

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2023**

Board present

Mayor Ann Williams
Vice Mayor Tim Harris
Alderman Lisa Arnold
Alderman James Hubbard
Alderman Emily Green
Alderman Bobby Trotter

Staff present

City Manager Ryan Martin
Assistant City Manager Candice Tillman
City Recorder Lisa Crockett
City Attorney Christy Bartee
City Clerk Melissa Brown

Board Absent

Alderman Jeff Gragg

- 1.0 Call to order 6:00 p.m.
- 1.1 Pledge of allegiance to the American flag.
- 1.2 Moment of silence.
- 1.3 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen held September 19, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 1.4 Public comment period.
1. Steve Phillips, a board member of My Father's House, residing at 611 Indian Ridge Circle, White House, spoke in favor of Ordinance 23-35 and the 10th Avenue East rezoning.
- Mayor Williams welcomed the Springfield High School's FFA Chapter and their teacher, Ms. Julie Newberry, to the meeting.
- 1.5 Public Hearing:
1. Ordinance 23-31, an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2024 annual budget for the City of Springfield by amending certain General Fund and Utility Fund operating budgets.
 2. Ordinance 23-32, an ordinance establishing a schedule of fees for towing and wrecker service.

3. Ordinance 23-34, an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance to include Specific Plan Districts.

Jim Moore with GS Moore and Son located at 800 South Main Street, Springfield spoke in favor of Specific Plan Districts and shared some concerns with the board on the subject.

4. Ordinance 23-35, an ordinance rezoning two (2) parcels on 10th Avenue East from Commercial General District (CG) to Core Commercial District (CC).
5. Ordinance 23-36, an ordinance rezoning a property located at 511 South Mabel Street from High Density Residential (R7) to Medical Professional Office District (MPO).
6. Resolution 23-25, a resolution annexing property owned by Reyes Construction, Inc. and Brenda Swann located on Dorris Street between Poplar Avenue and Pitt Avenue.

2.0 Legislative

- 2.1 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 23-31 on second and final reading. An ordinance amending the fiscal year 2024 annual budget for the City of Springfield by amending certain General Fund and Utility Fund operating budgets. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green.

Alderman Hubbard moved to amend to include amended “Exhibit A.” The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

The main motion, as amended, was brought back to the floor and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 2.2 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 23-32 on second and final reading. An ordinance establishing a schedule of fees for towing and wrecker service. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 2.3 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 23-34 on second and final reading. An ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance to include Specific Plan Districts. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 2.4 Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve Ordinance 23-35 on second and final reading. An ordinance rezoning two (2) parcels on 10th Avenue East from Commercial General District (CG) to Core Commercial District (CC). The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

2.5 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Ordinance 23-36 on second and final reading. An ordinance rezoning a property located at 511 South Mabel Street from High Density Residential (R7) to Medical Professional Office District (MPO). The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

2.6 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Resolution 23-25 on second and final reading. A resolution annexing property owned by Reyes Construction, Inc. and Brenda Swann located on Dorris Street between Poplar Avenue and Pitt Avenue. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green.

Alderman Trotter moved to amend to include the right of way (portion of Dorris Street, Pitt Avenue and Poplar Avenue). The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

The main motion, as amended, was brought back to the floor and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

2.7 Alderman Green moved to approve Ordinance 23-37 on first reading. An ordinance rezoning one (1) parcel located on Highway 41 North from Commercial Services District (CS) to Restrictive Industrial District (RI). The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

3.0 Administrative

3.1 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve the monthly TVA wholesale fuel cost adjustment of \$0.02132 per kilowatt hour effective November 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

The resulting retail rate is 1.12 % lower than last month and will result in a \$0.85 to \$1.33 decrease in the average residential electric bill.

3.2 Alderman Green moved to approve the adjustment of monthly gas rates of the Springfield Gas Department. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

The Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) increased to \$0.4063 or 1.2% from the previous month. The actual increase in rates across the board is 0.7%.

3.3 No action taken. Moved to November.

3.4 Alderman Green moved to approve electric engineering services contract task orders totaling \$262,000 with Patterson & Dewar Engineers, Inc. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 3.5 Alderman Hubbard moved to ratify an emergency change order in the amount of \$18,200 with Longbranch Construction for the Experiment Station Road water line relocation, for a new contract amount of \$297,444.35. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.
- 3.6 Alderman Trotter moved for discussion on a presentation on the Bransford Community Center given by Robert Gardner, board president of the Bransford Community Center. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard. No action was taken.
- 3.7 Alderman Green moved to approve a mowing contract change order with 3 C's Lawncare of Madison, TN from Public Works Department. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 5-1 electronic vote.
Ayes: Williams, Trotter, Hubbard, Arnold, Green Nay: Harris
- 3.8 Alderman Trotter moved to approve the acceptance of the Violent Crime Intervention Fund grant in the amount of \$197,432. The motion was seconded by Alderman Green and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

Police Chief Jason Head reported that the money received from the grant will be used to purchase equipment for the police department.

Vice Mayor Tim Harris encouraged everyone to participate in the Citizen's Police Academy.

Mayor Williams thanked Chief Head and all of the officers for what they do for the city.

4.0 Consent

Vice Mayor Harris moved to approve the entire consent docket. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 6-0 electronic vote.

- 4.1 Electric Department's request for approval to award the bid for a one (1) ton pickup truck in the amount of \$73,450 from Freeland Chevrolet of Nashville, TN. Budget: \$90,000
- 4.2 Water/Wastewater Department's request for approval to award the bid for the high service pump upgrade project to J. Cumby Construction, Inc. from Cookeville, TN in the amount of \$11,326,490, minus change order 1 in the amount of \$455,740, for a new contract amount of \$10,870,750.
- 4.3 Police Department's request for approval to purchase one (1) 2023 Ford F-150 4x4 pickup truck from Ford of Murfreesboro, Inc. of Murfreesboro, TN in the amount of \$42,056 utilizing State Contract 209. Budget: \$43,000

5.0 City Manager's Report

During City Manager Ryan Martin's report, he reported that:

- The deadline for participating in the comprehensive growth plan survey is November 15 and he encouraged everyone to participate.
- He congratulated the police department for receiving a 5th accreditation status by the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation (TLEA) Program.
- Staff has negotiated terms on a purchase agreement with the owner of the land being considered for the location of Fire Station 3. This agreement will be presented to the board in November.
- The city's bond rating increased to a Aa2. This is incredible for a city our size and we credit our board, staff, and Mrs. Crockett for their part in making our city fiscally healthy and fiscally responsible.

Mayor Williams announced that immediately following adjournment, there would be a five (5) minute recess and then the board would meet in executive session.

6.0 Adjournment

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting.



Ann Williams, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa H. Crockett, City Recorder