



City of Springfield

Minutes

City Council Meeting

Jeff Schrag, Mayor

Zone Councilmembers

Monica Horton, Zone 1
Abe McGull, Zone 2
Brandon Jenson, Zone 3
Bruce Adib-Yazdi, Zone 4

General Councilmembers

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

May 19, 2025

6:30 PM

Regional Police-Fire

**Training Center
2620 West Battlefield Road
Room 101, 102, and 103**

1. ROLL CALL.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2.1. Approval of Minutes. May 5, 2025, City Council Meeting, May 6, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, and May 13, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Jenson moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2025, City Council Meeting, May 6, 2025, Special City Council Meeting, and May 13, 2025, Special City Council Meeting as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

3. FINALIZATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDAS.

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

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

The Mayor welcomed Scout Troop 410.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

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

Collin Quigley, Interim City Manager, presented the City Manager's Report.

Mr. Quigley noted the City of Springfield was celebrating National Public Works Week this week by releasing its 2024 Public Works Annual Report, and with various staff events aimed at highlighting Public Works and Environmental Services professionals. He further noted traditional Public Works responsibilities were split between the departments of Public Works and Environmental Services. He added these departments build and maintain vital infrastructure, and provide services important to maintaining public health, quality of life, and well-being of Springfield citizens. Mr. Quigley noted both departments had a long held a reputation for leadership, innovation, and environmental stewardship, collectively achieving reaccreditation from the American Public Works Association (APWA) by achieving 100% compliance. He thanked Public Works Director Dan Smith, Environmental Services Director Errin Kemper, and their teams for the important functions they perform every day.

Mr. Quigley noted a new environmental education pavilion at Lost Hill Park would be dedicated Wednesday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m. He added Lost Hill Park was located at 4705 N. Farm Road 151, in north Springfield.

Mr. Quigley noted the groundbreaking ceremony for Springfield's new Animal Shelter was rescheduled for May 29 at 2:00 p.m. He added the new facility would be built at 3303 W Division St.

Paul Williams, Police Chief, presented a Police Chief's Update. Chief Williams noted crime had steadily declined over the last four years. He added crime was down approximately 4 percent for the first quarter. Chief Williams further noted there was a 7 percent increase in aggravated assault and a 10 percent decrease in Crimes Against Property. Chief Williams noted vehicle-related crimes continued to decline. He emphasized the importance of crime prevention. Chief Williams added there was a 9 percent increase in shoplifting, and noted the department was working with big box stores to reduce those numbers. Chief Williams noted there was a 9.5 percent increase in Crimes Against Society due to an increase in arrests for illegal narcotics. Chief Williams noted gun violence had decreased due to aggressive enforcement and the efforts of the Coalition on Gun Safety and Gun Violence.

Chief Williams noted the number of municipal citations had nearly doubled from the prior year. He added the number of DUI arrests had decreased. Chief Williams provided an update on the UAV (Drone) Unit. He noted the unit averaged approximately 54 hours per month, with two drone officers and six apprehensions. Chief Williams further noted twelve special events were worked. Chief Williams noted over the last three months, officers worked 557 hours of overtime and had written 734 vehicle registration citations. He further noted thirteen vehicles were towed. He added officers would continue to monitor the issue and he encouraged individuals to register their vehicles.

Chief Williams provided an update on the Video Registration Program. He noted there were 1,685 cameras registered at 390 locations. Chief Williams further noted there was a QR code to use for registration and the cameras were a great investigative tool.

Chief Williams provided a staffing update. He noted there were currently 60 vacant positions. He added the goal was 20 to 25 vacancies. Chief Williams further noted there would be 18 in the next academy class. Chief Williams noted the recruitment marketing campaign would be tailored moving forward and possibly continued through October.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if companion citations to the vehicle registration citations were tracked. Chief Williams responded the direct patrol citations were tracked. Councilmember Hosmer noted the Greene County Collector reported 11,300 accounts were brought current since the vehicle registration ordinance enforcement began. He thanked the Police Department for the efforts. Councilmember Hosmer asked if there was an estimate of how many individual cameras were in the City. Chief Williams responded approximately 10 times the number that were registered.

Councilmember Jenson congratulated Chief Williams for the efforts in the enforcement of the unregistered vehicle ordinance. He noted there were approximately fifteen noise citations written in the last five years total. He expressed his belief there was a disparity between requests from City Council to address noise complaints and the number of citations written. Chief Williams responded there would be resources dedicated to noise complaints, specifically in the downtown area.

Councilmember McGull noted a decrease in gun violence was welcoming news. He asked if a grant was linked to the Gun Safety Initiative. Chief Williams responded the initiative had two components: the Gun Violence Gun Safety Collaborative and the Community Partnership of the Ozarks. He added bringing all entities together had a positive effect on the education side. Chief Williams noted they received a grant last year to establish a crime gun intelligence center in Springfield. He further noted a temporary ballistics data machine was installed, and the permanent machine was ordered. Chief Williams added a full-time gun analyst would be housed in the City as a regional effort.

Councilmember McGull asked if any small vehicles such as scooters had been seized due to violations. Chief Williams responded they would do everything possible to keep that from happening here.

6. SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE.

Citizens Have Spoken. May Be Voted On.

6.1. Council Bill 2025-092 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending Section 1-9 of the Springfield City Code, 'City Limits,' and Section 46-1 of the Springfield City Code, 'Boundaries of wards, precincts and council zones,' for the purpose of annexing approximately 48.06 acres of private property generally located at 3830 East Division Street and approximately 1.2 acres of North Farm Road 185 adjacent to said property into the City of Springfield as Annexation A-4-2025. (By: East Division Development LLC ETAL; 3830 E Division Street; A-4-2025).

Ordinance 6927. Council Bill 2025-092 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.2. Council Bill 2025-093 (Horton)

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 481 for the purpose of permitting warehousing and storage facilities within a CC, Center City District, generally located at 1525 North Campbell Avenue. (By: The General Council of the Assemblies of God; 1525 N. Campbell Avenue; Conditional Use Permit No. 481).

Ordinance 28140. Council Bill 2025-093 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.3. Council Bill 2025-094 (Horton)

A special ordinance granting Conditional Use Permit No. 480 for the purpose of permitting a transitional service shelter within an R-MD, medium-density multifamily residential district, generally located at 422 and 424 East Norton Road to expand operations to property located at 504 East Norton Road. (By: Good Samaritan Boys Ranch Foundation; 422, 424 & 504 E. Norton Road; Conditional Use Permit No. 480).

Ordinance 28141. Council Bill 2025-094 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.4. Council Bill 2025-095 (Jenson)

A special ordinance approving the Redevelopment Plan for the Pinnacle on the Park Redevelopment Area, which is generally located at 525 South Campbell Avenue; 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, and welfare; authorizing certain tax abatement within the plan area; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement with the applicant relating to the implementation of the Redevelopment Plan.

Ordinance 28142. Council Bill 2025-095 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.5. Council Bill 2025-096 (McGull)

A special ordinance approving the Redevelopment Plan for the Hampton-Florence Redevelopment Area, which is generally located along the south side of East McDaniel Street between South Hampton Avenue and South Florence Avenue; and 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, and welfare.

Ordinance 28143. Council Bill 2025-096 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.6. Council Bill 2025-097 (Lee)

A special ordinance amending the budget of the City of Springfield for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, in the amount of \$930,132, to appropriate unused funds originally budgeted for Police Department salaries to address unfunded Police Department needs.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the proposed was 100 percent of the Police Department salary savings. Mr. Quigley responded this was the second bill utilizing the savings. He added payouts were not budgeted for and noted the hope was to always have carryover at the end of the year. Councilmember Hosmer asked if any additional resources were available could more cameras be installed downtown. He added this would allow better identification. He noted he would like to know how many cameras were in that area. Mr. Quigley responded the information would be provided.

Ordinance 28144. Council Bill 2025-097 (Lee) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

6.7. Council Bill 2025-098 (Hardinger, Jenson)

A special ordinance amending the City of Springfield, Missouri, budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$50,000, to reflect a \$50,000 donation from the West Central Neighborhood Alliance for the purpose of reimbursing the City of Springfield, Missouri, for expenses related to the 2024 Birthplace of Route 66 Festival.

Ordinance 28145. Council Bill 2025-098 (Hardinger, Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

7. **RESOLUTIONS.**

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

7.1. Council Bill 2025-103 (McGull)

A resolution declaring the Redevelopment Plan for the Hampton-Florence Redevelopment Area a Multi-Project Redevelopment Plan pursuant to Chapter 40 'Community Development,' Article II 'Workable Program,' Section 40-19 'Multi-program redevelopment plans,' of the Springfield City Code.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the proposed accompanied the previously voted on development plan. She further noted the workable program established a framework for the City to evaluate and implement request for real property tax abatement. She added City Council could grant an exception to the but for test and tax impact analysis if declared by resolution. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the project was a multi-project redevelopment plan and the exception would allow flexibility to ensure tax abatement was available for future redevelopment of the area.

Councilmember Horton asked who was on the Industrial Development Authority Board. Ms. Ohlensehlen responded there were community members that were part of the board. She noted the item fell under the Land Clearance Redevelopment Authority.

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

Resolution 10825. Council Bill 2025-103 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

7.2. Council Bill 2025-104 (Horton)

A resolution approving the issuance of multifamily housing revenue bonds by the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Springfield, Missouri, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of certain commercial housing facilities located in the City of Springfield, Missouri, known as the John B. Hughes Apartments.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Springfield sought approval to issue multifamily housing revenue bonds up to a maximum of \$20 million. She further noted the purpose of the bonds was to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of a 138-unit apartment complex called the John B. Hughes Apartments, located at 2100 North Clifton Avenue. She added the project would help preserve and improve multifamily residential units. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the authority followed the required public process for the issuance and a public hearing was held on April 29 to discuss the project details. She added all interested community members had the opportunity to express their views. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the bonds were not debts and the City was not liable for the payment of the bonds. She added the bonds were to be repaid by the revenues generated by the project itself, not from City funds.

Councilmember Horton asked if tenants would be relocated during the renovations. Ms. Ohlensehlen responded there were numerous buildings, and she was unsure of the specific details related to relocation.

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

Resolution 10826. Council Bill 2025-104 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

8. EMERGENCY BILLS. Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

8.1. Council Bill 2025-116 (Horton, Jenson, Hosmer)

A special ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment amending the budget of the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$1,000,000 to appropriate additional interest revenue for the purpose of assisting with cleanup of recent storm damage; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(1) of the City Charter.

Collin Quigley, Interim City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Quigley noted the proposed would allow a budget adjustment of up to \$1 million to appropriate additional interest revenue for the purpose of assisting with the cleanup of the recent storm damage. He further noted the storm assessment was started immediately following the storm on April 29. He added the storm resulted in significant limbs, trees, and brush across the City. Mr. Quigley noted there was significant damage in northwest Springfield and the damage was being assessed based on three different tier levels. He further noted tier one included large trees on structures, tier two for large trees eight inches or more in diameter, including tree roots, and tier three was for damage that included only a large amount of limbs. Mr. Quigley noted some properties with the heaviest damage could require professional assistance for tree removal. He added the proposed would be utilized for the process and details would be shared later.

Councilmember Horton thanked Mr. Quigley and expressed her belief it was not known if \$1 million would be reasonable. She expressed her hope it would be of great help and staff would be able to coordinate quickly for those wishing to have debris removed from their property. Mr. Quigley noted individuals were still being encouraged to work with volunteers to clean up as much as possible.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Becky Volz, representative of the Woodland Heights neighborhood, spoke in support of the proposed. Ms. Volz expressed her appreciation for the bill and noted her neighborhood had worked together to clean up as much as possible. She expressed her belief there was a great need for the proposed. She further expressed her belief \$1 million may not cover the cost as there was extensive damage in back yards that could not be seen.

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

8.2. Council Bill 2025-117 (Jenson)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri, to extend the temporary waiver of brush disposal fees at all city facilities through May 31, 2025, due to the catastrophic weather event of April 29, 2025, for the purpose of providing an efficient and accessible means of disposing of limbs and brush storm debris; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(1) of the City Charter.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted the proposed would allow an extension of the waiver of yard waste fees through May 31.

Councilmember Jenson expressed his gratitude for the effort. He expressed his hope citizens would see the effort as their government being responsive to their needs.

Councilmember Hosmer expressed his support for the proposed.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi noted there was a three-for-one mulch purchase available.

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

Ordinance 28146. Council Bill 2025-117 (Jenson) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

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 2025-105 (McGull)

A general ordinance amending Section 1-9 of the Springfield City Code, 'City Limits,' and Section 46-1 of the Springfield City Code, 'Boundaries of wards, precincts and council zones,' for the purpose of annexing approximately 3.34 acres of private property generally located at 3358 North Mulroy Road and 5242 East Farm Road 104 into the City of Springfield as Annexation A-5-2025.

Justin Crighton, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Crighton noted the proposed included two parcels to be annexed at the intersection of Mulroy Road and Farm Road 104. He further noted the proposed was an owner-initiated annexation.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked what the meaning of the City should weigh fiscal impacts. Mr. Crighton responded staff was happy to take direction to determine what fiscal impacts City Council was looking for.

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

12.2. Council Bill 2025-106 (Jenson)

A special ordinance approving the First Amendment to the Brody Corners Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") Redevelopment Plan to allow residential use within the Redevelopment Area; and directing the City Manager, or designee, to implement such changes to the Brody Corners TIF Redevelopment Plan.

Amanda Ohlensehlen, Director of Economic Vitality and Workforce Development, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the primary change would allow residential use within the existing redevelopment plan, aiming to boost commercial viability and market appeal of the projects. She further noted tax increment financing established a district with a limit of 23 years and allowed capture of incremental tax revenues within a redevelopment area. Ms. Ohlensehlen added the Brody's Corners TIF plan was approved in March 2022. She noted infrastructure which was completed. Ms. Ohlensehlen further noted development had been slow to occur. The amendment would add residential use. She added there would be no changes proposed to the TIF terms. Ms. Ohlensehlen noted the amendment included an updated cost benefit analysis reflecting the projected positive impact of the residential uses on the taxing jurisdictions.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Cory Collins, representative of the developer, noted he was available for any questions.

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

12.3. Council Bill 2025-107 (Carroll)

A special ordinance setting a preliminary tax levy on real and personal property for current expenses and debt retirement of the City of Springfield, Missouri, and its boards and agencies, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(5) of the City Charter.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted the City Charter required a preliminary tax levy be set in conjunction with the adoption of the budget each year. He further noted this was to ensure City Council was made aware of the assumptions used in setting the property tax levy. He added the actual tax levy would be prepared and certified after the values came in from the County at the end of August. Mr. Holtmann noted the estimated assessed valuation for the upcoming year was approximately \$4.083 million, an increase from approximately 4 percent. He added this was an assessment year with higher growth and, for budget purposes, no change in the levy was assumed. Mr. Holtmann noted the preliminary levy would be set at 61.04 cents per 100 dollars. Mr. Holtmann further noted this would bring in approximately \$27 million in property taxes that were split between functions of the Art Museum, Public Parks, Public Health, and Municipal purposes.

Councilmember Jenson noted the news had reported the County Assessor was notified their valuation could result in a 13 percent to 15 percent increase. He expressed his belief it did not impact the rate the City established and asked for clarification. Mr. Holtmann responded a political subdivision was typically entitled to the growth in Consumer Price Index, which was approximately 3 percent.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Tim Havens addressed City Council. Mr. Havens expressed his belief the property tax levy had not previously been explained. He expressed his concern with the Council Bill being an emergency bill.

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

12.4. Council Bill 2025-108 (Lee)

A special ordinance adopting a budget for the City of Springfield, Missouri, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; providing that certain amounts shown in the budget document are appropriated for the various departments specified in said budget; and declaring an emergency pursuant to Section 2.12(3) of the City Charter.

David Holtmann, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Holtmann noted there was a great deal of time spent preparing and reviewing the proposed budget. He further noted the provisions within City Charter Section 5.8 were followed. He added this stated in no event shall the total amount of the proposed expenditure exceed the estimated income for the City. Mr. Holtmann noted annual revenue could be classified as either recurring or non-recurring. He further noted recurring revenue included sales tax, property tax, charges for services, and fees.

Mr. Holtmann noted the upcoming fiscal 2025 budget was approximately \$530 million. He added the largest revenue source was sales and use tax at just under \$200 million, with the next highest source as charges and fees. He further noted charges and fees were predominantly generated by enterprise funds. Mr. Holtmann noted the General Fund was the primary operating fund. Mr. Holtmann further noted seven-and-a-half new positions were proposed from the 18 that were requested. He added the 3/4-cent sales tax was accounted for in the general fund and the two components of that would be accounted for separately. Mr. Holtmann noted non-general fund takeaways included a Fire Station Alerting System from the Marijuana Sales Tax in the amount of \$924,504, with 11 new positions proposed, and a significant reduction in staffing for Parks to address their overall budget and financial stability.

Councilmember Hosmer noted approximately \$28 million a year was received in property tax, with approximately 19 percent of that from personal property. He further noted if individuals do not pay their property taxes, resources were not received. Mr. Holtmann responded the collection rate over a series of years was very high. He noted it could take a couple of years to receive some property tax funds. Councilmember Hosmer noted the County Collector reported approximately 60 percent of businesses in the City had not paid their tax. He noted a bulk of the property taxes went to schools, with a small fraction going to the City. Mr. Holtmann responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Hosmer noted approximately 11,000 accounts were satisfied after the vehicle registration and towing bill passed. Councilmember Hosmer asked if there were other jurisdictions in the State that required proof of payment of property taxes to acquire a business license. Mr. Paul responded there were some large metropolitan areas that required proof of payment of property taxes as a condition of issuing a business license.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Tim Havens addressed City Council. He expressed concern with the Council Bill being considered an Emergency Bill.

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

13. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring One Reading.

Citizens May Speak. May Be Voted On.

13.1. Council Bill 2025-109 (McGull)

A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the LeCompte Roadway Improvement Project; accepting the bid of JD Wallace Contracting, LLC for construction of the project in the amount of \$3,241,798.00; authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder; and declaring that this Ordinance qualifies for approval in one reading pursuant to Section 2.16(25) of the City Charter.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted the proposed was part of a cost-share agreement previously approved with the Erland Group, in conjunction with the Eastgate Construction, to provide for additional economic development opportunities. He further noted the project would improve LeCompte Road from the railroad south to Division Street and widen it to three lanes. Mr. Smith noted two good bids were received. He added the recommendation was to award the project to JD Wallace Contracting for just over \$3.2 million. Mr. Smith noted there was Federal Funding in the amount of \$1.5 million and \$3.4 million provided by the State in a direct appropriation.

Councilmember Lee noted JD Wallace had been a client of his company in the past, and he would not be recusing from the vote.

Councilmember McGull asked the completion time for the project. Mr. Smith responded the goal was to complete everything by the end of the year. Councilmember McGull asked how a contractor's performance was tracked. Mr. Smith responded each contractor was evaluated with every project and the evaluation was given to the contractor with the goal of maximizing performance. He added there was a process to debar a contractor if needed.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi asked how the funding sources would stack up. Mr. Smith responded the original estimates were higher and there was potential there would be other costs, such as utility costs, to cover. He added some funds could be returned to the State. An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the public hearing was declared closed.

Ordinance 28147. Council Bill 2025-109 (McGull) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

14. FIRST READING BILLS. Requiring Two Readings.

Citizens May Speak. Not Anticipated To Be Voted On.

14.1. Council Bill 2025-110 (Lee)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri, to enter into a Contract of Obligation with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources whereby the City agrees to financially secure the future closure and post-closure care of all currently active and previously completed portions of the City's Noble Hill Sanitary Landfill.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would allow the City to enter into a contract of obligation with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. He further noted the proposed guaranteed the City would have funds available in the future to care for and close the landfill. He added they were required by the State to show the obligation.

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

14.2. Council Bill 2025-111 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget for the Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$135,000 to appropriate retained earnings from the Solid Waste Fund to acquire one parcel of property adjacent to the Springfield Noble Hill Sanitary landfill; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract for said property acquisition.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed would allow purchase of a 10-acre parcel of land south and immediately adjacent to the landfill.

Councilmember Hosmer asked if the land would be used for another cell. Mr. Kemper responded the property would provide an additional buffer between the landfill and neighbors. Councilmember Hosmer asked the life expectancy of the landfill. Mr. Kemper responded between fifty and seventy-five years.

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

14.3. Council Bill 2025-112 (Hardinger)

A special ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment amending the budget of the Tourism/Convention Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$250,000 to appropriate reserves from the Tourism/Convention Fund for the purpose of assessing various projects to attract travel and tourism.

Collin Quigley, Interim City Manager, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Quigley noted the proposed would allow a budget adjustment in the amount of \$250,000 for the Fiscal Year 2025 Hotel Motel Tax for the purpose of assessing various one-time projects to attract travel and tourism.

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

14.4. Council Bill 2025-113 (Hardinger)

A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 98 'Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places,' Article VI 'Improvements,' Section 98-211 'Advertisement for bids,' to update requirements for advertising for bids on public improvements.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted the proposed would approve a minor update to the section of City Code to reflect changes in the media industry over the years. He further noted it related to bid advertisement and would allow the requirement to be met by advertising onto the City website. He added this created the flexibility to receive as many bidders as possible.

Councilmember Lee expressed his belief this was a great idea.

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

14.5. Council Bill 2025-114 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an OzarksTraffic CCTV Access Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the Board of Governors for Missouri State University, for the purpose of sharing video from the closed-circuit television traffic monitoring cameras owned and operated by the Missouri Department of Transportation and the City of Springfield, Missouri, throughout the regional roadway network.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Smith noted a request was received from the Journalism Department of Missouri State University to gain access to the live feed of traffic cameras across the City. He added this was for their newscast. Mr. Smith further noted the request was routine and a process was already in place.

Councilmember Carroll expressed her belief the access would be great.

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

14.6. Council Bill 2025-115 (Schrag)

A special ordinance authorizing the City of Springfield, Missouri, to enter into an agreement with David Cameron for the purpose of employing him as City Manager; authorizing payment of salary and benefits in accordance with the provisions of said agreement; and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Springfield.

Jordan Paul, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the proposed. Mr. Paul noted the City had been engaged in an executive search for the next City Manager. He further noted the proposed would authorize the City to enter into an employment agreement with Mr. David Cameron for the purpose of serving as Springfield's next City Manager.

Councilmember Horton noted she would like to make comments at the time for City Council comments.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Erin Danastasio, a representative of the Hatch Foundation, noted they were committed to the future of Springfield and in support of the proposed. She further expressed her belief Mr. Cameron was a true advocate for public and private partnerships.

Jaimie Trussell, a representative of Crosslines Community Outreach, expressed their support for the proposed. She expressed her belief that the community was more than ready to embrace a new leader going forward.

Kevin Evans, citizen, expressed his opposition to the proposed. Mr. Evans further expressed his belief that selecting candidates from Greene County could be shortsighted and the City Manager search should be deemed a failed search.

Bob Helm, Chair of the Board of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, expressed his support for the proposed. Mr. Helm thanked all for the time put into the City Manager search. He expressed his belief all the candidates were qualified and expressed his belief David Cameron was the right choice for City Manager.

Allen Kunkel, Citizen, noted he had been engaged in the community for the last 25 years. Mr. Kunkel expressed his support for Mr. Cameron and thanked all for their service to the community.

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

Councilmember Horton thanked Strategic Government Resources for their executive recruitment services and thanked those involved for their efforts in the search.

Councilmember Horton noted the proposed was set for second reading on May 27, and expressed her belief comments from the public would be received up until the final vote. Councilmember Horton further noted she would reserve her final remarks, if any, for the second reading pursuant to Section 2.38 (6) in the City Code.

Councilmember Hosmer asked the basis for putting the proposed to a vote on Tuesday. Mayor Shrag responded the Council Bill was time-sensitive and did not want to wait until too close to the hiring date. Councilmember Hosmer questioned deviation from normal practice. Mayor Schrag noted he appreciated the differing opinion, and noted the second reading was set for May 27. Councilmember Hosmer expressed his belief this could mar the tenure of Mr. Cameron as the vote would differ from normal protocol.

Councilmember Jenson noted he thought it was critically important in the recruiting process to end up with a candidate that had experienced complex social and infrastructure problems that only existed within large metros. He further noted that was why he agreed to set the salary at the determined amount. He expressed his belief the lack of neighborhood support for the candidate would deepen the belief the City only listened to one viewpoint. Councilmember Jenson expressed his opposition to the proposed and noted he would be committed to success no matter what.

Councilmember Lee noted he had worked with Mr. Cameron on several projects and witnessed real collaboration with public/private partnerships. He further noted he did not see issues with Mr. Cameron's leadership style and expressed his concern for the divided City Council. Councilmember Lee expressed his support for the proposed.

Councilmember Carroll noted she was lucky enough to know and have worked with Mr. Cameron. She further noted he spoke about teamwork recently and expressed her belief he was collaborative and effective solutions oriented.

Councilmember Adib-Yazdi noted the salary was amplified to potential attract someone from a larger metro area. He further noted each candidate had a solid strength. Councilmember Adib-Yazdi expressed his support for the idea of starting the search over. He noted his commitment to doing what he could to help the City Manager to become successful and support them in their role.

Mayor Schrag expressed his belief the cream rose to the top in the selection. He further expressed his belief Mr. Cameron was what was right for the community.

15. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

15.1. Tim Havens wishes to address City Council.

Tim Havens addressed City Council. Mr. Havens addressed citizen apathy. He expressed his belief apathy was how we govern ourselves. He further expressed his belief the individual and City Council had a responsibility to encourage citizen interest and participation. Mr. Havens asked City Council to form a task force in the interest of reducing apathy.

Councilmember Jenson thanked Mr. Havens for attending and noted he shared his concern about the lack of engagement from the community. He further noted he was working on legislation that would involve student government associations with City Council.

15.2. Jimmy Haag wishes to address City Council.

Jimmy Haag addressed City Council. Mr. Haag noted he was an independent journalist focused on civil rights and government accountability. He expressed his belief there was an issue with homeless individuals receiving citations for camping that were a violation. He further expressed his belief individuals were being asked by Police Officers for their Social Security numbers.

16. NEW BUSINESS.

- 16.1. The Interim City Manager recommends the following reappointment to the Springfield Greene County Park Board: Dianna Parker with term to expire June 1, 2028.
Recommended.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

18. MISCELLANEOUS.

19. CONSENT AGENDA – FIRST READING BILLS.

20. CONSENT AGENDA – ONE READING BILLS.

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

21.1. Council Bill 2025-099 (Horton)

A special ordinance relinquishing a utility easement generally located at 400 West Division Street and 1475 North Campbell Avenue in Springfield, Missouri, for the purpose of accommodating construction of the new Pipkin Middle School.

Ordinance 28148. Council Bill 2025-099 (Horton) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

21.2. Council Bill 2025-100 (Adib-Yazdi)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a Municipal Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to allow work to be performed on City right-of-way as part of upgrading the intersection of Glenstone Avenue and Seminole Street to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Ordinance 28149. Council Bill 2025-100 (Adib-Yazdi) was by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

21.3. Council Bill 2025-101 (Carroll)

A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for and accept up to \$24,000 in grant funds from the Development Disability SB40 Board for Greene County, Missouri, for the design and construction of an accessible changing table as part of the Historic City Hall Rehabilitation project to improve the accessibility of this municipal facility; and approving a budget adjustment amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget of the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$24,000.

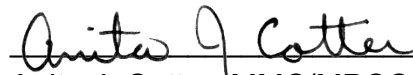
Ordinance 28150. Council Bill 2025-101 (Carroll) was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmember Jenson, Councilmember Horton, Councilmember McGull, Councilmember Hosmer, Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger, Councilmember Carroll, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Adib-Yazdi, and Mayor Schrag. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

22. END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

23. ADJOURN.

Councilmember Jenson moved to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Hardinger 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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