corporation: Zack Speague with term to expire September 1, 2024. **CONFIRMED.**
- 11.8. Confirm the following appointments to the Greene County Environmental Advisory Board: Alyssa Lindsay with term to expire October 1, 2025; Kathleen Murnan with term to expire October 1, 2024. **CONFIRMED.**

12. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

13. RESOLUTIONS. Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2023-087 (Hosmer) RESOLUTION 10700

A resolution adopting the 2023 Capital Improvements Program for the purpose of providing a schedule of public improvements for 2023 through 2028. (Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend approval.)

Randal Whitman, Principal City Planner, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Whitman noted the proposed would adopt the 2023 Capital Improvements Program for the purpose of providing a schedule of public improvements for 2023 through 2028. He further noted only projects with a cost of over \$100,000 are included in the report. Mr. Whitman added that equipment, services, and personnel are not included in the report. Mr. Whitman noted 16 new projects were added, for a total of 146 projects this year with a total cost of \$191 million. He added many projects span several years and include funding from various sources.

Mayor McClure noted the proposed was reviewed.

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

Council Bill 2023-087. Resolution 10700 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

13.2. Council Bill 2023-088 (Hosmer) RESOLUTION 10701

A resolution removing certain tabled bills from the table and forwarding them to the next succeeding City Council for further consideration and review; and declaring an emergency pursuant to City Charter Section 2.12.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Lewsader noted the proposed would allow tabled Council bills to be removed from the table and forwarded to the next City Council so they would not die.

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

Council Bill 2023-088. Resolution 10701 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

13.3. Council Bill 2023-089 (Hardinger) RESOLUTION 10702

A resolution forwarding certain topics on City Council Committee schedules to the next succeeding City Council Committees for further consideration and review; and declaring an emergency pursuant to City Charter Section 2.12.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Lewsader noted the proposed would allow City Council Committee topics to be forwarded to the next

City Council Committees for further review and consideration.

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

Council Bill 2023-089. Resolution 10702 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

13.4. Council Bill 2023-090 (City Council) **RESOLUTION 10703**

A resolution declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held on April 4, 2023, under the Home Rule Charter of the City of Springfield, Missouri.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Lewsader noted the City of Springfield had a general municipal election on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The election results as certified by the verification board of Greene County are as follows: Mayor, Ken McClure; General Seat C, Callie Carroll; General Seat D, Derek Lee; Zone 1, Monica Horton; Zone 2, Abe McGull; Zone 3, Brandon Jenson. The City had three questions on the ballot: One related to personnel to be amended, which was approved; the next related to contracts, which was approved; the last related to the hotel/motel tax, which was approved.

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

Council Bill 2023-090 Resolution 10703 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Schilling, Simpson, Hosmer, Ollis, Lear, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

14. COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS.

Mayor McClure noted Councilman Lear, Councilman Schilling, and Councilman Ollis were all retiring after the meeting. He noted they have a combined total of twenty years experience, and have brought an immense amount of experience, viewpoints, and service to the community.

Councilman Lear expressed his thanks to his wife for her support, and to his colleagues for their support in notable events such as the pandemic and the new flag. He expressed his appreciation for the group of people he was able to work with, and to the staff for their knowledge and support. Councilman Lear thanked Jason Gage, Rhonda Lewsader, and Anita Cotter. Councilman Lear encouraged citizens to be engaged and expressed his belief that engagement matters, noting that the City Council members do care and want a City that lives up to its potential. He encouraged everyone to volunteer, and to vote. Councilman Lear thanked the newly elected members for stepping up.

Councilman Ollis expressed his thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to experience. He noted he started his service on the topic of pit bulls and ended on the topic of recreational marijuana. Councilman Ollis thanked his fellow Councilmembers and Katie Towns for support during the pandemic. Councilman Ollis thanked City staff for their support throughout his experience. Councilman Ollis thanked his wife and his father for their support. He encouraged the newly elected councilmembers to listen and do the best they can.

Councilman Schilling noted he served for eight years and his preparation for the service came through his experience in journalism, education, and eight years in the Missouri House of Representatives. He further noted he enjoyed the work in constituent service. Councilman Schilling encouraged the newly elected Councilmembers to listen to their constituents and do the best they can. He congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and thanked the staff for their work.

15. ADJOURN SINE DIE.

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

16. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to the newly elected councilmembers.

Ms. Cotter administered the oath of office to Monica Horton.

Ms. Cotter administered the oath of office to Abe McGull.

Ms. Cotter administered the oath of office to Brandon Jenson.

Ms. Cotter administered the oath of office to Callie Carroll.

Ms. Cotter administered the oath of office to Derek Lee.

Ms. Cotter administered the oath of office to Ken McClure.

Ms. Cotter announced to Mayor McClure his new City Council had been seated.

17. ROLL CALL.

Present: Monica Horton, Abe McGull, Brandon Jenson, Matthew Simpson, Craig Hosmer, Derek Lee, Callie Carroll, Heather Hardinger, and Ken McClure.
Absent: None.

18. MOTION TO TABLE BILLS.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Lewsader explained the proposed serves to re-table the bills that were removed from the table earlier in the evening.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to table Council Bill 2023-005 pending a report from the Finance and Administration Committee, Council Bill 2023-025 pending a report from the Plans and Policies Committee, Council Bills 2023-063, 2023-075, and 2023-076 pending reports from staff, Council Bill 2023-077 to June 5, 2023, and Council Bill 2023-078 to May 8, 2023. Councilwoman Hardinger seconded the motion, and it was

approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Jenson, Simpson, Hosmer, Lee, Carroll, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

19. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

20. FIRST READING BILLS. It is anticipated that City Council will vote on these bills at the May 8, 2023, City Council Meeting.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

20.1. Council Bill 2023-091 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a Reducing Overdose through Community Approaches Mentorship Program grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials in the amount of \$111,650 for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department in support of substance use and overdose prevention strategies and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; and amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget in the amount of \$111,650 to appropriate grant funds.

Katie Towns, Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Towns noted the proposed would allow the City to accept grant funds in the amount of \$111,650 from the National Association of County and City Health Officials, to be used by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to support substance use and overdose prevention strategies. Ms. Towns noted there is a Community Improvement Plan to address the issue and includes strategies that have proven successful. The funds will be used to pair Springfield with Hamilton County, Ohio, a county that has seen success.

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

20.2. Council Bill 2023-092 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$4,000,000 to appropriate retained earnings from the Clean Water Fund for the construction of the Pea Ridge Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Pea Ridge North Branch capital improvement project.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would allow the Department of Environmental Services to appropriate retained earnings from the Clean Water Fund for the construction of the Pea Ridge Creek Sanitary Sewer North Branch, in the amount of \$4 million. The process will replace or parallel large portions of the sanitary sewer line. The project will connect with the Doling portion of the project.

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

20.3. Council Bill 2023-093 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of accepting matching state American Rescue Plan Act grant funds in the amount of \$700,000 to support construction of the Fairgrounds Green Infrastructure Project; and amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$1,400,000 to appropriate grant funds and retained earnings from the Clean Water Fund for construction of the Project.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would allow the City to enter into an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, for the purpose of accepting matching state American Rescue Plan Act grant funds in the amount of \$700,000 to support construction of the Fairgrounds Green Infrastructure Project; and amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$1,400,000 to appropriate grant funds and retained earnings from the Clean Water Fund for construction of the Project. ARPA funds were secured in June 2022.

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

21. EMERGENCY BILLS.

22. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

23. AMENDED BILLS.

24. MISCELLANEOUS.

25. NEW BUSINESS.

26. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

27. CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS.

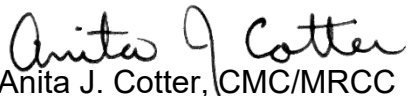
28. END OF CONSENT AGENDA - FIRST READING BILLS.

29. ADJOURN.

Mayor McClure welcomed the new City Council members.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Hardinger seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Jenson, Simpson, Lee, Carroll, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Prepared by Michelle Brown


Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk