

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
OCTOBER 6, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-tem Burdett called the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Springfield to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-tem Burdett led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Agne, Burdett, Eib, Good, Hinton, and Whitfield.

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

Absent: Mayor Anderson

It was moved by Council Member Hinton, seconded by Council Member Eib and unanimously approved that Mayor Anderson be excused from the regular meeting of October 6, 2008.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hinton, seconded by Good and unanimous that the minutes of September 15, 2008, regular meeting be approved subject to additions and corrections.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – RECEIVE COMMENTS – PA 425 AGREEMENT

Mayor Pro-tem Burdett called the public hearing to receive comments regarding the PA 425 Agreement to order at 7:31 p.m.

A. Explanation of Public Hearing – Franklin Peterson, City Manager

City Manager Peterson stated the purpose of this PA 425 Agreement between the cities of Springfield and Battle Creek is to entice a local auto dealership on Dickman Road to improve and expand their business within the City of Springfield.

B. Details of PA 425 Agreement – Franklin Peterson, City Manager

City Manager Peterson indicated this agreement would transfer the property of Battle Creek Honda in the City of Battle Creek for a period of 8 years, which will make them eligible for certain tax incentives and enabling them to do this expansion.

C. Citizens Input and Questions

Matt DeMaagd, of Battle Creek Honda shared some preliminary plans with the City Council of what the building will look like once completed. Matt indicated they hope to break ground in the summer of 2009.

D. Council Input and Questions

Council Member Whitfield asked if there was a default and they decide not to make the renovations, but decide in a year and half that they are going to proceed, do we withdraw this agreement? City Manager Peterson indicated that it behooves Battle Creek Honda to start earlier rather than later because of the tax incentives available to them.

Being no further questions, Mayor Pro-tem Burdett closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

VI. REPORTS

A. City Manager – *Franklin Peterson*

1. Authorize – Settlement with Chicago Title Insurance Company

City Manager Peterson indicated this resolution will authorize him to enter into a settlement with Chicago Title Insurance Company.

Resolution #44-08

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize the City Manager to settle with Chicago Title Insurance Company regarding Calhoun County District Court Case No. 08-6491-GC, regarding property sold to Brocran/Springfield Do It Center, for an amount not to exceed \$13,000.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

2. Authorize – Lions Club Newspaper Sale

City Manager Peterson stated this resolution will authorize the Lions Club to conduct their annual newspaper sale in the City of Springfield.

Resolution #45-08

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

WHEREAS, the Battle Creek Host Lions Club will be conducting their 80th annual newspaper sale, which is their only fund-raising activity; and

WHEREAS, the funds raised allow the Lions Club to continue their goal of providing eye screening for pre-schoolers, first, third and fifth grade students in the Battle Creek area, as well as provide leader dogs, Braille materials, examinations and glasses to the public at large, and other programs aiding people with sight and hearing problems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to grant permission to the Battle Creek Host Lions Club to sell its annual "Lions Extra" newspaper within the community on October 24 & 25, 2008.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

3. Reappoint – BID Board Member

City Manager Peterson noted this resolution will reappoint a member to the Business Improvement District (BID) Board.

Resolution #46-08

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

WHEREAS, the cities of Battle Creek and Springfield have established the Dickman Road Business Improvement Board and authorized the creation of a Business Improvement Board to carry out certain statutory functions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD that Tom Henkel be reappointed to the Dickman Road Business Improvement Board; said term to expire 10/1/2012.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Mayor Pro-tem Burdett thanked Tom for his willingness to serve.

4. Appoint – Board of Review Member

City Manager Peterson stated this resolution will appoint a member to the Board of Review.

Resolution #47-08

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to confirm the Mayoral reappointment of Sherrie Carr to the Board of Review; said term to expire January 1, 2010.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Mayor Pro-tem Burdett thanked Sherrie for her willingness to serve.

5. Bills In Line

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

VII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Agne reminded citizens not to rake their leaves into the street or burn them in the street.

City Clerk Vogel noted that today was the close of registration to vote in the November 4, 2008, Presidential Election. If someone has a question in regard to the status of their voter registration they can contact the Clerk of the jurisdiction they reside in. In addition, absent voter ballots are now available by contacting the City Clerk's office.

City Clerk Vogel stated that City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 13th in observance of Columbus Day and will reopen Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m.

City Clerk Vogel mentioned that the Farmers Market is open from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. only on Saturdays through the end of October.

City Manager Peterson stated the next community clean-up will be October 17th and 18th. Residents can drop items off at the dumpster location or if you need assistance you can contact City Hall. The final community clean-up will be October 24th and 25th.

City Manager Peterson welcomed Public Safety Officer Endsley to the department and encouraged the citizens to introduce themselves if they saw him in the community.

Council Member Good announced the Calhoun County Road Commission will be holding their fall tire and appliance collection October 6th – October 10th. For additional information, please call City Hall.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Kris Vogel, CMC
City Clerk

Harry Burdett, Mayor Pro-tem