

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
NOVEMBER 20, 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, and Mayor Anderson.

Absent: Council Member Whitfield.

It was moved by Hinton, seconded by Burdett and unanimous to excuse Council Member Whitfield from the regular meeting of November 20, 2006.

Also Present: Jim Jenkins – City Manager and Kris Vogel – City Clerk.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hinton, seconded by Whitfield and unanimous that the minutes of the November 6, 2006, regular meeting be approved subject to additions and corrections.

V. PRESENTATION – RECYCLE BY MAIL – Coy Sheetz, Waste Management
Coy Sheetz of Waste Management shared videos on Waste Management's Recycle By Mail and Waste Watch Programs.

Mayor Anderson asked if Waste Management would market of the Recycle By Mail program? Coy indicated they are marketing the program and working with municipalities to determine the best way to reach all the residents, as well as newspaper advertising.

City Manager Jenkins stated he has been in contact with Ken Kohs from the City of Battle Creek to coordinate efforts on disseminating this information to the residents of Battle Creek and Springfield.

Council Member Good asked if Waste Management could tie some type of tag on the waste bins when they were making their regular pick-ups? Coy indicated this is something they can look at, but there is some concern about the tag staying secured.

Council Member Agne asked if just cell phone batteries could be recycled? Coy indicated it must be the entire phone.

Coy noted that the Waste Watch Program is a value added service and speaks for itself and Waste Management wants to be an important part of each community. This Program is managed by a former FBI agent at their corporate office and he would be responsible for interacting with local enforcement agencies. City Manager Jenkins stated this sounds like a great program and the more eyes in our community the better.

VI. REPORTS

A. Assessing/Building Department – October (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 – October (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 – October (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 – October (K. Vogel)

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

City Clerk Vogel noted the Farmers Market is closed for the season and will reopen next year in early June. In addition, a Halloween event was held at the Market this year and was a success, which included pumpkin painting, and crafting tree ghosts and masks.

E. City Manager – James D. Jenkins

1. *Amend – Resolution #73-06 – Public Hearing to Receive Comments – Brownfield Plan for LHG, LLC*

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution will amend resolution #73-06 to set a public hearing, as we were unable to meet the publication deadlines.

Resolution #74-06

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 amend City Council resolution #73-06 by making the following change:

2. A public hearing is hereby called on the 18th of December, 2006, at

7:30 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time, in City Hall to consider adoption by the City Council of a resolution approving the Brownfield Plan.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

2. Proclaim – National Drunk and Drugged Drive (3D) Prevention Month

City Manager Jenkins indicated this proclamation is brought before the Council annually.

Proclamation #09-06

Mayor Anderson presented the following proclamation in recognition of National Drunk and Drugged Drive (3D) Prevention Month:

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes involving alcohol kill over 16,000 people and injure hundreds of thousands more every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, alcohol-related crashes, as a significant portion of overall crashes, lead to one death an average of every 31 minutes, one injury an average of every two minutes and 1.4 million arrests nationally each year; and

WHEREAS, the December 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, based on the current rates, three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol related crash at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, organizations across the Nation are joining together to promote the "*Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.*" National public awareness campaign and law enforcement initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Springfield proclaims December, 2006 as "National Drunk and Drugged Driving" Awareness Month and encourages promotion of the awareness campaigns this December holiday season and throughout the year.

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

Mayor Anderson thanked staff, Council Members, and their families for their help with the float for the holiday parade this past weekend. In addition, the City of Springfield received two plaques from the Harper Creek Optimists Club for our participation and support of the parade.

The Council wished the community a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Council Member Hinton congratulated Angie Hall for marking her 5th anniversary and Chad Kennedy for marking his 3rd anniversary with the Public Works Department.

City Clerk Vogel noted City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. Also, the green yard waste bins can be used for yard waste through Monday, November 27th.

Council Member Agne indicated the holiday parade will be aired on Access Vision this Saturday at noon.

Council Member Burdett congratulated Sgt. Pence for marking his 10th anniversary, Officer Angus for marking her 7th anniversary, Officer Gammons for marking his 3rd anniversary, and Officer Glerum for marking his 2nd anniversary with the Public Safety Department.

Council Member Burdett thanked Public Safety Officers Hillman and Collins for participating in the fire safety training for kindergarten students held at Cereal City USA.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Kris Vogel, CMC
City Clerk

Susan L. Anderson, Mayor