



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

April 21, 2025

6:30 PM

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

1. ROLL CALL.

Mayor McClure noted President Trump ordered all flags be flown at half-staff in memory of Pope Francis. He noted the memory of Pope Francis would be honored.

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

Councilmember Hardinger arrived at approximately 6:35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- 2.1. Approval of Minutes. March 24, 2025, City Council Meeting, April 4, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, April 7, 2025, City Council Meeting, April 16, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, and April 17, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Jenson moved to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025, City Council Meeting, April 4, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, April 7, 2025, City Council Meeting, April 16, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, and April 17, 2025, Special City Council Meeting as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: 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 Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: 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 Governor Mike Kehoe and representatives from the Route 66 Centennial Commission and the Road Ahead Partnership would be in Springfield on Wednesday for a special announcement. He added Cora Scott, Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement, was the Chair of the Missouri Route 66 Centennial Commission.

Mr. Quigley noted a public meeting was held on Commercial Street last week as the public preview of construction for the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge.

Mr. Quigley noted Fire Chief David Pennington provided copies of the Fire Department's Annual Report through 2024. He added the Fire Department strengthened its emergency preparedness and response by enhancing operational capabilities, expanding public safety initiatives, and reinforcing community partnerships. He further noted a significant achievement was completion and opening of the newly-constructed Fire Station 7, made possible by voter-approved funding.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2025-071 (Simpson)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 25.2 acres of property generally located at 6116 South Farm Road 175 from County R-1, Suburban Residence to R-SF, Single-Family Residential District; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Tag Property Development LLC; 6116 South Farm Road 175; Z-2-2025).

Ordinance 6922. Council Bill 2025-071 (Simpson) 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 2025-078 (Simpson)

A special ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to accept the dedication of public streets and easements to the City of Springfield, Missouri, as shown on the Preliminary Plat of Hidden Gem Estates, generally located at 6116 South Farm Road 175, 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.

Councilmember Lee asked for the developer or owner's representative to be called on for questions. Lyndel Link, a representative of the project, came forward. Councilmember Lee noted a cemetery was on the property and family of those in the cemetery had noted they were not notified. He asked if anything had been done to address issues with the family. Mr. Link responded he would have to check with the owners. He added there was contact with staff regarding the fence and noted it would be replaced. He added the family would have public access with the street in front of the cemetery.

Lee Doran, a representative of the family, came forward for questions. Councilmember Lee asked Mr. Doran if the family had met with developers. Mr. Doran responded they had met a couple of months ago and had met with Mr. Link in the hallway at the last meeting. Mr. Doran noted it was expressed to the family that the fence would be replaced with a wrought iron fence and later in the week they were notified the fence would be chain link. Councilmember Lee asked if Mr. Doran felt the issue was not resolved. Mr. Doran responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Lee noted he reached out to the City Attorney to ask if it would be appropriate to refer the preliminary plat back to the Planning and Zoning Commission. He expressed his belief that was the appropriate place to determine language regarding the family and the developer.

Councilmember Lee moved to refer Council Bill 2025-078 (Simpson) to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion, and it was discussed.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his support for the motion and expressed his belief developers like this garnered ill will among residents and the developers seeking to do good work in the City. He recommended the representative be present when the proposed comes before City Council again.

Councilmember Lee noted the Doran family could reach out to the City Clerk's Office for information on upcoming hearings on the issue.

The motion to refer Council Bill 2025-078 to the Planning and Zoning Commission 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 2025-072 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.45 acres of property generally located at 1320, 1324, and 1328 East Division Street from GR, General Retail District to R-TH, Residential Townhouse District; establishing Conditional Overlay District No. 268; and adopting an updated Official Zoning Map. (By: Rosales Holdings LLC; 1320, 1324, and 1328 East Division Street; Z-3-2025 with Conditional Overlay District No. 268).

Ordinance 6923. Council Bill 2025-072 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2025-074 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance accepting the bid of Emery Sapp and Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$23,786,515.39, for the construction of the Cell 3, 4, and 5 Project at the City of Springfield Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill; and authorizing the City Manager, or their designee, to enter into a contract for said improvement.

Ordinance 6924. Council Bill 2025-074 (Hardinger) 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 2025-075 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$35,000,000 principal amount of Special Obligation Bonds (State Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority – Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds), Series 2025 of the City of Springfield, Missouri, for the purpose of expanding and improving the City's Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill; amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget of the City in the amount of not to exceed \$35,000,000; prescribing the form and details of the bonds and the agreements made by the City to facilitate and protect their payment; and prescribing other related matters; and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance 28131. Council Bill 2025-075 (Lee) 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 2025-076 (Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Subsidy Escrow Agreement, by and among the City of Springfield, Missouri, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the State Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority, and UMB Bank, N.A., as escrow agent, for the purpose of receiving the benefit of certain investment earnings in an amount not to exceed \$35 million in connection with the expansion and improvement of the City's Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(3) of the City Charter.

Ordinance 28132. Council Bill 2025-076 (Hosmer) 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 2025-077 (Hosmer)

A general ordinance adopting a new City of Springfield, Missouri Purchasing Policy governing the purchase and sale of property, supplies, materials, equipment and services for the city; and amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2 "Administration," Article VI "Finances," Division 2, "Purchasing," Section 2-401, "Purchasing manual adopted," to replace the existing Purchasing Manual with a new Purchasing Policy.

Ordinance 6925. Council Bill 2025-077 (Hosmer) 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. GRANTS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2025-081 (Horton)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement between the City of Springfield, Missouri, by and through the Springfield-Branson National Airport Board, and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission accepting grant funds of \$219,600 for air service marketing and promotion of the Springfield-Branson National Airport; amending the budget of the Airport Board in the amount of \$244,000; and declaring this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Brian Weiler, Director of Aviation, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Weiler noted the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) grant offer for air service marketing and development came from the State Aviation Trust Fund administered by MoDOT. He further noted this was the sales tax on jet fuel sold in the State and some avgas. Mr. Weiler added there was no impact on road or bridge funding, and the funds were used to increase airport awareness within the catchment area, which included approximately 1.6 million individuals within a two-hour drive. He added an advertising campaign called Takeoff for Adventure would be used to promote the airport through social media, television, streaming radio, and digital billboards. Mr. Weiler added the funds would be used to leverage an existing grant already received from the United States Department of Transportation to fill more service gaps at the airport.

Mr. Weiler noted the airport had back-to-back record years, finishing at an increase of 8 percent.

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

Ordinance 28133. Council Bill 2025-081 (Horton) 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.

7.2. Council Bill 2025-082 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Marketing Platform Development agreement with the Missouri Department of Economic Development, Division of Tourism, for the purpose of accepting \$30,000 in grant funding for the replacement of welcome and wayfinding signs; amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget in the amount of \$30,000 to appropriate the state Marketing Platform Development grant funds; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to City Charter Section 2.16(25).

Tim Rosenbury, Director of Quality of Place Initiatives, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Rosenbury noted acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the Missouri Department of Economic Development Division of Tourism would allow replacement of wayfinding signage. He further noted the wayfinding signage system was installed more than 15 years ago. He added the grant would be matched equally with funds from the 1/4-cent sales tax fund for downtown projects.

Councilmember Lee asked what would happen with signs that were no longer readable. Mr. Rosenbury responded funds would not cover replacement of all signs, and the ones in bad condition would be taken down.

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

Ordinance 28134. Council Bill 2025-082 (Carroll) 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. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring One Reading.

9. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

9.1. Alice Barber wishes to address City Council.

Alice Barber, an organizer with Springfield Tenants Unite, addressed City Council. Ms. Barber expressed her concern with the cancellation of Community Involvement Committee meetings. She noted the Committee had been developing a proposal for rental licensing and inspections. Ms. Barber noted Building Development Services had a pilot program ready and expressed her belief the pilot program was needed in the community. Ms. Barber asked that another Community Involvement Committee meeting be scheduled.

9.2. Phil Boepple wishes to address City Council.

Phil Boepple addressed City Council. Mr. Boepple noted he was impressed with the recent work done regarding the housing crisis and asked that another Community Involvement Committee meeting be scheduled.

9.3. Sarah Barnts wishes to address City Council.

Sarah Barnts, an organizer with Springfield Tenants Unite, addressed City Council. Ms. Barnts thanked City Council for their service. She noted many of her family and friends were working-class tenants who lived below a comfortable pay grade but above the income for government assistance. Ms. Barnts expressed her belief that caused individuals to have to choose between affordability and decency. She further expressed her belief a rental licensing and inspection program would help close that gap. Ms. Barnts added this program would create healthier and more beautiful homes while preserving housing stock.

9.4. Rob Ybanez wishes to address City Council.

Rob Ybanez, an organizer with Springfield Tenants Unite, addressed City Council. Mr. Ybanez congratulated the newly-elected officials. Mr. Ybanez noted it had been over 60 days since the City sent out a receivership notice for Jenny Lind Hall. He expressed his concerns regarding the cancellation of recent Community Involvement Committee meetings. He asked that the rental inspection and licensing pilot be moved forward for the 60 percent of renters that make up the city's residency.

9.5. Matt Morrow wishes to address City Council.

Matt Morrow, President of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, addressed City Council. Mr. Morrow expressed his gratitude to City Council and thanked Mayor McClure and Mayor Pro Tem Simpson for their leadership and commitment to the community. Mr. Morrow thanked City Council and newly-elected officials for their passion and love for the community. Mr. Morrow noted the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce could be counted on as a partner and a voice of business, and a partner in progress which required mutual support and accountability.

9.6. Megan Herzog wishes to address City Council.

Megan Herzog, Executive Director of the Springfield Contractors Association, addressed City Council. Ms. Herzog noted they represented approximately 330 commercial construction companies in the region. Ms. Herzog thanked City Council for their service. She expressed her appreciation for the time, energy, and thoughtfulness expended by City Council. Ms. Herzog thanked Mayor McClure and Mayor Pro Tem Simpson for their steadfast leadership and years of service to the city. She thanked Mayor-Elect Schrag and Councilmember-Elect Adib-Yazdi for their willingness to serve.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

10.1. 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.

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

11.1. Council Bill 2025-083 (Hosmer)

A resolution confirming the appointment of LeAnne Scheele to the Convention and Entertainment Community Improvement District Board of Directors.

Resolution 10820. Council Bill 2025-083 (Hosmer) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

11.2. Council Bill 2025-084 (Simpson)

A resolution confirming the reappointment of Curtis Jared and David Havens to the Board of Directors of the Brentwood N/S Community Improvement District.

Resolution 10821. Council Bill 2025-084 (Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

11.3. Council Bill 2025-085 (Simpson)

A resolution confirming the appointment of Tad Moseley to the Southern Hills Community Improvement District Board of Directors.

Resolution 10822. Council Bill 2025-085 (Simpson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

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

12.1. Council Bill 2025-079 (Horton)

A special ordinance relinquishing an electric line easement generally located at 400 West Division Street and 1475 North Campbell Avenue for the purpose of accommodating construction of the new Pipkin Middle School.

Ordinance 28135. Council Bill 2025-079 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

12.2. Council Bill 2025-080 (Horton)

A special ordinance relinquishing electric and phone easements located at 417 West Lynn Street for the purpose of accommodating construction of the new Pipkin Middle School.

Ordinance 28136. Council Bill 2025-080 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Mayor Pro Tem Simpson, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, and Mayor McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Councilmember Hardinger. Abstain: None.

12.3. Confirm the following appointments to the Airport Board: Reverend Michael Overton and Rachel Munday, with terms to expire June 1, 2028. Confirmed.

12.4. Confirm the following reappointments to the Airport Board: William Hammitt and Juan Meraz, with terms to expire June 1, 2028. Confirmed.

12.5. Confirm the following appointment to the Public Housing Authority: Shelby Butler, with term to expire April 11, 2029. Confirmed.

13. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

14. RESOLUTIONS.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2025-086 (McClure)

A resolution removing certain tabled bills from the table and forwarding them to the next succeeding City Council for further consideration and review.

Mayor McClure noted Council Bill 2025-086 was no longer necessary due to action taken on Council Bill 2025-078.

Mayor McClure withdrew his sponsorship of Council Bill 2025-086.

14.2. Council Bill 2025-087 (McClure)

A resolution forwarding certain topics on City Council Committee schedules to the next succeeding City Council Committees for further consideration and review.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted City Council tracked the biannual election cycle which made the meeting the end of the current legislative session and the beginning of the next session. Mr. Paul further noted City Code provided that if items were not taken from the table and moved the items die. He added Council Bill 2025-086 would have forwarded any remaining Council Bills to the next session. Mr. Paul noted because Council Bill 2025-078 was referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Council Bill 2025-086 was no longer necessary, and sponsorship was withdrawn.

Mr. Paul noted Council Bill 225-087 would forward pending Committee topics to the next session. He noted these included topics from the Community Involvement Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, and Plans and Policies Committee. He added old items and those that predated the current body were not included.

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

Resolution 10823. Council Bill 2025-087 (McClure) 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.

14.3. Council Bill 2025-088 (City Council)

A resolution declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held on April 8, 2025, under the Home Rule Charter of the City of Springfield, Missouri.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted the proposed would declare the results of the General Municipal Election held on April 8, 2025, for the offices of Mayor, General Seats A and B, and Zone Seats 1 and 4.

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

Resolution 10824. Council Bill 2025-088 (City Council) 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.

15. COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson took a moment of personal privilege to make comments. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked his fellow Council members present and past. He noted they had been not only great colleagues, but more importantly, great friends. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to work with them. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson further noted they had the opportunity to tackle some incredibly difficult issues and approached those with a focus on what was best for the community. He recognized and thanked the two newly-elected members. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted there were many opportunities to make a difference, and there were significant ways in which that was accomplished. He further noted the Forward SGF plan, global pandemic, 3/4-cent sales tax issue, and the City Council Priorities were examples of those accomplishments. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson added that for every issue that made headlines, there were many smaller issues that also made a difference in the community. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson encouraged Councilmembers to focus on the work and celebrate the successes.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson thanked City staff for their work. He expressed his belief the work could be a thankless job, but that did not deter staff from working towards the betterment of the City. He expressed his appreciation for working with everyone. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson noted there would be challenges and expressed his belief they were worth working thorough. He noted the importance of pulling what was constructive out of the negative, treating each other with kindness, and not letting the negative change how you treat others. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson further expressed his belief the chance to make a difference would never end in regret. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson recognized his family members who were in the audience.

Councilmember Horton expressed her belief Mayor Pro Tem Simpson was a great guy in the way he carried himself and in his approach to different things. She noted it was a pleasure to work with him on City Council. Councilmember Horton expressed her belief Mayor McClure had provided a stellar level of leadership. Councilmember Horton thanked Mayor McClure for his service.

Councilmember Carroll expressed her appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Simpson for his positivity and ability to work through controversial issues. She expressed her respect for Mayor McClure and noted her increase in historical knowledge due to Mayor McClure.

Councilmember Hosmer noted he had the pleasure of serving with Mayor McClure for ten years. He expressed his belief there was nobody better prepared to be Mayor. Councilmember Hosmer noted he understood the Mayor's decisions were firmly based upon what he believed to be best for the City. He noted Mayor McClure was leaving the City better than he found it. Councilmember Hosmer listed the Mayor's achievements as his ability to navigate a global pandemic by following science, a 6.3 percent reduction in poverty, and broad-based economic development. He expressed his belief City Council would miss Mayor McClure, and thanked him for his friendship, leadership, and public service.

Mayor McClure noted in a few moments he would reclaim the best title he had, that of private citizen. He thanked the citizens of Springfield, noting they had elected him five times in the last ten years to serve the community. Mayor McClure thanked his colleagues and expressed his belief they were all there for the right reasons. He noted they had been through difficulties, maintaining good collaboration and unity, and standing united together. Mayor McClure noted a mutual respect and admiration, paired with the commitment to serve the community, allowed them to work through difficult situations.

Mayor McClure expressed his thanks to City staff. Mayor McClure expressed his gratefulness to his family for supporting him.

Mayor McClure presented a plaque to Mayor Pro Tem Simpson in honor of his service.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, made a presentation to Mayor McClure. Ms. Cotter noted it was an honor and privilege to recognize the Mayor as a true public servant of 50 years. She noted this was a legacy of service, dedications, and of leadership that had shaped the community in ways that would be felt for generations. Ms. Cotter noted the Mayor had led the City through some of its most challenging chapters. She further noted through it all, the Mayor led with a steady hand and a thoughtful voice, and as a tireless advocate for the citizens. Ms. Cotter thanked Mayor McClure for his integrity, vision, and unwavering commitment and presented him with a gavel, a symbol of leadership and progress achieved. Ms. Cotter thanked Mayor McClure for his 50 years of public service.

16. ADJOURN SINE DIE.

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

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, asked the public to remain for a few minutes and noted minor adjustments would be made before the start of swearing in the newly-elected officials.

17. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS.

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

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

Ms. Cotter administered the oath of office to Bruce K. Adib-Yazdi.

Ms. Cotter administered the oath of office to Heather Hardinger.

Ms. Cotter administered the oath of office to Craig Hosmer.

Ms. Cotter administered the oath of office to Jeff Schrag.

Mayor Schrag presented a plaque to Mayor McClure in honor of his service.

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

18. ROLL CALL.

Present: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Absent: None.

19. FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA - FIRST READING BILLS.

This item was not considered due to the removal of Council Bill 2025-090 from the Consent Agenda. Council Bill 202-090 became item 22.2 under First Reading Bills. Requiring Two Readings.

20. MOTION TO TABLE BILLS.

This item was not considered due to sponsor removing sponsorship of Council Bill 2025-086.

21. COUNCIL BILLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

22. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

22.1. Council Bill 2025-089 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Section 2-92, known as the "Salary Ordinance," relating to various job titles within the City service as contained in the Classifications of the Professional, Administrative and Technical Non-Union Schedule by amending said schedule to add three new job titles; and the Classifications of 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 contained recommendations related to an aggregate of four new job titles. She further noted the new job titles were due to career ladders or job studies for the Department of Environmental Services, the Public Information and Civic Engagement Office, and the Airport. Ms. Morrison added the first job title was for Lead Aircraft Operations Center Agent and would provide onsite leadership at the Aircraft Operations Center. Ms. Morrison noted the second job title was Solid Waste Administrative Coordinator, which would provide coordination of financial transactions and programs for a variety of solid waste sites. Ms. Morrison further noted the third job title was for a Senior Communications Coordinator. Ms. Morrison added the remaining job title was for an Aircraft Services Technician to address some strategic recruitment options that dealt with airport fueling.

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

22.2. Council Bill 2025-090 (Hardinger) This item was removed from the Consent Agenda - First Reading Bills and became item 22.2 under First Reading Bills - Requiring Two Readings.

A special ordinance authorizing the sale of real property owned by the City of Springfield, Missouri, commonly known as 2307 E Division St., to The Overland Group, LLC, for the sum of \$44,000; and authorizing the Mayor to execute a special warranty deed for said property.

Collin Quigley, Interim City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Quigley noted the proposed authorized the sale of real property located at 2307 East Division Street. He further noted the property was acquired through the Dangerous Building Program through Building Development Services. He added the property was cleaned up, the structure demolished, and the abatement was processed. Mr. Quigley noted the property was declared surplus and the process completed to bid the property out. He further noted three areas were looked at: bids based on price, based on proposed use, and the bidder's experience and performance on similar projects. Mr. Quigley noted there were three bidders. He added the Overland Group was the highest overall bid and the highest in value.

Councilmember Hosmer asked the proposed use for the property. Mr. Quigley responded the proposed use was for a Dollar General store, and the bidder owned the adjacent property.

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

23. EMERGENCY BILLS.

24. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

25. AMENDED BILLS.

26. MISCELLANEOUS.

27. NEW BUSINESS.

28. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

29. CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS. See Item #19.

- 29.1. Council Bill 2025-090 (Hardinger) **This item was removed from the Consent Agenda - First Reading Bills and became item 22.2 under First Reading Bills - Requiring Two Readings.**

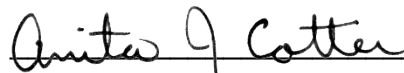
A special ordinance authorizing the sale of real property owned by the City of Springfield, Missouri, commonly known as 2307 E Division St., to The Overland Group, LLC, for the sum of \$44,000; and authorizing the Mayor to execute a special warranty deed for said property.

30. END OF CONSENT AGENDA - FIRST READING BILLS.

31. ADJOURN.

Councilmember Hardinger moved to adjourn. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: Councilmember Hosmer. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

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Anita J. Cotter, MMC/MPCC City Clerk