

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD  
JANUARY 7, 2008**

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 Agne, Burdett, Eib, Good, Hinton, Whitfield, and Mayor Anderson.

Also Present: Franklin Peterson – City Manager, and Kris Vogel – City Clerk.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hinton, seconded by Good and unanimous that the minutes of December 17, 2007, regular meeting be approved subject to additions and corrections.

V. FY 06/07 AUDIT PRESENTATION – PLANTE & MORAN

Mary Schafer, CPA Partner, Kim Hoppe, CPA Associate, and Kelly Baxter, CPA Associate, of Plante & Moran made the FY 06/07 Audit Presentation.

VI. REPORTS

A. City Manager – *Franklin Peterson*

1. Adopt – Revision to Personnel Policy

City Manager Peterson stated this resolution will adopt a revision to the Personnel Policy.

***Resolution #01-08***

It was moved by Agne and seconded by Whitfield that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to approve the revised personnel policies for the City of Springfield as presented, which incorporates a Smoke-Free Worksite Policy and is consistent with the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners “Calhoun County Clean Indoor Air Regulation”; said policy will be effective January 8, 2008.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

2. Proclaim – Rev. Martin Luther King Month

City Manager Peterson stated this proclamation will proclaim Rev. Martin Luther King Month in Springfield.

***Proclamation #01-08***

Mayor Anderson presented the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the world has been affected positively by Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., who dedicated his life to the promotion of civil and human rights, and especially achieving racial harmony; and

WHEREAS, these efforts earned him the distinguished Nobel Peace Prize; and

WHEREAS, African-American History Month observances provide a unique opportunity to gain a deeper understanding and knowledge of the diverse contributions of African-Americans to our country and world, including their important role in our nation's defense.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Susan L. Anderson, Mayor of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2008, as a memorial to "Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." in Springfield and remind citizens to recognize and support the ideals of human dignity and equal opportunity to which this City is committed

### 3. *Bills in Line*

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

## VII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Hinton thanked the Public Works Department for the great job they do with snow removal within the City limits.

City Manager Peterson indicated newsletters will be going out with water bills this month. If a resident does not receive a water bill the newsletter is available on the City's website, at the trailer parks, and apartment complexes.

City Manager Peterson stated the City has a new Public Safety K-9 and handler; Officer Guy Pickets was recently hired and will be working with Turbo, who is a Belgian Malinois.

City Manager Peterson encouraged the community to clean the snow off the sidewalks in front of their properties.

City Clerk Vogel reminded the community the Presidential Primary is Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and the polls are open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. In addition, picture ID's are required to be shown at the polls and electors will need to select either a Republican or Democratic ballot.

City Clerk Vogel thanked the Springfield and Battle Creek communities for supporting the family of a good friend of her's who recently passed away while giving birth to triplets.

Council Member Burdett commended the community members who do remove the snow from the sidewalks in front of their properties, along with clearing the fire hydrants near their homes.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Art Hollingsworth, 114 Wellworth, added that he is pleased as well with the snow removal done by the Public Works Department and spoke with two other people that made similar comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Kris Vogel, CMC  
City Clerk

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Susan L. Anderson, Mayor