

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
OCTOBER 16, 2006**

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: Jim Jenkins – City Manager, Jeannine Turner – Finance Director and Kris Vogel – City Clerk.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hinton, seconded by Good and unanimous that the minutes of the October 2, 2006, regular meeting be approved subject to additions and corrections.

V. PUBLIC HEARING - TIFA PLAN AMENDMENTS

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing to receive comments in regard to the TIFA Plan Amendments at 7:31 p.m.

A. Explanation of Public Hearing – James D. Jenkins, City Manager

City Manager Jenkins explained the purpose of the public hearing and stated currently the TIFA districts are divided into four areas. Whenever there are changes made to the Plans a public hearing must be held, notices sent out to property owners and taxing jurisdictions, and it must be published in the paper. At the last Council meeting the affected taxing jurisdictions were invited to provide input pertaining to the amendments.

B. Details of TIFA Plan Amendments – James D. Jenkins, City Manager

City Manager Jenkins made a presentation showing how the TIFA districts would be changed. TIFA's A & C would be eliminated and D would be expanded to take in the two districts, with the cash balances combined; this would help leverage for possible bonding. The elimination of C would change the base years from 1986 to 2006.

C. Citizen Input and Questions

None.

D. Council Input and Questions

None.

Being no further questions, the public hearing was closed at 7:39 p.m.

VI. REPORTS

A. Assessing/Building Department – September (C. Childers)

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the Building Department reports presented by Cris Childers, Assessor/Building Official. Being none, the reports will be filed as presented.

B. Public Works Department – September (T. Matson)

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

C. Public Safety Department – September (R. Coles)

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

D. Farmers Market and Election – September (K. Vogel)

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the Farmers Market report presented by Kris Vogel, City Clerk.

City Clerk Vogel stated the City hosted its 4th annual car/craft show on September 2nd with a total of 87 vendors and 75 kids were ID'd through the Public Safety Department's Child ID Program. In addition, the park pavilion in Begg Park was reserved for 3 special events.

City Clerk Vogel reminded the community of the upcoming election on November 7th and indicated absent voter ballots are available by contacting the Clerk's office.

E. Finance Department – Investment Report (J. Turner)

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the Investment Report presented by Jeannine Turner, Finance Director.

Finance Director Turner noted that the City's Investment Policy requires the City Treasurer to prepare an investment report. Finance Director Turner stated that overall our investments did well.

F. City Manager – James D. Jenkins

1. *Adopt – TIFA Plan Amendments*

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution will adopt the TIFA Plan Amendments.

Resolution #63-06

It was moved by Good and seconded by Eib that the following resolution be adopted by title only:

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN/TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PLAN (DEVELOPMENT AREAS "A," "C" and "D") FOR THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Council Member Hinton indicated she feels this is a great move for our TIFA.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

2. Authorize – City Manager/City Clerk to Execute MDOT Contract #06-5499

City Manager Jenkins noted this resolution would authorize execution of a MDOT contract for the Lafayette Street Project, which is part of the Governor's Local Jobs Today program and the work would begin next spring.

Resolution #64-06

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize Jim Jenkins, City Manager; and Kris Vogel, City Clerk; to sign MDOT Contract No. 06-5499 for the reconstruction of Lafayette Street from N. Helmer Road to the east City limits.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

3. Authorize City Manager/City Clerk to Execute MDOT Contract #06-6499

City Manager Jenkins noted this resolution would authorize execution of a MDOT contract for the Lafayette Street Project.

Resolution #65-06

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 authorize Jim Jenkins, City Manager; and Kris Vogel, City Clerk; to sign MDOT Contract No. 06-6499 for the loan for the Federal-Aid portion of the reconstruction of Lafayette Street from N. Helmer Road to the east City limits.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

4. Authorize – Battle Creek Exchange Club Fund Drive

City Manager Jenkins indicated this resolution would authorize an annual fund drive for the Battle Creek Exchange Club.

Resolution #66-06

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

WHEREAS, the Battle Creek and Pennfield Exchange Clubs have requested permission to solicit funds on the streets of Springfield for their annual Dental Fund Drive on Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the dental fund drive has been conducted annually since 1948 and provides assistance with dental care to over 10,000 needy children in the area; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of many government supported programs makes this project more important than ever to help "save a smile".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize the Battle Creek and Pennfield Exchange Clubs to solicit funds within the City of Springfield on October 27 and October 28, 2006, for their annual Dental Fund Drive.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

5. Consider – Liquor License Transfer

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution considers a liquor license transfer. City Manager Jenkins indicated Chief Coles has completed his investigation and recommends approval of the transfer.

Resolution #67-06

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

That the request to transfer ownership 2006 Class C licensed business, with Dance-Entertainment Permit, located at 3905 W. Dickman, Springfield, MI, 49015, Calhoun County, from T.T.A.G., Inc. to AA Warf LLC—new request to add space and to add a bar be considered for approval.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

6. Authorize – POLC Sergeants Contract Extension

City Manager Jenkins noted this resolution would authorize an extension for the POLC Sergeants Contract; mediation has been set for the month of November.

Resolution #68-06

It was moved by Hinton and seconded by Good that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize the City Manager to extend the Public Safety Sergeants POLC Union Contract until December 18, 2006.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

7. *Bills in Line for Payment*

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 congratulated Sgt. Ling for marking his 11th anniversary with the Public Safety Department, Donna Carnell for marking her 1st anniversary with the Clerk/Assesor's office, and Kourtney Gillette for marking her 3rd anniversary with the Treasurer's office.

City Clerk Vogel stated that if anyone would like clarification on any of the ballot proposals for the November 7th election there is some background information available in the Clerk's office. City Clerk Vogel added that the Farmers Market will continue through October 28th.

City Clerk Vogel, Mayor Anderson, and Council Member Burdett passed on their condolences to the family of Ginger Eberhard.

Council Member Whitfield stated he's had the opportunity to speak with several people in regard to Proposal #2 and encouraged everyone to review all the proposals very carefully prior to casting their votes.

Mayor Anderson read an informational brochure distributed by MML highlighting the effects proposal #5 would have on local municipalities and the services they provide.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Kris Vogel, CMC
City Clerk

Susan L. Anderson, Mayor