

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
MAY 21, 2007**

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.

Also Present: Franklin Peterson – City Manager, Cris Childers – Assessor/Building Official, Rob Coles – Public Safety Director, Tom Matson – Public Works Director, Jeannine Turner – Finance Director, and Kris Vogel – City Clerk.

Absent: Council Member Good.

It was moved by Burdett, seconded by Eib and unanimously approved to excuse Council Member Good from the regular meeting of May 21, 2007.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hinton, seconded by Eib and unanimous that the minutes of the May 7, 2007, regular meeting be approved subject to additions and corrections.

V. REPORTS

A. Assessing/Building Department – April (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 – April (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 – March/April (R. Coles)

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the Public Safety Department report presented by Rob Coles, Public Safety Department Director.

Mayor Anderson asked if the department's new software would be soon in order for the data to be compiled for monthly reports? Public Safety Director Coles indicated the software is very complicated and Sgt. Furgason is working on it. Being no other questions, the reports will be filed as presented.

D. City Manager – *Franklin Peterson*

1. Set – Public Hearing – Receive Comments – P.A. 425 Agreement

City Manager Peterson stated the following resolution will set a public hearing for a P.A. 425 Agreement between the Cities of Battle Creek and Springfield. This agreement would enable the property owners of Toyota/Henkel to capitalize on State incentives to develop these properties.

Resolution #28-07

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

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield and City of Battle Creek desire to enter into a contract for the conditional transfer of property from Springfield to Battle Creek as permitted by 1984 PA 425 for the purpose of engaging in an economic development project involving land and existing or planned improvements suitable for use by commercial enterprise and involving protection of the environment.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the transfer of the property from Springfield to Battle Creek will provide substantial long-term economic benefit to both cities and that this transfer is desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Springfield shall hold a hearing on June 4, 2007, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council room in City Hall, Springfield, Michigan, for the purpose of considering the proposed transfer of certain property as described in the City of Springfield/City of Battle Creek Contract for Conditional Transfer of Property Public Act 425 of 1984, more particularly described as:

Property located in the City of Springfield, County of Calhoun, State of Michigan, to-wit:

Parcel #1: Parcel # 13-54-150-007-05

Parcel #2: Parcel # 13-54-150-007-00

Parcel #3: Parcel # 13-54-150-008-10

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

2. Adopt – Changes to Personnel Policies

City Manager Peterson noted the following resolution will adopt the revised personnel policies as presented.

Resolution #29-07

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD that the revised

personnel policies for the City of Springfield be approved as presented and effective this date, May 21, 2007.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

3. Authorize – City Manager to Enter into Sales Agreement for Property
City Manager Peterson stated the following resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into a sales agreement for a piece of property on N. 16th Street.

Resolution #30-07

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 offer of Thomas Wright to purchase the lots located at 291 N. 16th Street for \$1,200.

Legal description: SP CITY, L. D. BATTS RIVERSIDE PK., LOTS 45 & 46.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

4. Authorize – City Manager to Enter into Sales Agreement for Property
City Manager Peterson stated the following resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into a sales agreement for a piece of property on N. 16th Street.

Resolution #31-07

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to accept the offer of Teresa Carter to purchase the lots located at 284 & 286 N. 16th Street for \$2,000.

Legal description: SP CITY, L. D. BATTS RIVERSIDE PK, LOT 27
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All ayes. Resolution adopted.

5. Authorize – Inspection Department to Seek Bids – Dangerous Building
City Manager Peterson stated the following resolution would authorize the Inspection Department to seek bids for the demolition of a dangerous building.

Resolution #32-07

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

WHEREAS, the owner of 693 Hamblin Avenue (legal description as follows: SP CITY, WEST END ADD, ALL OF LOT 21, THAT PART OF LOT 22 WHICH LIES W OF THE N&S 1/4 LI OF SEC 2 T2S R8W.) failed to comply with the Dangerous Building Hearing Officer's order dated February 8, 2007, within the specified timeline; and

WHEREAS, the owner failed to comply with the Council's extension of 60 days dated

March 19, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the owner has not attempted to take any necessary steps to make repairs, including demolition, to the structure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize the Inspection Department to seek bids for the demolition of the structure located at 693 Hamblin Avenue.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Mayor Anderson asked Assessor/Building Official Childers if anyone has come forward concerning this property? Assessor/Building Official Childers indicated there has been no contact made by the property owner.

6. Adopt – Ordinance Concerning the Fire Prevention Code
City Manager Peterson stated the following would adopt an ordinance concerning the Fire Prevention Code.

Ordinance #04-07

It was moved by Burdett and seconded by Eib that the following ordinance be adopted by title only (a complete copy of the ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's office):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

All ayes. Ordinance adopted by title only.

7. *Bills in Line*

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.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Hinton congratulated Finance Director Turner for marking 22 years with the City and PSO Picketts for marking his 8th anniversary with the Public Safety Department.

City Manager Peterson indicated the City has rolled-out a new website, which offers a lot of new tools right at their fingertips for people to familiarize them with the City of Springfield and encouraged everyone to visit it at www.springfieldmich.com.

City Manager Peterson shared the bowl he received as part of the clay bowl luncheon hosted at the Springfield Middle School.

City Clerk Vogel stated City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day. In addition, the regularly scheduled Waste Management pick-up for Monday, May 28th will be on Tuesday, May 29th.

Council Member Burdett congratulated Finance Director Turner for her years of service to the City. In addition, Council Member Burdett congratulated the 22 students from Endeavor Charter Academy for receiving the Principles Award, which are based on citizenship, responsibility, perseverance, and respect.

Mayor Anderson reminded the community that the Planning Commission meeting will be next Tuesday, May 29th instead of the regularly scheduled Monday. Mayor Anderson also congratulated Finance Director Turner for her years of service and stated she does an excellent job for the City.

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. and the Council and staff entered in a FY 07/08 budget study session.

Kris Vogel, CMC
City Clerk

Susan L. Anderson, Mayor