



CITY COUNCIL PACKET
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

Prepared By:
Nathan Henne, City Manager
Kris Vogel, CMMC/MMC, City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014, 7:30 P.M.
AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL: Mayor Anderson, Council Members Burdett, Eib, Hollingsworth, Riley, Whitfield and Young.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Regular Meeting of November 17, 2014
- V. REPORTS
 - A. City Manager – Nathan Henne
 - 1. Set – 2015 Meeting Schedule (res. #59-14)
 - 2. Bills In Line
- VI. COUNCIL COMMENTS
- VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: **Monday, December 15, 2014**
NEXT RESOLUTION: **60-14**
NEXT PROCLAMATION: **23-14**
NEXT ORDINANCE: **02-14**
NEXT TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER: **2014-4**



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SPRINGFIELD

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Springfield to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Anderson led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Burdett, Eib, Hollingsworth, Riley, Young, and Mayor Anderson.

Also Present: Nate Henne – City Manager, and Kris Vogel – City Clerk.

Absent: Council Member Whitfield.

It was moved by Young, seconded by Burdett and unanimous to excuse Council Member Whitfield from the regular meeting of November 17, 2014.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Eib, seconded by Hollingsworth and unanimous that the minutes of the November 3, 2014, regular meeting be approved subject to any additions or corrections.

V. REPORTS

A. Building/Code Enforcement Departments – October (*M. Angus*)

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the Building/Code Enforcement Department reports presented by Mercedes Angus. Being none, the reports will be filed as presented.

B. Public Safety Department – October (*S. Furgason*)

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the Public Safety Department report presented by Scott Furgason, Public Safety Department Director. Being no questions, the report will be filed as presented.

C. Public Services Department – October (*T. Matson*)

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the Public Services Department report presented by Tom Matson, Public Services Department Director. Being none, the report will be filed as presented.

D. City Manager – Nathan Henne

1. Discussion/Support – Missile Defense Mission

City Manager Henne stated this resolution would show our support for the proposed missile defense mission in the Ft. Custer area.

Lt./Colonel Gorzynski and Jan France made a presentation concerning the proposed Missile Defense Interceptor Site.

Resolution #57-14:

It was moved by Burdett and seconded by Eib that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD supports the Battle Creek Air National Guard and the Michigan National Guard and Reserve Fort Custer Training Center for their positive economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the additional presence of the Defense Logistics Agency, the US Marine Corps Reserve, the US Navy Reserve, and the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek, and the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Kalamazoo County, further deepen the commitment of the region to military personnel, civilian employees, and local service industries; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense missions are integral to the economy of Southwest Michigan providing more than \$22 million in total wages and salaries and \$26 million in gross regional product to Calhoun County; and

WHEREAS, the selection of Fort Custer for the missile defense mission will include a multi-billion dollar investment along with 250 new jobs in the area and will leverage over \$100 million in federal, state, and local investments that have been made over the last decade alone in order to make Battle Creek's military bases some of the most up-to-date, technologically advanced guard bases in the nation; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD remains a staunch supporter and defender of Fort Custer and all of its military installations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD does hereby urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Calhoun/Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the United States Missile Defense Agency, the United States Secretary of Defense, and members of Michigan's Congressional delegation.

Ayes: Council Members Burdett, Eib, Riley, Young and Mayor Anderson.

Nays: Council Member Hollingsworth.

Resolution adopted.

2. Authorize – Rail Crossing – N. 24th Street

City Manager Henne noted this resolution would authorize the closure of the rail crossing at N. 24th Street.

Mr. Russell Jones, 626 Lafayette Street, asked if the City conducted any studies on the impact of the traffic not being able to travel through N. 24th Street? Mr. Jones stated that this year the railroad closed crossings on Helmer and 20th Street at the same time. If 24th Street was closed too how would the residents in his area receive any emergency services? Mr. Jones asked if there has been a conversation with the fire department to see how this closure would impact the area?

Mayor Anderson indicated we don't foresee the Helmer Road and 20th Street crossing to both be closed at the same time again in the future. In addition, conversations have occurred to discuss how long it would take to get emergency services to the area.

Mr. Jones asked if there was any reason other than the financial incentive being offered to the City to close this crossing?

Mayor Anderson stated there was a discussion at the last meeting during the presentation made by MDOT and asked City Clerk Vogel to read a portion of the minutes. City Clerk Vogel read the following:

Kris stated the railroad closure program was put into law many years ago and it allows the Department to offer communities the opportunity to voluntarily close a highway grade railroad crossing for the purpose of the safety of their community. The community in turn is rewarded with a cash incentive payment; it was determined the 24th Street crossing is valued at \$150,000.

Mayor Anderson asked if the closure went through, what the speeds of the trains would be? Ryan indicated the proposed speed is 90 mph, but there is a restriction of 30 mph as it gets closer to Kendall Street.

City Manager Henne stated that he does know that MDOT is approaching several communities concerning rail way crossings along the stretch for the high speed rail.

Council Member Young asked if the City had any input on when the railroad could work on the crossings? City Manager Henne stated that he thought it was an oversight on their part to not have coordinated with us this past year when 20th Street and Helmer Road crossings were closed at the same time.

Mr. Dave Armour, stated if the railroad crossing is closed that would pretty much shoot down any future development of his property, which runs along Lafayette/24th Street. Mr. Armour stated he completely understands the \$150,000 incentive offered would be nice in these tough times, but it won't help Beech & Rich or him with his plans to expand.

Council Member Hollingsworth stated he's heard reasons tonight to not close the crossing; those reasons being the safety of the residents and the future development of properties in the area.

Resolution #58-14:

It was moved by Young and seconded by Burdett that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize the rail crossing closure project on N. 24th Street.

All Nays. Resolution defeated.

3. Proclaim – Holiday Season Impaired Driving Prevention

City Manager Henne stated this proclamation is in recognition of the Holiday Season Impaired Driving Prevention month.

Proclamation #22-14:

Mayor Anderson presented the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes involving alcohol (with at least one driver with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 grams per deciliter or above) accounted for 31% of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities in 2012 (killing 10,322 people – an increase of 4.6 from 2011) and injure hundreds of thousands more every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mid December through New Year's holiday season is traditionally one of the most deadly times of the year for alcohol-impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 35% of the persons killed in alcohol related crashes are not the impaired persons themselves, but their passengers, occupants of other vehicles, pedestrians, or bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, an average of 1 alcohol related crash fatality occurred every 51 minutes in 2012; and

WHEREAS, organizations across the Nation are joining together to promote the "*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*" National public awareness campaign and law enforcement initiatives during the December 12, 2014 to January 1, 2015 time period.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Susan L. Anderson, Mayor, do hereby proclaim December 12, 2014 to January 1, 2015 as "Holiday Season Impaired Driving Prevention" in the City of Springfield. We call upon all citizens, government agencies, business leaders, hospitals and health care providers, schools, and public and private institutions to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs, and to promote the awareness campaign this holiday season and throughout the year.

4. Bills In Line

It was moved by Burdett, seconded by Eib and unanimously approved that the checks be drawn from the various accounts and the bills be paid.

VII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Manager Henne thanked Tim Davis and Charles Grantier of Territorial Brewing Company for their soft opening last week. Some staff and Council members attended. We are very excited to have them in Springfield.

City Manager Henne shared information about a ridership program that is working in the Ft. Custer Industrial Park called BC Rides; their phone number is 209-2079. They are currently working with companies in the Ft. Custer area to financially give to them; therefore anyone who works for that company may not be required to pay or will be able to pay a reduced rate.

City Clerk Vogel stated City Hall will be closed next Thursday due to Thanksgiving. In addition the last pick up for the green yard waste bins will be Monday, November 24th.

Council Member Burdett and Mayor Anderson wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Kris Vogel, CMMC/MMC
City Clerk

Susan L. Anderson
Mayor



Action Items:

Set 2015 Council Meeting Schedule - #59-14

This resolution will set the Council meeting schedule for the 2015 calendar year.

Bills in Line

Informational Items

1. Work continues on drafting an agreement between the Calhoun County Land Bank and the City of Springfield for the Legion Villa property. The rotunda section of the building is expected to collapse this winter and has already caved in on the back side.
2. Lakeland Asphalt is reducing the size of the recyclable asphalt material so that it is lower than the berm shielding the residents and Avenue A. The original agreement between the previous City Administration and Lakeland allowed for the storage of the material only if it did not exceed the height of the berm.
3. On Wednesday, November 12 I attended the quarterly border Bandits meeting of representatives from county and municipal governments in the region. Healthcare changes were a big part of that meeting and some smaller municipalities are considering the option of joining a health insurance pool. I will be looking into this option for Springfield.
4. I have begun meeting with AFSCME represented employees and their Union rep to discuss the scheduled contract reopener for health coverage. We saw this coming and the Union is on board. However, there were some discrepancies with the new contract that we are trying to iron out regarding retirement and retiree health care as they relate to new hires. This is something myself and Department Heads missed when the new contract was drafted. The Union is working with the City to resolve the discrepancies and I expect a Letter of Agreement by the next Council meeting.
5. On November 20 I met with the Barton Group regarding a broker's interest in City-owned property on Dickman Rd near Wyndtree Apartments. This property is

currently zoned multi-family. The Barton Group is still working on the City-wide market study.

6. The Community Cultural Center (previously Math and Science Center), has received a \$175,000/year, 3 year grant from the Federal government as well as \$60,000 in local contributions. Not having to worry about financials for the time being, I expect there will be land use questions and requests to be coming to City Hall within the next 6-8 months.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan R. Henne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N" and "H".

Nathan Henne
City Manager



December 1, 2014

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 59-14

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD that the following dates be set for the City Council meetings for 2015 and the list be posted; said meetings to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the City Municipal office located at 601 Avenue A:

January	5	19
February	2	17 (T)
March	2	16
April	6	20
May	4	18
June	1	15
July	6	20
August	3	17
September	8 (T)	21
October	5	19
November	2	16
December	7	21

Note: Agenda review begins at 7:00 p.m.

MOVED: _____

SECONDED: _____

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BILLS IN LINE

INVOICE GL DISTRIBUTION REPORT FOR INVOICES PAID 11/13/2014 - 11/26/2014

GL Number	GL Desc	Vendor	Amount
Dept 441 PUBLIC SERVICES			
101-441-716.00	MEDICAL INSURANCE	BCBS OF MICHIGAN	3,490.43
101-441-716.25	MEDICAL INS-FED/MI TAXES & FEES	BCBS OF MICHIGAN	274.41
101-441-717.00	LIFE INSURANCE	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	74.25
101-441-722.10	UNIFORMS	G & K SERVICES	55.97
101-441-722.10	UNIFORMS	G & K SERVICES	55.97
101-441-722.10	UNIFORMS	G & K SERVICES	67.52
101-441-722.10	UNIFORMS	MENARDS-BATTLE CREEK	9.99
101-441-722.10	UNIFORMS	G & K SERVICES	55.97
101-441-740.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	FASTENAL COMPANY	21.50
101-441-740.00	OPERATING SUPPLIES	FAMILY FARM & HOME	17.58
101-441-967.15	CITY HALL OPERATIONS & MAINT	MENARDS-BATTLE CREEK	119.98
101-441-967.15	CITY HALL OPERATIONS & MAINT	MENARDS-BATTLE CREEK	23.96
101-441-967.15	CITY HALL OPERATIONS & MAINT	SEMCO ENERGY	169.57
101-441-967.15	CITY HALL OPERATIONS & MAINT	SAMS CLUB DISCOVER/GECRB	301.96
		Total For Dept 441 PUBLIC SERVICES	4,739.06
Dept 861 POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS			
101-861-716.10	MEDICAL INSURANCE-RETIREES	BCBS OF MICHIGAN	6,785.48
101-861-716.21	MEDICAL INS STIPEND-RETIREES	MICHAEL MILESKI	200.00
101-861-716.25	MEDICAL INS-FED/MI TAXES & FEES	BCBS OF MICHIGAN	404.38
101-861-717.10	LIFE INSURANCE-RETIREES	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	87.60
		Total For Dept 861 POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	7,477.46
		Total For Fund 101 GENERAL FUND	39,113.57
Fund 202 MAJOR STREET FUND			
Dept 463 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE			
202-463-775.60	STREET MAINTENANCE MATERIAL	LAKELAND ASPHALT CO	354.17
202-463-775.67	STORM SEWER MAINT MATERIAL	BOSKER BRICK CO	41.60
		Total For Dept 463 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	395.77
Dept 474 TRAFFIC SERVICE MAINTENANCE			
202-474-930.75	OUTSIDE TRAFFIC SERVICE MAINT	CITY OF BATTLE CREEK	88.93
		Total For Dept 474 TRAFFIC SERVICE MAINTENANCE	88.93
		Total For Fund 202 MAJOR STREET FUND	484.70
Fund 203 LOCAL STREET FUND			
Dept 463 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE			
203-463-775.60	STREET MAINTENANCE MATERIAL	LAKELAND ASPHALT CO	56.98
		Total For Dept 463 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	56.98
		Total For Fund 203 LOCAL STREET FUND	56.98
Fund 236 TIFA D FUND			
Dept 452 PROJECTS			
236-452-805.31	ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT	KINGS RADIATOR INC.	500.00
		Total For Dept 452 PROJECTS	500.00
		Total For Fund 236 TIFA D FUND	500.00

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INVOICE GL DISTRIBUTION REPORT FOR INVOICES PAID 11/13/2014 - 11/26/2014

GL Number	GL Desc	Vendor	Amount
Fund 508 FARMERS MARKET FUND			
Dept 752 FARMERS MARKET			
508-752-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	D & D MAINTENANCE SUPPLY	14.16
508-752-801.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	MOBLEY MICHELLE	65.00
508-752-801.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	MOBLEY MICHELLE	65.00
508-752-850.10	TELEPHONE	COMCAST	127.56
508-752-956.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	CUSTOM SIGNS & DESIGNS	100.00
Total For Dept 752 FARMERS MARKET			371.72
Dept 753 FARMERS MARKET KITCHEN			
508-753-920.10	NATURAL GAS	SEMCO ENERGY	165.22
Total For Dept 753 FARMERS MARKET KITCHEN			165.22
Total For Fund 508 FARMERS MARKET FUND			536.94
Fund 549 BUILDING FUND			
Dept 371 INSPECTION DEPARTMENT			
549-371-706.10	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	DAVID CUNNINGHAM	981.72
549-371-706.20	PLUMBING INSPECTOR	RANDY BUSHEE	722.51
549-371-706.30	MECHANICAL INSPECTOR	STEVE BULLER	687.00
549-371-706.40	BUILDING INSPECTOR	STEVE BULLER	1,038.27
Total For Dept 371 INSPECTION DEPARTMENT			3,429.50
Total For Fund 549 BUILDING FUND			3,429.50
Fund 591 WATER FUND			
Dept 442 OPERATING EXPENSES			
591-442-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	AHS PROPERTY CARE & LANDSCPE SUPPLY	38.00
591-442-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	BOSKER BRICK CO	8.28
591-442-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	ETNA SUPPLY COMPANY	60.22
591-442-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	UNDERGROUND PIPE & VALVE INC	1,565.00
Total For Dept 442 OPERATING EXPENSES			1,671.50
Total For Fund 591 WATER FUND			1,671.50
Fund 596 REFUSE FUND			
Dept 442 OPERATING EXPENSES			
596-442-801.35	CONTRACTUAL REFUSE SERVICE	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MICHIGAN	15,323.46
596-442-801.36	WM SURCHARGE & FEES	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MICHIGAN	375.03
Total For Dept 442 OPERATING EXPENSES			15,698.49
Total For Fund 596 REFUSE FUND			15,698.49
Fund 661 VEHICLE FUND			
Dept 345 PUBLIC SAFETY			
661-345-930.09	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	B&B FLEET	663.12
661-345-930.14	TIRES & TIRE REPAIR	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC	150.00
Total For Dept 345 PUBLIC SAFETY			813.12
Dept 441 PUBLIC SERVICES			
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	AUTO VALUE BATTLE CREEK	16.09

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GL Number	GL Desc	Vendor	Amount
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	CEREAL CITY AUTO PARTS	17.87
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	CEREAL CITY AUTO PARTS	23.66
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	CEREAL CITY AUTO PARTS	69.89
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	CEREAL CITY AUTO PARTS	50.58
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	FOUR STAR MUFFLER INC	164.62
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	LINE-X	280.00
661-441-775.00	REPAIR & MAINT SUPPLIES	MENARDS-BATTLE CREEK	23.34
661-441-775.24	LUBRICANTS & HYDRAULIC OIL	FAMILY FARM & HOME	25.98
661-441-930.14	TIRES & TIRE REPAIR	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC	580.00
		Total For Dept 441 PUBLIC SERVICES	1,252.03

Total For Fund 661 VEHICLE FUND 2,065.15

Fund 703 CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND

Dept 000

703-000-214.05	DUE TO GENERAL FUND-OPER	GENERAL FUND-PROP TAX DISB	4,853.26
703-000-214.06	DUE TO GENERAL FUND-PENSION	GENERAL FUND-PROP TAX DISB	346.63
703-000-214.07	DUE TO GENERAL FUND-ADMIN FEE	GENERAL FUND-PROP TAX DISB	76.60
703-000-214.11	DUE TO UNITS-PENALTY/INTEREST	BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	113.71
703-000-214.11	DUE TO UNITS-PENALTY/INTEREST	CALHOUN COUNTY TREASURER	114.16
703-000-214.11	DUE TO UNITS-PENALTY/INTEREST	CALHOUN INTERM SCHOOL DIST	31.39
703-000-214.11	DUE TO UNITS-PENALTY/INTEREST	GENERAL FUND-PROP TAX DISB	155.62
703-000-214.11	DUE TO UNITS-PENALTY/INTEREST	KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE	18.13
703-000-214.11	DUE TO UNITS-PENALTY/INTEREST	WILLARD DISTRICT LIBRARY	20.06
703-000-214.20	DUE TO MAJOR ST-SPEC ASSESS	MAJOR ST FD-PROPERTY TAX DISB	259.41
703-000-222.00	DUE TO COUNTY-PROPERTY TAXES	CALHOUN COUNTY TREASURER	2,731.11
703-000-223.00	DUE TO WILLARD-PROPERTY TAXES	WILLARD DISTRICT LIBRARY	693.30
703-000-225.00	DUE TO BC SCH-PROPERTY TAXES	BATTLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS	4,801.70
703-000-228.00	DUE TO STATE-PROPERTY TAXES	CALHOUN COUNTY TREASURER	3,047.07
703-000-234.00	DUE TO ISD-PROPERTY TAXES	CALHOUN INTERM SCHOOL DIST	1,084.99
703-000-235.00	DUE TO KCC-PROPERTY TAXES	KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE	626.30
		Total For Dept 000	18,973.44

Total For Fund 703 CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND 18,973.44

Fund Totals:

Fund 101 GENERAL FUND	39,113.57
Fund 202 MAJOR STREET FUND	484.70
Fund 203 LOCAL STREET FUND	56.98
Fund 236 TIFA D FUND	500.00
Fund 508 FARMERS MARKET FUND	536.94
Fund 549 BUILDING FUND	3,429.50
Fund 591 WATER FUND	1,671.50
Fund 596 REFUSE FUND	15,698.49
Fund 661 VEHICLE FUND	2,065.15
Fund 703 CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND	18,973.44

Total For All Funds: 82,530.27