

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

Absent: Council Member Good – Excused.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

V. REPORTS

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

1. Proclaim – Fair Housing Month

Mayor Anderson presented the following Proclamation.

**Proclamation #03-06**

WHEREAS, the survival and growth of our civilization is significantly impacted by the wise use and widely allocated ownership of land and housing; and

WHEREAS, America and thereby Michigan and the community of the City of Springfield promotes and protects the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Federal Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, to prohibit housing discrimination when based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status and disability and declared that equal housing opportunity is a basic right of every American; and the Elliott-Larson Act of Michigan of 1976 further deemed it unlawful to discriminate based on age and marital status; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity in housing can best be accomplished through leadership, example, education, and the mutual cooperation of all those affiliated with the housing industry and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Susan L. Anderson, Mayor of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

**“Fair Housing Month”**

in the City of Springfield and join with the Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan and the Battle Creek Area Association of Realtors in celebration of the laws and efforts of its citizens to remove impediments to equal housing opportunity and to highlight and ensure the rights of all citizens to continued freedom of choice in housing and private property ownership.

2. Approve – Creation of AMSA Construction Board of Appeals Ordinance  
City Manager Jenkins stated that the current AMSA Construction Boards of Appeals are all separate boards and the following Ordinance would combine these boards into one board for all types of construction.

**Ordinance #02-06**

It was moved by Burdett and seconded by Whitfield that the following ordinance be approved by title only:

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE AMSA CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT, 1972 PA 230, AS AMENDED, AND THE URBAN COOPERATION ACT OF 1967, 1967 PA 7, AS AMENDED.

All ayes. Ordinance adopted.

**3. Bills in Line for Payment**

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

**VII. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

City Manager Jenkins stated that it is construction season and Helmer Road through Springfield will be milled and resurfaced by the State, as this is a State Highway. Also the bridge over the Kalamazoo River near Jackson Street and Helmer Road will be redone and alternate routes will be available.

City Clerk Vogel noted that the green Waste Management containers can be used for yard waste starting Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also noted that the city's fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt at Begg Park is Saturday, April 15, 2006, at 11 a.m. and asked that children bring their own bags or baskets. City Clerk Vogel stated the summer baseball/softball program will be starting and the season runs May through June. City Clerk Vogel added that the Battle Creek Health Systems Care-A-Van and Senior Health Partners will be at the Springfield Farmers Market on May 6, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be offering free blood-pressure screening, blood sugar testing and pulse-ox testing.

Council Member Whitfield stated that Calhoun County Road Commission will be having their spring tire and appliance collection on Monday April 24, 2006, through Saturday, April 29, 2006, at their facility on 15 Mile Road in Marshall. He stated that for more information citizens can contact City Clerk Vogel at City Hall.

Mayor Anderson stated that the International Institute of Municipal Clerks sent her a letter that indicates that Kristin R. Vogel, CMC of the City of Springfield has qualified for the first level of the IIMC Master Municipal Clerks Academy and noted that City Clerk Vogel has demonstrated she has planned and obtained the career development goals that will aide her in maintaining the quality education that is required of today's public officials and administrators. Mayor Anderson stated that she is very proud of everything that City Clerk Vogel does for the community and congratulated her for a job well done. The entire Council also congratulated City Clerk Vogel.

City Clerk Vogel thanked the Council and stated that she is thankful that she is aloud to continue her education and training in the Clerks' field. City Clerk Vogel stated that she has two additional years in the Master Academy and is on track to be the first Master Municipal Clerk in Calhoun County.

Mayor Anderson also congratulated and thanked City Manager Jenkins on his 15 year anniversary with the City of Springfield as both Police Chief and City Manager. She noted that City Assessor Cris Childers has been with the City of Springfield for 7 years.

#### VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Kris Vogel, CMC  
City Clerk

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Susan L. Anderson, Mayor