



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

March 11, 2024

6:30 PM

**Regional Police-Fire
Training Center
2620 West Battlefield Road
Room 101, 102, and 103**

1. ROLL CALL.

Present: Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Jenson, and Mayor McClure. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, and Councilmember Lee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- 2.1. Approval of Minutes. February 12, 2024, City Council Meeting, February 20, 2024, Special City Council Meeting, and the February 26, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Approval of Minutes. Councilmember McGull moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024, City Council Meeting, February 20, 2024, Special City Council Meeting, and the February 26, 2024, City Council Meeting as presented. Councilmember Hardinger seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, and Councilmember Lee. 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.

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

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

Mr. Gage provided an update on the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge. He noted the north Springfield historic Jefferson Avenue Footbridge, shuttered to the public for eight years for safety concerns, would soon be given a second chance at a new chapter in history. The City of Springfield was soliciting bids from qualified contractors for the rehabilitation of the 122-year-old cantilever truss bridge. Bids would be accepted through 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9. Mr. Gage added an optional pre-bid conference meeting would be hosted for interested contractors at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, in the Busch Municipal Building Second Floor West Conference Room.

Mr. Gage noted the City of Springfield's Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan funding recommendations were available for public review and comment until 5:00 p.m. on April 3. Paper copies of the funding recommendations may be obtained at any of the branches of the Springfield-Greene County Library located within the city limits of Springfield, or via the City's website. Also, those interested in providing input regarding the City's development codes are encouraged to do so. Up-to-date information on the process may be located at ForwardSGF.com under the Top10 Initiatives header.

Mr. Gage noted the Springfield Fire Department was reaccredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International/Center for Public Safety Excellence on February 27 for meeting the criteria established through the Center's voluntary self-assessment and accreditation program. He added the department was first accredited in 2009, and this is its fourth reaccreditation cycle (20th year) as an accredited agency. Fewer than 1% of fire agencies worldwide are accredited.

Mr. Gage noted as of March 1, the Springfield Police Department expanded the minimum qualifications to be inclusive of more potential candidates, which allows additional aspiring police officers to apply and test to join the department. The resulting news stories about the change created a bump in applications.

Councilmember Horton acknowledged and congratulated the Central High School Bulldogs basketball team, a Zone 1 school, who would be representing the City in the State semi-finals. Mayor McClure wished the team the best of luck.

Councilmember McGull acknowledged the importance of the accreditation received by the Fire Department. He added a good fire rating reduces insurance premiums for homeowners.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. Except Item #6.1. Citizens May Speak to the Substitute Amendment Only. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Substitute Council Bill 2024-032 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance amending the General Fund budget for the City of Springfield, Missouri, for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, by appropriating carryover funds from Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and increasing expenses in the amount of \$6,303,810.

Mayor McClure noted the substitute was adopted at the February 12, 2024, City Council meeting.

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

Ordinance 27967. Substitute Council Bill 2024-032 (Hardinger) was Passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, and Councilmember Lee. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2024-039 (Jenson)

A special ordinance approving a Petition to Establish the Sunshine Towne Centre Community Improvement District; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Springfield, the Sunshine Towne Centre Community Improvement District, and Springfield West Partners, LLC; and directing the City Clerk to notify the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Missouri State Auditor of the creation of the District.

Ordinance 27968. Council Bill 2024-039 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, and Councilmember Lee. Abstain: None.

7. RESOLUTIONS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2024-041 (Hosmer)

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for up to \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Revolving Loan Fund Grant Supplemental Funding program to provide additional loans and subgrants for environmental cleanups in Springfield through the City's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would allow the City to apply for up to \$1 million in grant funds from the Environmental Protection Agency for revolving loan grant funding. She added the loans help incentivize environmental cleanups that improve community health, eliminate blight, and facilitate development. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the applications could go to private entities or subgrants to non-profits and would be reviewed by a Brownfield's Committee for eligibility. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the application would be due on March 15.

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

Resolution 10748. Council Bill 2024-041 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, and Councilmember Lee. Abstain: None.

7.2. Council Bill 2024-042 (Hosmer)

A resolution declaring the intent to utilize "design-build" as the project delivery method for biogas reclamation projects located at both the Springfield Noble Hill Landfill and the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant; and establishing project design criteria.

Erick Roberts, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Roberts noted the proposed would allow "design-build" to be utilized as the project delivery method for biogas reclamation projects at the Springfield Noble Hill Landfill and the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant. He added there was an opportunity to convert biogas at the landfill into renewable natural gas. Mr. Roberts noted the use of "design-build" would be expected to expedite construction activities and procurement of materials.

Councilmember McGull expressed his support for the project and asked the amount of recapture. Mr. Roberts responded approximately 2,000 to 3,000 cubic feet of gas per minute at the landfill and 400 to 1,000 at the treatment plant. Councilmember McGull asked for the nearest facility to Springfield that utilizes this process. Mr. Roberts responded the City has been using this process to produce electricity and heat at both facilities.

Councilmember Jenson asked if the natural gas that is captured would be sold back to the market. Mr. Roberts responded the goal would be to do this in the next two to three years. Councilmember Jenson asked why this method was chosen. Mr. Roberts responded State statute designates "design-build" as a method that is available to municipalities.

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

Resolution 10749. Council Bill 2024-042 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, and Councilmember Lee. Abstain: None.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

12.1. Council Bill 2024-043 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 4.3 acres of property generally located at 3333 West Battlefield Road from R-SF, Residential Single-Family to GR, General Retail with Conditional Overlay District No. 249; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: South Creek Development Corporation; 3333 West Battlefield Road; Z-7-24 with Conditional Overlay District No. 249).

Bob Hosmer, Planning Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hosmer noted the proposed would allow for rezoning of approximately 4.3 acres located at 3333 West Battlefield to General Retail with Conditional Overlay District No. 249. He added the City Corridor placetype allows for commercial use.

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

12.2. Council Bill 2024-044 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 4.2 acres of property generally located at 1115, 1117, and 1125 East Pythian Street; 1118, 1140, and 1146 East Scott Street; 1004, 1020, and 1032 North Hampton Avenue; and 1001, 1013, 1017, and 1033 North National Avenue from R-TH, Residential Townhouse District to GI, Government and Institutional Use District with Conditional Overlay District No. 235; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC); 1115, 1117, & 1125 East Pythian Street and 1118, 1140, & 1146 East Scott Street and 1004, 1020, & 1032 North Hampton Avenue and 1001, 1013, 1017, & 1033 North National Avenue; Z-25-2023 with Conditional Overlay District No. 235).

Bob Hosmer, Planning Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hosmer noted the proposed would allow for rezoning of 4.2 acres located at 1115, 1117, and 1125 East Pythian Street; 1118, 1140, and 1146 East Scott Street; 1004, 1020, and 1032 North Hampton Avenue; and 1001, 1013, 1017, and 1033 North National Avenue to Government and Institutional Use with Conditional Overlay District No. 235. He added the proposed is Ozarks Technical College (OTC) property. Mr. Hosmer noted the intended use would be for parking facilities and an institutional employment center at the location. He added a traffic study would be required.

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

13. FIRST READING BILLS.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2024-045 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, on behalf of the City of Springfield, to enter into an agreement with U.S. Bank N.A. for banking services, including depository services, merchant card services, safekeeping services, and the City's purchasing card program.

Jody Vernon, Assistant Director of Finance and Comptroller, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Vernon noted the proposed would allow the City to enter into an agreement with U.S. Bank N.A. for banking services. She added the City bids for banking services every five years, entering a one-year contract with four yearly renewals. Ms. Vernon noted four banks responded to the most-recent request for proposal. A committee of three Finance Department members evaluated the proposals based on the banks' experience with similar projects, expertise, resources to meet the City's needs, services and features available, online capabilities, and project approach and cost. She added U.S. Bank was selected for all services.

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

13.2. Council Bill 2024-046 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into Addendum #1 to the annual agreement with the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., executed on July 11, 2023; and amending the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$159,810, for the purpose of reflecting current and projected operational changes of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mark Hecquet, President/CEO of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Hecquet noted the proposed would allow for an amendment to the 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$159,810, to reflect current and projected operation changes of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau. He added the changes include receipt of funds from the Missouri Department of Tourism at an earlier date than usual, increases in advertising revenue, and a transfer from the fund balance. Mr. Hecquet noted changes have been implemented to set a solid foundation for the organization. He added the opening of the Fairgrounds complex has provided new opportunities.

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

13.3. Council Bill 2024-047 (Lee)

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 amending said schedule to add two new job titles and delete one job title; and the Crafts, Trades and Labor Union Schedule by amending said schedule to add one new job title.

Darla Morrison, Director of Human Resources, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Morrison noted the proposed would allow for the addition of two new job titles and deletion of one job title. She added the recommendations stem from job studies conducted by the Human

Resources Department and will assist the departments in their workforce needs. Ms. Morrison noted no budget adjustment would be necessary.

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

13.4. Council Bill 2024-048 (Simpson, Carroll, McGull, Hardinger)

A general ordinance amending Special Ordinance 27964 to revise funding appropriated for continuing COVID-19 services; amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to appropriate funds from the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for certain projects in the amount of \$1,439,692, as recommended by the City Council ARPA Review Committee.

Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Quigley noted the proposed would allow for appropriation of the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, for certain projects in the amount of \$1,439,692, as recommended by the City Council ARPA Review Committee. He added the ARPA Committee met on February 15 and recommended the funds be allocated in the amount of \$534,190 to the Historic City Hall renovation and \$905,502 to the Cooper/Killian Park project. Mr. Quigley noted both projects have a variety of funding sources.

Councilwoman Horton asked if the two projects would be fully funded if the proposed was approved. Mr. Quigley responded the allocation for Historic City Hall was based on the Construction Manager At Risk estimate, and the final cost would not be known until the elements are bid. Mr. Quigley noted the allocation for the Cooper/Killian Park was based on Phase 3 of the project, which is approximately one-third of what would be needed for completion. He added ARPA funds must be designated in Calendar Year 2024, and the projects must be built by 2026.

Councilmember Jenson asked how much ARPA funding had been allocated to the Cooper/Killian Sports Complex. Mr. Quigley responded the City's prior ARPA allocation was \$7.3 million. He added the allocation would include improvements to the complex.

Councilmember Jenson asked how much ARPA funding had been allocated to projects for housing and homelessness. Mr. Quigley responded a total of approximately \$9.6 million from City ARPA funds was provided for non-congregate shelter, Community Partnership of the Ozarks Day Center, Connecting Grounds Respite Care and Outreach, Affordable Housing Homeownership RFP, City-Wide Housing Study, RestoreSGF Housing Program for affordable housing, and the Council of Churches Congregate Shelter. He added CDBG ARPA funds provided added approximately \$5.3 million.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Alice Barber, a leader with Springfield Tenants Unite, addressed City Council. Ms. Barber expressed her concern with the City's priorities regarding the remaining ARPA funds. She expressed her belief the allocation for parks would serve to attract tourism. Ms. Barber expressed her belief allocation of remaining ARPA funds to housing and homelessness would better serve citizens of Springfield. Ms. Barber asked City Council to prioritize housing first.

Elvester Kennedy addressed City Council. Mr. Kennedy asked City Council to table the bill and prioritize housing. He added there were many agencies working to keep individuals in safe and healthy homes that could use the funding.

Sarah Barnts addressed City Council. Ms. Barnts expressed her belief people should be prioritized over profits. She expressed her belief poverty prevents individuals from utilizing the parks and sports complex. Ms. Barnts expressed her belief that prioritizing funding to address systemic challenges improves lives.

Kim Painter did not appear to address City Council.

Correna Jane, a leader for Springfield Tenants Unite, addressed City Council. Ms. Jane expressed her belief it is important to prioritize the needs of the community members who are most vulnerable. She added her belief it would be more beneficial to use funds on housing and homelessness.

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

14. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

14.1. Nathan Madden wishes to address City Council.

Nathan Madden did not appear to address City Council.

14.2. Paul Choate wishes to address City Council.

Paul Choate did not appear to address City Council.

14.3. Brooks Williams wishes to address City Council.

Brooks Williams did not appear to address City Council.

14.4. Sean Carrell wishes to address City Council.

Sean Carrell addressed City Council. Mr. Carrell expressed his belief the homeless community issues need to be addressed. He noted there were many barriers for homeless individuals.

15. NEW BUSINESS.

15.1. 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.

15.2. The City Manager recommends the following appointment to the Board of Adjustment: Billy Kimmons with term to expire January 1, 2027. Recommended.

15.3. The City Manager recommends the following appointment to the Board of Adjustment: Anthony Brown with term to expire January 1, 2029. Recommended.

- 15.4. The City Manager recommends the following appointment to the Board of Adjustment: Adam Holmes with term to expire January 1, 2027. Recommended.
- 15.5. The City Manager recommends the following appointment to the Board of Adjustment: Marian Dee Ogilvy with term to expire January 1, 2028. Recommended.
- 15.6. The City Manager recommends the following removal from the Board of Adjustment: Jin Chang based on failure to take the oath of office. Recommended.

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

17. MISCELLANEOUS.

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

18.1. Council Bill 2024-049 (McGull)

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 Valley Water Mill Estates, generally located at 1735 East Valley Water Mill Road, 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. (By: Triple S Properties, Inc.; 1735 East Valley Water Mill Road; Preliminary Plat of Valley Water Mill Estates).

18.2. Council Bill 2024-050 (McGull)

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 MHC Kenworth Addition, generally located at 5500 East Farm Road 104, 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. (By: M-H Property Enterprises, LLC; 5500 East Farm Road 104; Preliminary Plat of MHC Kenworth Addition).

19. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

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

20.1. Council Bill 2024-040 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing an agreement between the City of Springfield, City Utilities, Greene County, and Jasper County Emergency Services for the purpose of providing law enforcement and public safety communications through the Trunked Radio System; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute said Agreement.

Ordinance 27969. Council Bill 2024-040 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent:

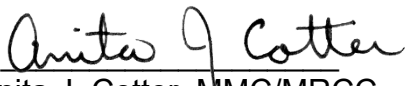
Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, and Councilmember Lee. Abstain: None.

21. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

22. ADJOURN.

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

Prepared by: Michelle Brown


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City Clerk