



City of Springfield

Minutes

City Council Meeting.

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

November 20, 2023

6:30 PM

Regional Police-Fire
Training Center

1. ROLL CALL.

Mayor McClure called the meeting to order. He acknowledged the passing of former Police Chief Lynn Rowe. Mayor McClure noted Chief Rowe served the community from 1993 to 2010 and brought the first of five national accreditations and the first K-9 unit to the Police Department.

Present: Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember Jenson, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hardinger, and Mayor McClure. Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. The November 6, 2023, City Council Meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the December 11, 2023, City Council Meeting.

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.

The consent agenda was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT, POLICE CHIEF REPORT, NUISANCE PROPERTY UPDATE PER RESOLUTION 10722, AND RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Jason Gage, City Manager, provided a Community Development Code Update. He noted last week the City hosted a presentation by consultants from Multistudio and Urban3 for place team members and the Springfield community that included an introduction to the Community Development Code Update process. The presentation provided an initial review of the City's fiscal health from a community development perspective. A recording of the presentation is available on the City's website. There will be a Community Development Code Update Community Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 25, 2024, at the Springfield Art Museum.

Mr. Gage noted approximately 2,500 people gathered in Park Central Square on Saturday evening for the annual Mayor's Tree Lighting Holiday Show. Mr. Gage thanked everyone who assisted, including the Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement; Public Works Department – with special thanks to Assistant Director Kirk Juranas who ensured the 50-foot tree's safety - and the Building Maintenance Division for building Santa's tree house. Springfield Fire and Police played a role, as well as a lot of private sector support. Partners this year included KY3, City Utilities, and the Downtown Community Improvement District. The Hatch Foundation generously donated funds for the tree, with the Community Foundation of the Ozarks funding the house decor. Other sponsors included: Corwin Auto Group, Mercy, American National, Olsson, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, and Bass Pro Shops. Mr. Gage also thanked the performers who shared their talents for both the live show and the pre-recorded television special. KY3 will re-air the show on Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Police Chief Report

Paul Williams, Police Chief, provided an update on the 2023 National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Data. Chief Williams noted the data was trending in a positive direction. For the category of Crimes Against Persons, he noted violent crime numbers remained relatively flat. There was an increase in simple assaults, and aggravated assaults decreased. For Crimes Against Property, Chief Williams noted an overall decrease. He added robbery continued to decrease, theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories flattened, and burglaries decreased. For Crimes Against Society, Chief Williams noted an increase in arrests.

Chief Williams provided an update on crime prevention efforts. He noted for the Quarter 3 crime focus on Theft from Vehicles, there was a 42 percent reduction. He noted theft of handguns from vehicles has decreased over the past few years, with an average of 13 per month for 2023. Chief Williams advised it is best to leave guns secured at home.

Chief Williams noted the focus for the current quarter, Quarter 4, is Domestic Violence. He noted data shows a slight decrease so far in 2023. He added this year is the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Family Justice Center.

Chief Williams provided an update on gun violence. He noted there have been 230 illegal guns seized in 2023 through October 31, and 269 shots fired calls with 2 injured for the same time period.

Chief Williams provided an update on Data-Driven Approach to Crime & Traffic Safety (DDACTS). He noted an 8 percent increase in car stops with a 5.3 percent decrease in traffic crashes. Chief Williams further noted calls for service have been steady. Chief Williams added there has been a 46 percent increase in citations issued, with 900 more tickets for speeding.

Chief Williams provided an update on Pedestrian Safety Enforcement. He noted an increase in those ticketed for failure to yield, and more tickets issued for pedestrian violations. This data includes October 23 through November 7.

Chief Williams provided a recruiting update. He noted there are currently 60 vacancies for sworn staff with additional retirements coming. The December class will be in field training. He added where officers are assigned will be evaluated. Chief Williams noted the Quarter 1 2024 Recruitment Campaign will include a new recruitment video for paid marketing and social media, KY3 television and digital video ads, KY3 online display and streaming ads, Springfield Police Department social media, organic social media with video content highlighting patrol. posts featuring "Officer Athletes", and a 2024 SPD Calendar

Chief Williams provided an update on officer recruitment. He noted, for the 77th Academy, 23 were hired from the 251 applications received. He added this included 2 lateral hires. Chief Williams noted the low percentage of those hired was due to several factors such as no show, failed written test, failed agility test, failed background check, and declined offer.

Chief Williams provided an update on Professional Staff Recruitment. He noted there are currently 10 vacancies, with 7 hired in 2023.

Councilmember Hosmer thanked Chief Williams for the focus on traffic enforcement. He asked if the Human Resources position had been filled for the department. Chief Williams responded it had been filled. Councilmember Hosmer asked about vacancies. Chief Williams responded the goal is to be at a normal vacancy level of 20-25 by 2025. Councilmember Hosmer asked what is in the City Charter that prevents officers who retire from returning and how that could be improved. Chief Williams noted only six officers have taken advantage of the program to return. Chief Williams responded officers who retire and want to come back must be hired as a lateral officer. They would then have to go through the entire testing process. He added there are two provisions in the bargaining agreement, one of which requires a reinstated officer to start over in seniority. Councilmember Hosmer noted he would like information on what is in the City Charter and Code that references retired officers returning.

Councilmember Horton asked about the Gun Safety and Violence Collaborative. Chief Williams responded the Community Partnership of the Ozarks created a collaborative to address gun safety and gun violence in the community. He noted Francine Pratt and Clay Goddard co-chair the group. Chief Williams noted he would gather information from the group when available and report the information to City Council.

Councilmember Jenson expressed appreciation for the Police Department's fourth quarter focus on domestic violence. He noted the recent violence, real or perceived, coming from young individuals, and asked what is done to link these issues together. Chief Williams noted the department works with federal partners to address violence issues. Councilmember Jenson asked what was being done to control noise. Chief Williams noted there is a drone program used for crowd control, and the department is working to expand this program.

Nuisance Property Presentation

Brock Rowe, Director of Building Development Services, provided a report regarding Resolution 10722. Mr. Rowe noted the Nuisance Property Report addresses blighted buildings. He explained the blighted building process from the receipt of the initial complaint through the end of the process. Mr. Rowe added the median length a case has been opened was 123 days; most properties were not owner-occupied. The majority were in Zone 1. He noted 43 of the properties were vacant and primarily in Zone 1. A majority of the homes were single-family homes.

Mr. Rowe explained Chapter 26, Article III, Section 62. He noted this section lists 13 possible conditions that constitute a dangerous, blighted, and nuisance building. Mr. Rowe added the properties cited the most in the past five years were in Zone 1. The number of abatement orders opened and closed was 229 in the last six months and the number of properties condemned was 70 in the last six months. Mr. Rowe noted the number of abatement orders discontinued, monitored, or delayed was 7 properties. Monitoring could occur if the owners had requested, or the work was in process.

Councilmember Jenson noted nuisance properties are currently a complaint-driven system. He asked how many complaints have verifiable conditions. Mr. Rowe responded approximately 40 percent. Councilmember Jenson expressed his hope the data will lead to a more enforcement-driven approach. He asked if other departments have been utilized for code enforcement. Mr. Rowe responded he was unsure of this. Councilmember Jenson asked if fines from the Building Development Services Director had been used for violations. Mr. Rowe responded not for blighted buildings. Fines have been applied for overgrowth. If a building is demolished, there is generally a cost from \$15,000 to \$30,000. This cost is applied to a special tax bill and is recouped at that point.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2023-263 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending Section 1-9 of the Springfield City Code, 'City Limits,' and Section 46-1 of the Springfield City Code, 'Boundaries of wards, precincts and council zones,' for the purpose of annexing approximately 5.5 acres of private property generally located at 5298 East Farm Road 104, and referenced as Annexation A-6-2023, into the City of Springfield. (Staff recommends approval.) (By: Kurt Wouk; 5298 East Farm Road 104; A-6-2023.)

Council Bill 2023-263 (McGull). Ordinance 6822 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2023-265 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 21.2 acres of property generally located at 901 South West Bypass from R-SF, Single-Family Residential District, and HC, Highway Commercial District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 2, to GR, General Retail District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 228; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 228; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Carleton Resources, LLC; 901 S. West Bypass; Z-8-2023 w/COD No. 228.)

Council Bill 2023-265 (Horton). Ordinance 6823 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2023-266 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1.85 acres of property generally located at 1218, 1222, 1223, 1226, 1232, and 1238 East Pacific Street, and 1219 and 1225 East Locust Street, from GM, General Manufacturing District, to R-LD – Low-Density Multi-Family Residential District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 240; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 240; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: JNE Holdings; 1218, 1222, 1223, 1226, 1232, and 1238 East Pacific Street and 1219 and 1225 East Locust; Z-27-2023 with Conditional Overlay District No. 240.)

Council Bill 2023-266 (McGull). Ordinance 6824 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2023-267 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 3.43 acres of property generally located at 4123 and 4149 West Chestnut Expressway and 430 North Meteor Avenue from HC, Highway Commercial District, and R-MHC, Manufactured Home Community District, to R-MD – Medium-Density Multi-Family Residential District, with Conditional Overlay District No. 241; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 241; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: Mearl Curtis ETAL TR, Revocable Living Trust; 4123 and 4149 West Chestnut Expressway and 430 North Meteor Avenue; Z-28-2023 with Conditional Overlay District No. 241.)

Council Bill 2023-267 (Horton). Ordinance 6825 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.5. Council Bill 2023-269 (McGull, Simpson)

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Hunt Branch Trunk Sewer – Phase 1 Project, generally located south of US Highway 60 from Farm Road 189 to State Highway NN, and generally referred to as Plan No. 5PW5716; accepting the bid of JD Wallace Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$3,919,875 for said project; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract for said project; establishing a trunk sewer fee; 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 Fund by appropriating reserves of said fund in the amount of \$4,703,850.

Councilmember Jenson thanked the contractors who bid on the work. He noted he further researched the proposed. Councilmember Jenson noted questioning if there would be a positive financial benefit to the proposed. The related costs and unknown revenues from the project make it difficult to determine the fiscal responsibility of the proposed. Councilmember Jenson questioned if the mixed-use portion would generate enough sales tax to provide sufficient return on investment.

Councilmember McGull asked about the construction time period for the completion of the project. Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, responded approximately 12 months or towards the end of 2024. Councilmember McGull asked what the connections may be. Mr. Kemper responded the connections are dependent on how fast properties develop. Councilmember McGull asked if the project is environmentally an improvement to the area. Mr. Kemper responded sewer connections are generally environmental improvements. Councilmember McGull asked if there are punitive consequences if the sewer system is not kept intact. Mr. Kemper responded affirmatively and noted a consent judgment was enacted and fines are significant if improvements are not updated or upkept.

Councilmember Hosmer expressed his support for the proposed and noted the area will develop whether the property is annexed or not. He added it is smart planning to develop a sewer system that works. Councilman Hosmer expressed his belief a surcharge should be added to the use.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson expressed his support for the proposed and noted being proactive reduces the overall cost.

Councilmember Lee asked if 100 percent of the cost would be paid by the individuals who use the sewer system. Mr. Kemper responded affirmatively. Councilmember Lee noted the City benefits from allowing development to occur and expressed his support for the proposed.

Councilmember Horton expressed her belief there are many unknowns and questioned if the annexations would be voluntary.

Mayor McClure expressed his support for the proposed and noted the benefits outweigh the risks.

Council Bill 2023-269 (McGull, Simpson). Ordinance 27929 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.6. Council Bill 2023-270 (Carroll)

A special ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$1,924,000 to appropriate retained earnings from the Clean Water Fund for the construction of the James River Lift Station Improvements project.

Council Bill 2023-270 (Carroll). Ordinance 27930 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.7. Council Bill 2023-271 (Lee)

A special ordinance approving the selection of Restore SGF and the Springfield Community Land Trust as recipients of the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allotted for affordable home ownership programs; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into agreements with these agencies to carry out these programs.

Councilmember Hardinger disclosed she is a board member of RestoreSGF and expressed her support for the proposed.

Council Bill 2023-271 (Lee). Ordinance 27931 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.8. Council Bill 2023-272 (McGull)

A special ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$950,000 to appropriate fund balance reserves of the 1/4-cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax to support construction of a stormwater improvement project on South Pickwick Avenue and East Grand Street.

Council Bill 2023-272 (McGull). Ordinance 27932 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.9. Council Bill 2023-273 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with St. Louis County to effectuate the Springfield-Greene County Health Department's participation in the statewide Missouri prescription drug monitoring program.

Council Bill 2023-273 (Hardinger). Ordinance 27933 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

7. RESOLUTIONS. Citizens May Speak. Except Item 7.1, Citizens may speak to the amendment only. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Amended Council Bill 2023-260 (Hosmer)

A resolution adopting the City of Springfield's Legislative Priorities for 2024.

Jason Gage, City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Gage noted the amendment added an additional City Council priority to address vehicle registration. He added the priority would add language to ask the State Legislature to do everything possible to encourage individuals to register their vehicles on time, including a significant increase in late fees.

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

Amended Council Bill 2023-260 (Hosmer). Resolution 10733 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

10.1. Council Bill 2023-277 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Governor's Transportation Cost Share Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission ("MHTC") for the purpose of funding construction of the extension of Eastgate Avenue from Division Street north and east to Springfield Underground's southern entrance on LeCompte Road and to exercise any and all powers to obtain such funding and carry out the identified activities; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$3,480,858 to appropriate Governor's Transportation Cost Share funds; and declaring that this bill qualifies for approval in one reading.

Eric Claussen, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Claussen thanked Governor Parson and Senator Hough for their support. He noted the proposed would allow the Expansion of Eastgate Avenue which is a primary collector and major thoroughfare on the east side of Highway 65. He added the project is a cost share with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. The project will be under construction approximately sometime in 2024.

Councilmember McGull asked if the overall plan is to create a turn lane. Mr. Claussen noted the turn lane would be for LeCompte Road.

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

Council Bill 2023-277 (Hardinger). Ordinance 27934 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

10.2. Council Bill 2023-278 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Direct Appropriation Project Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission ("MHTC") for the purpose of funding the rehabilitation of the Jefferson Avenue Community Footbridge and to exercise any and all powers necessary to obtain such funding and carry out the identified activities; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$8,000,000 to appropriate State funds; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading.

Eric Claussen, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Claussen noted the proposed would allow for an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of funding the rehabilitation of the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge. He added the footbridge was constructed in 1902 and is on the National Historic Register. The bridge was closed in 2016 due to safety concerns. The budget of Public Works would be amended in the amount of \$8 million to appropriate State funds, with a contribution from the City in the amount of \$300,000. Mr. Claussen noted construction would begin by approximately the end of 2024.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Mary Collette spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Collette noted the many stories citizens have shared about their experiences on the footbridge. She expressed enthusiasm for the project.

Christine Schilling spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Schilling expressed her excitement for the proposed. She expressed her belief the footbridge will be a great attraction and asset to the community.

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

Council Bill 2023-278 (Horton). Ordinance 27935 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

10.3. Council Bill 2023-279 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept additional COVID-19 and Adult Vaccination Supplemental 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 \$296,870, for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department in maintaining a public health workforce and ensuring access to COVID-19 vaccinations and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$296,870 for the purpose of appropriating the grant funds; and declaring that this Ordinance 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 proposed would allow the acceptance of grant funds to be used by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department for vaccination assistance for those 18 years and older who are uninsured or underinsured. The proposed would allow for extension of the contract, which began in 2021.

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

Council Bill 2023-279 (Lee). Ordinance 27936 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor 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.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2023-280, 2023-281, and 2023-282 together.

13.1. Council Bill 2023-280 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to approve a reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$637,049 from the City of Springfield's Planning Department to the Springfield-Greene County Health Department for use in implementing and operating the Family Connects Program to offer no-cost home visits to parents of newborns in Greene County, Missouri; and amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$637,049 to re-appropriate the funds.

13.2. Council Bill 2023-281 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept supplies, equipment, software, and paid services with a combined value of \$219,411 from the Jordan Valley Community Health Center for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to implement the Family Connects Program and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the transfer.

13.3. Council Bill 2023-282 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health in the amount of \$600,000 for use by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department to implement the Family Connects Program to offer no-cost home visits to parents of newborns in Greene County, Missouri and to enter into necessary agreements to carry out the grant; and amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$600,000 to appropriate the grant funds.

Katie Towns, Director of Public Health and Welfare, provided a brief overview of Council Bills 2023-280, 2023-281, and 2023-282. Ms. Towns noted the Springfield-Greene County Health Department is in the process of implementing the Family Connects program, with the goal of beginning the program in early 2024. Mr. Towns added the program is an evidence-based maternal child health program that utilizes nurses at bedside after birth to connect families to community resources. The proposed would allow reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds, acceptance of supplies and services, and acceptance of a grant to be used for the program.

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

13.4. Council Bill 2023-283 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance amending the budget of the Springfield Fire Department Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$85,000 by transferring a portion of the Fire Training Fund to the operating budget of the Springfield Fire Department, for the purpose of supporting regional fire training programs and the pre-apprenticeship fire academy.

David Pennington, Fire Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Chief Pennington noted the proposed would allow a portion of the Fire Training Fund to be transferred to the Fire Department operating budget to be used for fire training programs and Fire Academy training.

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

13.5. Council Bill 2023-284 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City of Springfield to enter into a 2nd amended contract with Pictometry International Corporation and amended cooperative intergovernmental agreements with City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri and Greene County, Missouri; and amending the budget for the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$307,443.27.

Nathan Huggins, GIS and Asset Systems Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Huggins noted the proposed would allow for acceptance of funding for the spring 2024 aerial photography flight. He added the captured imagery would be utilized throughout the City's GIS system and public-facing websites. Mr. Huggins noted this would be the second flight of the three-flight contract with Pictometry and will cover Greene and Christian Counties. The project will be funded between eight partner organizations. There are two changes from the last contract: upgrade of 197 square miles in northern and western Greene County from six inch resolution to three inch resolution; and to cover the spring 2025 flight. The City's portion will cost \$22,924.03.

Councilmember Lee expressed his support for the proposed. He noted using the system every day and asked when the aerial photos would be online. Mr. Huggins responded in approximately August.

Councilmember Hosmer asked the total cost. Mr. Huggins responded \$307,443.27 is the total cost which the City pays up front. He noted the imagery is provided to the development community at no charge.

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

13.6. Council Bill 2023-285 (Lee)

A special ordinance approving the Fifth Amendment to the Employment Agreement by and between the City of Springfield, Missouri, and Anita J. Cotter; authorizing the Mayor to execute the Fifth Amendment; and authorizing payment of salary and benefits to Anita J. Cotter in accordance with the provisions of the Fifth Amendment.

Rochelle Yoap, Assistant Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Yoap noted the proposed would allow for acceptance of the Fifth Amendment to the employment agreement between the City of Springfield and Anita J. Cotter and authorize payment of salary and benefits.

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

13.7. Council Bill 2023-286 (McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into the 3rd Amendment to the 2nd Amended and Restated Ballpark License Agreement with the Board of Governors of Missouri State University for the purpose of allowing renovations to facilities at Hammons Field utilized by its intercollegiate baseball team.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would allow an amendment to the Restated Ballpark License Agreement with the Board of Governors of Missouri State University to allow renovations to Hammons Field facilities, which are utilized by its intercollegiate baseball team. Improvements to the weight room will be implemented, and there will be no cost to the City.

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

14. **PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

14.1. Renee Goodwin wishes to address City Council.

Renee Goodwin addressed City Council. Ms. Goodwin spoke in opposition to gun violence in the City. She noted these are serious issues and expressed her wishes for better communication between the City and citizens. Ms. Goodwin noted there is a problem with violence among younger individuals. She expressed her belief that families who have experienced gun violence deserve more respect when dealing with the Police Department and that the amount of crime appears to be rising. Ms. Goodwin noted there needs to be some agreement on how the issue will be addressed in the community.

14.2. Kai Sutton wishes to address City Council.

Kai Sutton addressed City Council. Ms. Sutton expressed her concern regarding crime and violence in the City. She noted there is a gun safety and violence collaborative that has begun meeting to discuss the issue. Ms. Sutton noted they are creating an action plan to address gun violence. She expressed her belief it is important for leaders to have more communication with citizens. Ms. Sutton noted there is a cycle of violence with an increasing number of young individuals involved. She expressed her belief the time for action is now.

Councilmember Horton acknowledged both speakers for appearing. She noted the collaborative work is a great opportunity for listening. Councilmember Horton noted communication is important to building trust and the importance of beginning communication at an early age.

Councilmember McGull thanked the speakers. He noted 98 percent of individuals he prosecuted at the federal level did not complete high school. He expressed his agreement that it is important to begin communication early.

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.

15.1. The Committee of the Whole recommends the following appointments to the Board of Public Utilities: Ben Shantz and Gerald Lee with terms to expire December 1, 2026. Recommended.

15.2. The Committee of the Whole recommends the following reappointments to the Board of Public Utilities: Heather Ramsey and Clifton Smart with terms to expire December 1, 2026. Recommended.

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

17. MISCELLANEOUS.

18. CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS. See Item #3.

18.1. Council Bill 2023-288 (McClure)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept grant funds from the Musgrave Foundation for the benefit and use of the Mayor's Commission for Children in the amount of \$5,000 to help further the mission of the Commission in the upcoming year.

18.2. Council Bill 2023-289 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to allow participation of the Springfield Fire Department in the State and Local Overtime program to allow for reimbursement of overtime expenses associated with joint investigations.

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

19.1. Council Bill 2023-290 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a grant of \$15,000 from the State Homeland Security Grant Program grant program to support the acquisition of a utility task vehicle; amending the budget of the Fire Department in the amount of \$15,000; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading.

Council Bill 2023-290 (Lee). Ordinance 27937 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

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

20.1. Council Bill 2023-274 (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 Preliminary Plat of Kay Pointe Place, generally located at 901 South West Bypass, 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 2023-274 (Horton). Ordinance 27938 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

20.2. Confirm the following appointment to the Mayor's Commission for Children: Brianna Coale with term to expire November 29, 2026. Confirmed.

21. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

22. ADJOURN.

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