

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
NOVEMBER 6, 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, Good, Hinton, Whitfield, and Mayor Anderson.

Absent: Council Member Eib.

It was moved by Hinton, seconded by Burdett and unanimous to excuse Council Member Eib from the regular meeting of November 6, 2006.

Also Present: Jim Jenkins – City Manager, Rob Coles – Public Safety Director and Kris Vogel – City Clerk.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hinton, seconded by Whitfield and unanimous that the minutes of the October 16, 2006, regular meeting and the October 23, 2006, special meeting be approved subject to additions and corrections.

V. PRESENTATION – CRIME-COG RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Public Safety Director Coles stated approximately a year ago he was contacted by the Albion Public Safety Department concerning a records management program; it was the City of Albion's goal that someday there would be an integrated records management system county-wide. This type of program would eliminate the paper shuffle between departments and the Prosecutor's office if implemented. Albion and Marshall have implemented this system and were the first two departments in the State of Michigan to do so. The Calhoun County Prosecutor's office is online with the program, but can only view information. In addition, Emmett Township was recently brought on board with the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department planning to be on-line early in 2007. The City of Battle Creek is pursuing grant opportunities and is hoping to get onboard sometime in the first quarter of 2007. Public Safety Director Coles indicated that records can be filtered out if a department is working on something that they don't want to make available to other departments.

VI. REPORTS

A. City Manager – James D. Jenkins

1. *Authorize – City Manager to Enter into Sales Agreement for Orchard Hills Housing Project*

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution will authorize him to enter into a sales agreement for the Orchard Hills Housing Project with a developer.

Resolution #70-06

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

WHEREAS, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD approved the final plat of Orchard Hills and recommended approval by the City Council on October 23, 2006; and

WHEREAS, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD approved the final plat of Orchard Hills as submitted on October 23, 2006; and

WHEREAS, THE ORCHARD HILLS HOUSING PROJECT was put out to bid; and

WHEREAS, a proposed developer has been identified and other subdivisions of the developer have been visited.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize the City Manager to enter into a sales agreement in the amount of \$703,000 for the Orchard Hills Housing project.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

2. *Authorize – Harmonia Road Street Lighting*

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution will authorize the installation of street lighting on Harmonia Road near Thunderbird Mobile Home Park. The mobile home park has requested the installation of the lights due to their expansion.

Resolution #71-06

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 the installation of up to three streets light on Harmonia Road, as requested by and near Thunderbird Mobile Homes, at a cost of operation not to exceed \$50.00 a month.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

3. *Authorize – Expenditure for the Crime-Cog Records Management Program*
City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution would authorize the expenditure to purchase the Crime-Cog Records Management Program for the Public Safety Department.

Resolution #72-06

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 authorize the expenditure of \$6,000 to purchase the Crime-Cog Records Management Program to be utilized by the Public Safety Department.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

4. *Set – Public Hearing to Receive Comments – Brownfield Plan for LHG, LLC*
City Manager Jenkins indicated this resolution will set a public hearing to receive comments in regard to the Brownfield Plan for LHG, LLC (Motorzone).

Resolution #73-06

It was moved by Hinton and seconded by Burdett that the following resolution be adopted, and read in part (the full resolution is on file in the City Clerk's office):

RESOLUTION NOTIFYING TAXING UNITS AND CALLING PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING APPROVAL OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE CITY OF
SPRINGFIELD BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

2. A public hearing is hereby called on the 4th 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.

5. *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 Members Hinton, Good, Whitfield, and Burdett encouraged the community to get out and vote tomorrow.

City Clerk Vogel also encouraged the community to vote and indicated the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

City Clerk Vogel added that the green yard waste bins can be used for yard waste through the November 27th pick up.

City Clerk Vogel noted the Farmers Market season has come to an end and thanked the

farmers and community for their support.

Council Member Burdett stated that in conversations with the chief, principal, and superintendent concerning the incident at Springfield Middle School where a student had a hand gun everyone was impressed with the professionalism in how the incident was handled and the reaction time.

Mayor Anderson thanked City Clerk Vogel and Deputy City Clerk Carnell for their hard work preparing for tomorrow's election.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Floyd Hantz, employee at Jim's Flower Shop, expressed his concern with street lighting around their building at 799 W. Michigan Avenue. Mayor Anderson stated the City will check on this situation.

Rob Coles, Public Safety Director, introduced Tom Wirebaugh as the newest member to the Public Safety Department. Tom comes to Springfield from the Village of Colon, where he was an officer for a year, and he is a graduate of Kellogg Community College's Police Academy.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Kris Vogel, CMC
City Clerk

Susan L. Anderson, Mayor