



City of Springfield

Minutes

City Council

Ken McClure, Mayor

Zone Councilmembers

Monica Horton, Zone 1
Abe McGull, Zone 2
Brandon Jenson, Zone 3
Matthew Simpson, Zone 4

General Councilmembers

Heather Hardinger, General A
Craig Hosmer, General B
Callie Carroll, General C
Derek Lee, General D

September 18, 2023

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. September 5, 2023, City Council Meeting.

Approval of Minutes. September 5, 2023, City Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the September 5, 2023, minutes. Councilwoman Horton seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

3. FINALIZATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDAS.

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

Councilman Lee recused himself from Council Bill 2023-221.

The consent agenda, Council Bill 2023-227, Ordinance 27906, was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The consent agenda, Council Bill 2023-221, Ordinance 27907, was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Lee. Abstain: None.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

Jason Gage, City Manager, noted City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission meetings will move from Historic City Hall to the Springfield Regional Police-Fire Training Center located at 2620 West Battlefield beginning in October. Renovations of City Hall will take place over the next few years, thanks to voter support of the Level Property Tax. City Council will host its first meeting there at 6:30 p.m. October 2, 2023, and the first Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on October 5, 2023, at that location. Doors open for public meetings at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting room opening at 6:00 p.m. Parking is available in the front (north side) of the building and along the east side. Security check-in procedures remain the same, and the seating capacity mirrors that of City Council Chambers. The facility is located on a City Utilities bus line and is handicap accessible.

Mr. Gage noted Deputy City Manager Maurice Jones earned the prestigious designation of Certified Municipal Official (CMO) from the Missouri Municipal League's Municipal Governance Institute. Achieving this designation requires many hours spent over several years attending workshops and lectures on the finer points of municipal government. Earning the CMO designation is a significant achievement.

Mr. Gage congratulated the Springfield Cardinals, led by Manager Jose Leger, on their second-half championship in the North Division of the Texas League. He expressed the City is proud to be a partner with the Cardinals and thanked the community for support of the team throughout the season. The playoffs against the Arkansas Travelers will start in Springfield on Tuesday.

Mr. Gage noted the City's Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement, and the Parks Department are working with KY3 to host a series of neighborhood block parties celebrating the importance of strong neighborhoods, promoting connections and good will, and fostering a sense of community throughout Springfield. From September 28th through October 4th, these free evening events will take place in area parks and feature free food, musical entertainment, KY3's weather tour, story time for kids with KY3 anchors and reporters, and more.

Mr. Gage noted a public informational meeting about the Lake Springfield Planning Project will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on October 12 at the Springfield Art Museum. The proposals are ambitious and exciting, and everyone is encouraged to attend and learn about this important project.

Mayor McClure congratulated Deputy City Manager Maurice Jones on his accomplishment.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2023-215 (Hosmer)

A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the Springfield City Code, known as the 'Land Development Code,' Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Division 3, 'Administration, Enforcement, and Review,' Section 36-353, 'Landmarks board,' for the purpose of expanding membership eligibility. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission both recommend approval.)

Council Bill 2023-215 (Hosmer). Ordinance 6811 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2023-216 (Carroll)

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Control Program, Group 8 Public Sewer Rehabilitation – Open Cut Repairs; accepting the bid of Rosetta Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$3,773,894.00 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 2023-2024 budget of the Department of Environmental Services Clean Water Enterprise Fund by appropriating reserves of said fund in the total amount of \$4,528,672.80.

Councilman McGull asked what the status of the sewer improvements are in regard to the consent decree.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, responded compliance with the consent decree is on track. He noted the last update showed an approximately 20% reduction in flow to the Southwest Treatment Plant. One recent success story is at the Dickerson Park Zoo addressing defects in the Zoo wastewater infrastructure. The stormwater in this section was reduced by approximately 48%. An update will be periodically provided to City Council.

Council Bill 2023-216 (Carroll). Ordinance 27901 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2023-217 (McGull, Simpson, Jenson)

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements for Battlefield Road, National Avenue, and Sunshine Street, Plan No. 2021PW0059; accepting the bid of KCI Construction Company for construction of the ADA improvements; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Council Bill 2023-217 (McGull, Simpson, Jenson). Ordinance 27902 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, and McClure. Nays: Lee. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2023-219 (Lee)

A special ordinance approving the City Utilities' Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget for its Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024.

Council Bill 2023-219 (Lee). Ordinance 27903 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.5. Council Bill 2023-218 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance authorizing revisions to electric rates charged by City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri, and related terms and conditions.

Council Bill 2023-218 (Hardinger). Ordinance 6812 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.6. Council Bill 2023-220 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance adopting and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Fourth Amendment to the Employment Agreement by and between the City of Springfield, Missouri, and Jason A. Gage; and authorizing payment of salary and benefits to Jason A. Gage in accordance with the provisions set forth therein.

Council Bill 2023-220 (Hosmer). Ordinance 27904 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

7. RESOLUTIONS.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

10.1. Council Bill 2023-223 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept additional Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection Expansion grant funds from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, in the amount of \$746,211 for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department for Bengsch Building heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system replacement, and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$746,211 to appropriate the additional grant funds; and declaring this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Katie Towns, Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Towns noted the funds are Coronavirus relief funds from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). She added the remaining funds would be used for costs associated with the HVAC system and to provide lab services.

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

Council Bill 2023-223 (Horton). Ordinance 27905 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

13. FIRST READING BILLS.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2023-160 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance accepting a donation of \$15,000 from the Hatch Foundation to reimburse the City of Springfield Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement for the purchase of a reusable Christmas tree to be used for Springfield's downtown holiday festivals; and amending the budget of the Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to appropriate the donation funds.

Cora Scott, Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Scott noted the proposed would allow acceptance of a donation of \$15,000 from the Hatch Foundation for purchase of a reusable Holiday Tree.

Councilwoman Hardinger moved to strike any usage of "Fiscal Year 2022-2023" in Council Bill 2023-160 and replace such usage with "Fiscal Year 2023-2024". Councilwoman Carroll seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Mayor McClure asked if the amendment was considered not substantive. Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, responded affirmatively.

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

13.2. Council Bill 2023-224 (Carroll)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, 'Administration,' Article I, 'In General,' by adding a new Section 2-10, 'Authority to initiate voluntary annexation of state right-of-way' to authorize the City Manager to initiate the voluntary annexation of state right-of-way.

Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Lewsader noted the proposed would amend City Code by adding a new section regarding voluntary annexation. She added the proposed would allow the City to initiate the annexation process for right-of-way with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) by allowing the City Manager to send a formal letter to MoDOT. MoDOT would then submit a petition for voluntary annexation to the City. This petition would need to be approved by City Council.

Mayor McClure noted City Council asked this be prepared to streamline the process and allow City Council to have the final determination.

Councilman McGull asked who controls the property after it is annexed. Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, responded the property would be maintained by MoDOT after annexation.

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

13.3. Council Bill 2023-225 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-92, known as the 'Salary Ordinance,' relating to various job titles within the City service as contained in the Classifications of the Professional, Administrative and Technical Non-Union Schedule by making provision for six new job titles and deleting three job titles; adding an Occupational Series Group, Claims Management, with an associated Occupational Series market pay adjustment; and amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget of the Airport to adjust the authorized employee positions for the addition of seven new Full Time Equivalent positions, and amend the budget in the amount of \$348,768.78 to appropriate funds for such positions.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would allow for routine job title additions. A claims management group would be added. A market pay adjustment of 9% would be applied to this group to build a strong candidate pool. She added seven full-time employee (FTE) positions would be added for the Springfield-Branson National Airport. Four would be added for custodial needs, and the other three to increase the police function at the airport.

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

13.4. Council Bill 2023-226 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Springfield and the School District of Springfield R-12 to share the costs of a third-party vendor to operate a school crossing guard program inside the city limits of Springfield.

Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Quigley noted the agreement establishes the costs and responsibilities connected to providing crossing guard services within the city limits. Mr. Quigley added a cost share agreement with the school district had existed since 2014.

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

14. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Rhiana Seiler wishes to address City Council. Did Not Appear.

15. NEW BUSINESS.

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.

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

17. MISCELLANEOUS.

18. CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS.

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

19.1. Council Bill 2023-227 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept additional Child Care Health Consultation grant funds from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in the amount of \$26,269, for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to implement education/training, health and safety consultation, and health promotion activities to benefit children and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$26,269 to appropriate the additional grant funds; and declaring this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Council Bill 2023-227 (Lee). Ordinance 27906 was by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

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

20.1. Council Bill 2023-221 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, as shown on the renewal of the Preliminary Plat of Cresthaven Park, generally located at 3221 West Kearney Street, upon the applicant filing and recording a final plat that substantially conforms to the preliminary plat; and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the final plat upon compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance. (Staff recommends that City Council accept the public streets and easements.)

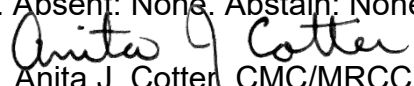
Council Bill 2023-221 (Horton). Ordinance 27907 was by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, Horton, McGull, Simpson, Hosmer, Hardinger, Carroll, Lee, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

21. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

22. ADJOURN.

Mayor McClure noted this meeting was the last that would be held in City Council Chambers for possibly the next two years as renovations commence. Mayor McClure noted his family history regarding the history of the building. He expressed his belief the temporary location will be functional while renovations are being completed.

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


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