

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD  
MAY 1, 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, Cris Childers – City Assessor/Building Official, Rob Coles – Public Safety Director, Tom Matson – Public Works Director, Jeannine Turner – Finance Director/Treasurer, and Kris Vogel – City Clerk.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hinton, seconded by Good and unanimous that the minutes of the April 17, 2006, regular meeting and April 19, 2006, special meeting be approved subject to additions and corrections.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – RECEIVE COMMENTS – FY 2006/2007 BUDGET – 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing to receive comments regarding the FY 06/07 budget at 7:31 p.m.

A. Explanation of Public Hearing

City Manager Jenkins stated that according to the Charter, the City of Springfield is required to hold a public hearing in regard to the budget and have a copy of the budget available for public review one week prior to the meeting. The Public Hearing was announced to the public and the budget was available for review.

B. Details of FY 2006/2007 Budget

City Manager Jenkins reviewed the budget in detail with the Council.

C. Citizen Input and Comments

None.

D. Commission Input and Comments

None.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

VI. FY 2006/2007 BUDGET STUDY SESSION

Council Members and staff went into budget study session to discuss the FY 06/07 proposed budget.

## VII. REPORTS

### A. City Manager – James Jenkins

#### 1. Set – FY 2006/2007 Millage Rates

City Manager Jenkins stated that in order to present the budget, there is a millage rate of 14.0 mills for general fund and 1 mill for the pension plan. He stated that the following resolution would set these rates.

#### **Resolution #23-06**

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to set the FY 2006/2007 General Operating millage at 14.0000 mills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Safety Retirement millage rate for FY 2006/2007 be set at 1.0000 mill.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

#### 2. Approve – FY 2006/2007 Budget

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution will adopt the FY 2006/2007 budget. He noted that Finance Director Turner supplied Council with a copy of the proposed budget prior to this meeting.

Council Member Hinton asked if the City could charge TIFA's for any of the expenses associated with the Public Safety Officers or the Public Works employees? City Manager Jenkins stated that the TIFA's can not be charged.

#### **Resolution #24-06**

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 approve the FY 2006/2007 budget as submitted using the activity or departmental basis format.

Ayes: Council Members Agne, Eib (noted he abstained from any decisions concerning the bus transportation due to his employment with Battle Creek Transit), Hinton, Whitfield, and Mayor Anderson.

No: Council Members Burdett and Good

#### 3. Authorize – Fund Transfer

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution will authorize the City to transfer funds from the Major Street Fund to the Local Street Fund.

**Resolution #25-06**

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

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 51 of 1951, section 247.663.13 (6) permits a transfer to the Local Street Fund of an amount up to 25% per year of monies received from the Michigan Transportation Fund for use on the Major Street System; and

WHEREAS, additional funding for the 2006/2007 budget is needed for the Local Street System.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize a transfer of \$75,000 from the Major Street Fund to the Local Street Fund. This amount does not exceed 25% of Major Street's projected state revenue for the FY beginning July 1, 2006.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

4. Authorize – Change in Streetlight Service

City Manager Jenkins stated the following resolution will authorize the City of Springfield to enter into contract with Consumers Energy for street light service.

**Resolution #26-06**

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

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD has determined it necessary that the addition of ten (10) street lights is needed in the Orchard Hills subdivision; and

WHEREAS, CONSUMERS ENERGY has surveyed the area and made a recommendation to the City for street lights in the area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize the installation of ten (10) street lights located within the Orchard Hills subdivision.

Ayes: Council Member Agne, Burdett, Eib, Good, Hinton, and Mayor Anderson.

Abstained: Council Member Whitfield (due to his employment with Consumers Energy).

Resolution adopted.

5. Authorize – Greater Battle Creek Area MS4 Group Agreement

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution authorizes him to sign an agreement with other agencies in the area to establish and set forth the composition, duties, and responsibilities through cooperative and mutual assistance in meeting State storm water discharge permit requirements.

### **Resolution #27-06**

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to enter into the Greater Battle Creek Area MS4 Group Agreement with the City of Battle Creek, Calhoun County Community Development, the Calhoun County Drain Commissioner, Bedford Township, Emmett Township, Leroy Township, Newton Township, and Pennfield Township to establish and set forth the composition, duties, and responsibilities through cooperative and mutual assistance in meeting State storm water discharge permit requirements.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

#### *6. Bills in Line for Payment*

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 Member Burdett commended Finance Director/Treasurer Turner for her work on preparing the budget and making it easy to read. He also urged citizens to also speak with City of Battle Creek Commissioners over the Battle Creek Transit issue.

Council Member Whitfield also commended the Finance staff for their work on the budget.

In addition, Council Member Whitfield commended the City of Springfield Council and City Manager for responding to questions regarding the mobile home being put in on Royal Road. He stated he was contacted by the Springfield Westlake Woods Association, which normally works with the local government, and they indicated that in this situation there was no communications between the two. He stated that he had been asked by their managing president to help them understand why this mobile home was placed in the community and why the City did not consider things that are on the internet to prohibit its placement. Council Member Whitfield stated he will work with the Association to attempt to resolve this issue. He thanked all of the neighbors for their request that this be investigated.

City Clerk Vogel noted that the Farmers Market opens for the season Saturday May 6, 2006. This will be a combined event of both the Farmers Market and a Craft Show.

City Clerk Vogel reminded the citizens of the election tomorrow ; the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

City Manager Jenkins stated that over the last few years once a quarter he has attended the Regional Leadership Alliance Conference. The group's vision is to create a regional culture of individuals and groups who will be activists, who will influence local decisions makers and who will become leaders for growth and stability of the region. He thanked the Council for allowing him to attend and he presented a certificate for his attendance.

City Manager Jenkins stated he is in possession of a document containing 720 signatures to keep the bus service in the area.

Council Member Good asked if the State had passed a law that a mobile home could be placed anywhere as long as it met the criteria of the area? City Manager Jenkins stated that there is case law allowing mobile homes to be placed in other areas besides mobile home parks. Council Member Good stated that he believes that there is a law that you can not discriminate against them.

Mayor Anderson stated that she has been contacted by several people who use the bus weekly if not daily for their transportation. She asked City Manager Jenkins to continue working on the busing issue.

Mayor Anderson thanked Cris Childers, Rob Coles, Tom Matson and Jeannine Turner for being at the meeting to answer questions for the Council pertaining to the budget. She also thanked City Manager Jenkins for all of his time and effort to get the budget in line.

City Manager Jenkins responded to a citizen's question concerning the extension of the DPW contract. City Manager Jenkins stated that he can, with the help of the Council, draft a response. Mayor Anderson asked if the union contracts would expire prior to the negotiations being complete? City Manager Jenkins stated that the contracts were not expired yet and he hoped that the agreements would be made before they did. Mayor Anderson asked if City Manager Jenkins wanted to wait until the contracts were close to expiring before the decision was made on an extension? City Manager Jenkins Council could decide now, but he feels there is no reason to do so. Mayor Anderson stated that when the deadlines approach to inform the Council so they can make a decision at that time.

#### VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Donna Carnell  
Deputy City Clerk

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Susan L. Anderson, Mayor