



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

January 13, 2025

6:30 PM

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

1. ROLL CALL.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. December 16, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the December 16, 2024, City Council meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Jenson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. 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 McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

Collin Quigley, Interim City Manager, noted the Springfield Fire Department Water Rescue team saved the life of a Springfield woman and her small terrier dog after they fell partially through the ice at the Lakeshore Apartments' pond on Sunday. The woman went after one of her two dogs, fearing the pup might drown when he fell through the ice. Mr. Quigley further noted Captain Chris Gardner and Equipment Operator Tyler Nevins performed the rescue, with back up from members of the water rescue team.

Mr. Quigley thanked Public Works who had 64 crew members out clearing streets during the most recent winter storm. He acknowledged their dedication and overnight work to keep the community open and safe.

Mr. Quigley noted Mayor Ken McClure issued challenge to the community for a cleaner, greener Springfield in 2025. With several high-profile events in 2026, the 100th anniversary of Route 66, FIFA World Cup coming to Kansas City, and America's 250th Birthday; Mayor McClure expressed his belief it was time to focus on improving Springfield. Mr. Quigley further noted the City's work to complete this task was to focus on understanding and improving trash and recycling management.

Mr. Quigley noted the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Renew Jordan Creek project would be held on February 7 at 2:00 p.m. He added more details would be provided in the future.

Mr. Quigley noted the Sports Field Management Association and Springfield Cardinals announced that Hammons Field, the home of the Springfield Cardinals, was named the 2024 Professional Baseball Field of the Year. The Field of the Year honor was awarded to the best natural grass field among all 120 teams across all levels of affiliated Minor League Baseball. He added since the City purchased Hammons Field in early 2023, the City has been committed to improving the ballpark by investing considerably in upgrades both for players and visitors.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2024-272 (Horton, Jenson)

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 39.5 acres of private property, generally located on the north side 4000 block and 4069 West Republic Road, and including the private properties at 3803-3949 South Timbercreek, 3808-3990 South Jonathan, 3801-3880 South York, 4022-4050 West Wilderness, and 3956 West Farm Road 168, the right-of-way within the Evergreen Park, Evergreen Park-Replat of Lots 3-12, Evergreen Park-Administrative Replat of Lots 47-49, and The Dell Townhomes on Wire Road Subdivisions into the City of Springfield as Annexation A-5-2024.

Ordinance 6896. Council Bill 2024-272 (Horton, Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2024-273 (McGull, Jenson)

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 49.35 acres of private property generally located at 2916, 2936, and 3040 West Republic Road; 4233 and 4268 South Hillcrest; 5601 and 5617 South Campbell Avenue; the north side 3900 block and 3929 East State Highway D; 3146, 3166, the south side 3100 block, and 3250 West Battlefield Road; 3501, 3533, 3535, and 3601 West Sunshine Street; and 1739 and 1747 South West Bypass into the City of Springfield as Annexation A-4-2024.

Ordinance 6897. Council Bill 2024-273 (McGull, Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2024-274 (Simpson)

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 25.7 acres of private property generally located at 6116 South Farm Road 175, and a portion of South Farm Road adjacent to the property, into the City of Springfield as Annexation A-6-2024.

Councilmember Hosmer thanked Mayor McClure for his leadership in making annexation a policy that was being pursued. He expressed his belief it was important for any growing city to annex.

Ordinance 6898. Council Bill 2024-274 (Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2024-275 (Jenson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 16.5 acres of property generally located at 315 East Weaver Road from R-SF, Single-Family Residential District to HC, Highway Commercial District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 260; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Ward Weaver Property, LLC; 315 East Weaver Road; Z-24-2024 with Conditional Overlay District No. 260.)

Ordinance 6899. Council Bill 2024-275 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.5. Council Bill 2024-276 (Horton)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 1.3 acres of property generally located at 1910 West Division Street and 1455 North Wabash Avenue from GM, General Manufacturing District to HC, Highway Commercial District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: David Rensch; 1910 West Division Street and 1455 North Wabash Avenue; Z-27-2024.)

Ordinance 6900. Council Bill 2024-276 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.6. Council Bill 2024-277 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 3 acres of property generally located at 1914 East Blaine Street from GM, General Manufacturing District to IC, Industrial Commercial District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: AVS Sunset, LLC; 1914 East Blaine Street; Z-28-2024.)

Ordinance 6901. Council Bill 2024-277 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.7. Council Bill 2024-281 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept the United States Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, in the amount of \$179,612.00, and to enter into an interlocal agreement with Greene County outlining the division of the grant funds; and amending the budget for the Springfield Police Department for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$179,612.00.

Ordinance 28091. Council Bill 2024-281 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.8. Council Bill 2024-282 (Lee)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 106 'Traffic and Vehicles,' Article VI, 'Stopping Standing and Parking,' Division 3, 'Method of Parking,' by amending section 106-300, 'Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in certain places;' amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 106 'Traffic and Vehicles,' Article II, 'Administration and Enforcement,' Division 1, 'Generally,' by amending section 106-78. 'Police and fire department officials authorized to enforce traffic regulations and direct traffic;' and amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 106 'Traffic and Vehicles,' Article II, 'Administration and Enforcement,' Division 2, 'Violations and Procedure Upon Arrest,' by amending section 106-95. 'Placing of citations on illegally parked vehicles; presumption of responsibility for violation,' and section 106-96 "Authority of persons appointed as conservators of the peace.'

Ordinance 6902. Council Bill 2024-282 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.9. Council Bill 2024-283 (Hosmer)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 54, 'Fire Prevention and Protection,' Article II, 'Fire Prevention Code,' Section 54-32, 'Amendments and additions,' Section 903.4.1, relating to monitoring of sprinkler systems.

Ordinance 6903. Council Bill 2024-283 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.10. Council Bill 2024-284 (Horton)

A special ordinance approving the First Amended and Restated Redevelopment Plan for the 521 Boonville Redevelopment Area, which is generally located along the west side of North Boonville Avenue between West Tampa Street and West Phelps Street; declaring the area in such plan to be a blighted area and its redevelopment necessary for the preservation of the public peace, prosperity, health, safety, morals, and welfare; and authorizing certain tax abatement within the plan area.

Ordinance 28092. Council Bill 2024-284 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.11. Council Bill 2024-285 (McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Cost Share Agreement for Roadway Improvements with Springfield Underground, Inc. d/b/a Erlen Group for the not to exceed price of \$2,271,377.57 to coordinate participation in the cost of constructing improvements to LeCompte Road from Division Street north to the BNSF Railroad tracks, an extension of Eastgate Avenue north of Division Street, and a shared use path along Eastgate Avenue and LeCompte Road.

Ordinance 28093. Council Bill 2024-285 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

6.12. Council Bill 2024-286 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") for the purpose of accepting funds not to exceed \$40,000 for evaluating the feasibility of proceeding with additional services to raise the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge as part of the Rehabilitation of the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge project; and approving a budget adjustment amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$40,000 to appropriate the BNSF Railway funds for design services.

Mayor McClure noted he would be moving to postpone Council Bill 2024-286 in an effort to ensure City Council had as much clarity and answers to questions regarding the proposed as possible.

Mayor McClure moved to postpone Council Bill 2024-286 until the January 27, 2025, City Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

7. **RESOLUTIONS.**

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2025-001 (Jenson)

A resolution approving the use of Zone 3 Minor Neighborhood Improvement Program funds from the 1/4-Cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax in the amount of \$40,402 to partially fund improvements to the intersection of Walnut Street and Broadway Avenue.

Brett Foster, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Foster noted the section of Walnut Street was prone to speeding and had a building in the southeast corner that limited visibility. He further noted to remedy the situation, Public Works proposed using bulb-outs at the location that would narrow the roadway, a raised crosswalk on Walnut Street, and some additional striping, and possibly some green infrastructure. Mr. Foster added the Minor Neighborhood Improvements would fund approximately \$40,000, and an additional \$90,000 would be funded from the 1/8-cent Transportation Turn Lane Safety Program. He noted the anticipated completion date was mid- 2025.

Councilmember Jenson noted the proposed work was a request from the neighborhood. He further noted this was an example of how speeding could be addressed in the community by using design principles. Councilmember Jenson added he would be interested in exploring adjusting the cap to allow neighborhoods to apply for these types of projects out of the program.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Duane Keys, President of the West Central Neighborhood Alliance, spoke in support of the proposed. Mr. Keys noted he had spoken with ten neighbors close to the proposed area, and they were in support. He expressed his belief the proposed was a needed improvement.

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

Resolution 10805. Council Bill 2025-001 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

7.2. Council Bill 2025-002 (Lee)

A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for multiple grants of up to \$350,000 through the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program, Heartland Environmental Justice Center's Cultivating Healthy Environments – Region 7 grant initiative.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed would allow application for grant funds as part of the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Thriving Communities grant making program through the Heartland Environmental Justice Centers Cultivating Healthy Environments. Ms. Ohlensehlen further noted the structure was a tiered approach of up to \$350,000 on a rolling basis. She added they were hoping to apply the funds to multiple projects targeted for assessment, planning, and project development. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted no match was required, and the first deadline for review was January 31. She further noted there would be opportunity to partner with and support community organizations. She added the program was targeted to help address persistent environmental and public health concerns and challenges that existed in the underserved and disadvantaged community.

Councilmember Jenson asked for examples of the types of projects anticipated to be funded through the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen responded the program was broad and types of activities that could be considered were related to air quality, water quality sampling, small clean-up projects, increased access to food, healthy home projects, and stormwater issues. She added remediation improvements, emergency preparedness, workforce training, and environmental job training could also be included, as well as additional projects.

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

Resolution 10806. Council Bill 2025-002 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

7.3. Council Bill 2025-003 (City Council)

A resolution establishing the Citizens' Advisory Board for the 3/4-cent sales tax approved by the qualified voters of the City of Springfield, Missouri, on November 5, 2024.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted the 3/4-cent sales tax was recently approved by the voters. He further noted a citizen oversight was required for the tax. Mr. Paul added the proposed would assign the monitoring function to the existing Citizens Tax Oversight Committee. He noted the functions could be divided between the recommendation committee and a committee that was existing to oversee funds. The proposed would assign that portion of the obligations under the authorizing ordinance to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee. Mr. Paul further noted the proposed would create the committee that would serve to recommend projects to City Council. This committee would be called the Citizens Advisory Board. Mr. Paul added their recommendation function would be specific to the 1/2-cent portion of the tax dedicated to funding projects consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan. He noted some examples that appeared on the ballot were capital improvements, community and neighborhood initiatives, and park projects. Mr. Paul further noted the criteria included whether the project could be completed with no ongoing debt obligation, whether the project was eligible for matching funds, if it generated new sales tax or jobs and created economic growth, and if the project was a catalyst that retained existing or attracted new residents or businesses.

Mr. Paul noted the Citizens Advisory Board would consist of seven to eleven members for terms of three years, with those initial appointments being staggered to ensure even rotation. He added members must have lived or worked in Springfield for at least one year. The deadline to submit an application was January 31, 2025.

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

Resolution 10807. Council Bill 2025-003 (City Council) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS.

9. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

10. GRANTS.

11. AMENDED BILLS.

12. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

13. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring One Reading.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2025-004 (McGull)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept Budget Stabilization funds, in the amount of \$3,400,000, and to enter into a Budget Stabilization Funds Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of funding the LeCompte Road Improvement Project; amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget in the amount of \$3,400,000 to appropriate the state funds for this project; and declaring this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted the proposed would authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) in relation to \$3.4 million in funding for LeCompte Road. He added the proposed was tied to a cost share agreement with the Erlen Group where there had been improvements for LeCompte Road and Eastgate Avenue. Mr. Smith further noted an incorrect exhibit was inadvertently inserted; however, the agreement and description were correct. Mr. Paul noted he had no procedural concern as the exhibit was an exhibit to an exhibit and the text of the Council Bill was accurate. He added the attachment showed an extension of the road which was substantially similar.

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

Ordinance 28094. Council Bill 2025-004 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

13.2. Council Bill 2025-005 (Simpson)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Cost Apportionment and Carbon Reduction Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of funding the design and construction of a shared use path crossing the intersection of Sunset Street and Glenstone Avenue; amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget in the amount of \$402,209.28 to appropriate the federal and state funds for this project; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Evan Bergmann, Engineer II, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Bergmann noted the proposed grant agreement would allow acceptance of Carbon Reduction Program grant funds for the extension of the South Creek Greenway Trail across Glenstone Avenue. He further noted there were two other City projects ongoing to extend the trail further to the east: the National and Sunset Intersection Improvement Project, and the South Creek Greenway Fremont to Glenstone Project. Mr. Bergmann added they worked with MoDOT on the proposed project to apply for the additional grant funds to create a more logical termination point on the east side. He noted the project was 80 percent grant funded with a 20 percent match. Mr. Bergmann further noted MoDOT was committed to providing half of the local match.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if there was thought about making a safer crossing at Fremont and Sunset. Mr. Foster responded the signal would be changed and a crosswalk added.

Councilmember Jenson thanked staff for their work on the project. He asked if there were any planned improvements at the southern terminus of the project on Glenstone to add a shelter or bench where the City Utilities (CU) bus stop sign was located. Mr. Bergmann responded they were working with CU Transit to install a bus pad. He added there were forthcoming opportunities for investment in McDaniel Park, and Minor Neighborhood Improvement funds and donations would complement this work.

Councilmember Lee clarified that the funding was for 80 percent and that half of the 20 percent match would be covered by MoDOT. Mr. Bergmann responded affirmatively. Councilmember Lee expressed his belief this was a great way to leverage funds to increase improvements in the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked staff for their work. He noted collectively the three projects would tie Meador Park into McDaniel Park and provide access to neighborhoods to the east of Glenstone Avenue and north of Sunset Street.

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

Ordinance 28095. Council Bill 2025-005 (Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

14. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2025-006 (Jenson)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Grade Crossing Signal Installation Agreement with BNSF Railway Company in an amount not to exceed \$459,908 for the purpose of installing new signal equipment at Boonville Avenue.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2025-006 and 2025-007 together.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Please see Council Bill 2025-007 for a summary of the presentation.

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

14.2. Council Bill 2025-007 (Jenson)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Grade Crossing Signal Installation Agreement with BNSF Railway Company in an amount not to exceed \$73,500 for the purpose of installing new signal equipment at Campbell Avenue.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, read Council Bills 2025-006 and 2025-007 together.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of Council Bills 2025-006 and 2025-007. Mr. Smith noted both projects related to Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) and the Jordan Creek project, which was ongoing and currently impacting the railroad crossings on Campbell Avenue and Boonville Avenue. He further noted the proposed would allow the signal equipment to be replaced, and the City would reimburse BNSF for that work. Mr. Smith added the funds for the proposed were already budgeted and planned for in the Jordan Creek project.

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

15. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

15.1. Terry Rucker wishes to address City Council. Did Not Appear.

15.2. Suzanne Hume wishes to address City Council.

Suzanne Hume, Educational Director and founder of Clean Earth for Kids, addressed City Council. Ms. Hume asked City Council to shut down the coal plant at the John Twitty Energy Center. She noted the plant was scheduled to retire the first unit in 2030 and the second unit in 2051. Ms. Hume expressed her belief coal was toxic and damaging to people. Ms. Hume further noted renewable energy was available and expressed her belief the timeline to shut down the coal plant should be accelerated.

Mayor McClure responded currently City Utilities (CU) had a renewable portfolio of 34 percent, the highest in the State. Mayor McClure added the renewable portfolio requirement from the Public Service Commission was 15 percent, and CU was a leader by moving forward rapidly.

15.3. John Bottorff wishes to address City Council.

John Bottorff addressed City Council. Mr. Bottorff expressed his belief there was a massive amount of acreage, rooftops, and parking lots that would allow for installation of solar panels. He asked that stopping the use of coal be accelerated and the City utilize additional renewable options.

15.4. Tim Havens wishes to address City Council.

Tim Havens addressed City Council. Mr. Havens expressed his belief it was important that public statements be honest and made easy to understand by the public. Mr. Havens expressed his belief there were statements made regarding the Jenny Lind Apartments' satisfaction of a City order that were not accurate. He further expressed his belief the owners of the Jenny Lind Apartments had not satisfied City demands, and a clarification statement had not been issued. Mr. Havens expressed his belief the statement should be corrected.

16. NEW BUSINESS.

- 16.1. 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.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

18. MISCELLANEOUS.

19. CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS.

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

20.1. Council Bill 2025-008 (Hardinger)

A resolution confirming the appointment of Joe Gidman to the Commercial Street Community Improvement District Board of Directors.

Resolution 10808. Council Bill 2025-008 (Hardinger) was approved by the following vote:

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

20.2. Council Bill 2025-009 (Hosmer)

A resolution confirming the appointment of Lacy Bridges and Casey Pyle, and the reappointment of Chris Ball, Kristofer Booth, and Nicole Brown, to the Downtown Springfield Community Improvement District Board of Directors.

Resolution 10809. Council Bill 2025-009 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Horton and Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None. Abstain: None.

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

- 21.1. Confirm the following reappointments to the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.: Missy Handyside, Callie Linville, and Tim Rosenbury, with terms to expire January 1, 2028.

- 21.2. Confirm the following appointment to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee: Daniel Furtak with term to expire May 1, 2025.

- 21.3. Confirm the following appointment to the Citizens' Tax Oversight Committee: Sheila Wright with term to expire May 1, 2027.

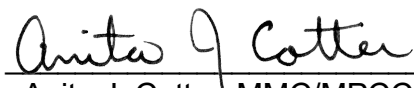
- 21.4. Confirm the following reappointment to the Landmarks Board: Nicole Falconer with term to expire November 1, 2027.

- 21.5. Confirm the following reappointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Randall Doennig with term to expire January 1, 2028.
- 21.6. Confirm the following reappointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Dan Scott and Carl Knuckles, with terms to expire January 1, 2027.
- 21.7. Confirm the following reappointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Chris LeBeck and Bruce Colony, with terms to expire January 1, 2026.
- 21.8. Confirm the following appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Layne Hunton with term to expire January 1, 2028.

22. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

23. ADJOURN.

Prepared by: Michelle Kaasa


Anita J. Cotter, MMC/MPCC City Clerk