

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
FEBRUARY 21, 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: James 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 February 6, 2006, regular meeting be approved subject to additions and corrections.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – RECEIVE COMMENTS – Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate – Lang Associates, Recycled Carts Division

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing to receive comments relative to the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Lang Associates, Recycled Carts Division, at 7:31 p.m.

A. Explanation of Public Hearing – James D. Jenkins

City Manager Jenkins indicated when a business applies for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate the local jurisdiction has certain responsibilities as part of the process. Each local taxing jurisdictions has been be notified of the public hearing and were given the opportunity to be heard.

B. Details of Exemption Certificate

City Manager Jenkins stated that Lang Associates, Recycled Carts Division, is located in Springfield on Bishop Road. It is their intention to expand the business and bring in a new machine that will consolidate some of their efforts. The City's portion of the abatement would be approximately \$1,800 a year and the other taxing jurisdictions would amount to approximately \$4,000 a year; this would be a 10 year exemption.

C. Citizen Input and Questions

Attorney Nelson Karre, VanderVoort, Christ and Fisher added that this company recycles shopping carts and plans to add the new piece of equipment and make about \$75,000 in improvements to their building. Currently the business employs 25 individuals and over the next two years hopes to add 30 additional jobs.

Kevin Brennan, Manager of Lang Associates, explained how the new piece of machinery will operate. Mr. Brennan added that there will not be any plating of metal on site and no hazardous materials will be used.

- D. Commission Input and Questions
None.

Being no further comments, Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

VI. REPORTS

- A. Assessing/Building Department – January (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 – January (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 – January (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. City Manager – James Jenkins

- 1. Grant – Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution will make a recommendation to the State of Michigan to grant an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Lang Associates, Recycled Carts Division.

Resolution #08-06

It was moved by Burdett and seconded by Whitfield that the following resolution be adopted (a portion of the resolution was read; the complete resolution is on file in the Clerk's office):

WHEREAS, Lang Associates, Recycled Carts Division has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed within the Industrial Development No. 1-A; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the Council of the City of Springfield held a hearing on February 21, 2006, at the City Municipal Office, at 601 Avenue A, Springfield, MI 49015, at 7:30 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, completion of the facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the

certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the City of Springfield; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD that:

1. The Council finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act. No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Springfield, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Springfield.
3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 10 years after completion.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

2. Authorize – Bid for Orchard Hills Infrastructure Improvements

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution will award a bid for the Orchard Hills subdivision infrastructure improvements.

Resolution #09-06

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to accept the bid of Hunter Prell in the amount of \$575,666.85 for the infrastructure improvements in the Orchard Hills Plat. Said improvements will consist of water, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and asphalt pavement.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

3. Authorize – Bid for Street Improvement Project

City Manager Jenkins stated that the following resolution will award a bid for the street improvement project to include work on N. 24th Street, N. 26th Street, N. 34th Street, and Nettles Street.

Resolution #10-06

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 accept the bid of Hoffman Brothers in the amount of \$260,029.82 for the infrastructure improvements on the following:

- N. 24th Street from Dickman Road to Upton Avenue
- N. 26th Street from Upton Avenue to Nettles Street
- N. 34th Street from Upton Avenue to the Railroad Tracks
- Nettles Street

Said improvements will consist of curb and gutter on N. 24th Street, N. 26th Street, and N. 34th Street, and mill, resurface, and sewer extension on Nettles Street.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

4. Introduce – Zoning Ordinance

City Manager Jenkins noted this ordinance will introduce a change to the zoning ordinance and will effect properties on Avenue A between N. 14th and N. 17th Streets. City Manager Jenkins made a presentation showing the properties effected.

Ordinance #01-06

It was moved by Eib and seconded by Hinton that the following ordinance be introduced by title only:

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springfield with respect to zoning district boundaries.

All ayes. Ordinance introduced.

5. Authorize – General Obligation Bonds

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution will authorize General Obligation Bonds and made a presentation outlining the process.

Resolution #11-06

It was moved by Good and seconded by the entire Council that the following resolution be adopted (a portion of the resolution was read; the complete resolution is on file in the Clerk's office):

Resolution Authorizing 2006 Capital Improvement Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Authorization of Bonds; Bond Terms. Bonds of the Issuer designated 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION) (the "Bonds") are authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed nine Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$995,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of the Project, including the costs incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds.

Mayor Anderson stated that if the funds received as proceeds from the sale of the Orchard Hills lots could not be used to pay off the bonds early or the City would be penalized; therefore, would these funds be placed in a special account to be used specifically to pay off the bonds? Finance Director Turner indicated there are no restrictions on where the sale proceeds go for this land, but we can not pay the bonds off early.

Council Member Whitfield stated that he does not feel that once the money starts coming in from the sale of the lots that the Council should designate where those monies should go, as he feels it's an operational issue and should be dealt with by staff.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

6. *Bills in Line for Payment*

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

VII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Hinton stated that PSO Schipper marked his 7th anniversary with the Public Safety Department and PSO Graham retired from the department after 16 years of service. In addition, PSO Pence was promoted to Sergeant. Council Member Hinton congratulated each of them.

City Manager Jenkins thanked Finance Director Turner for preparing materials for tonight's meeting at the last minute and being present at the meeting.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Kris Vogel, CMC
City Clerk

Susan L. Anderson, Mayor