

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
JUNE 19, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Burdett called the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Springfield to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Burdett led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Agne, Burdett, Eib, Good, Hinton, and Whitfield.

Also Present: James Jenkins – City Manager, Jeannine Turner – Finance Director/Treasurer, and Donna Carnell – Deputy City Clerk.

Absent: Mayor Anderson – Excused.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hinton, seconded by Good and unanimous that the minutes of the June 5, 2006, regular meeting be approved subject to additions and corrections.

V. REPORTS

A. Assessing/Building Department – May (C. Childers)

Mayor Pro-Tem Burdett 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 – May (T. Matson)

Mayor Pro-Tem Burdett 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 – May (R. Coles)

Mayor Pro-Tem Burdett 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. Farmers Market – May (K. Vogel)

Mayor Pro-Tem Burdett asked if there were any questions regarding the Farmers Market report presented by Kris Vogel, City Clerk. Being none, the report will be filed as presented.

E. City Manager – James Jenkins

1. Approve – 2006/2007 Business Licenses

City Manager Jenkins stated the following resolution will allow the businesses listed to conduct business in the City of Springfield.

Resolution #37-06

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD that the following business licenses are hereby approved; said licenses to expire June 30, 2007:

New or Used Car Dealership

Henkel Chrysler Jeep, Inc.	1275 W. Dickman Road
DeMaagd GMC-Nissan, Inc.	1355 W. Dickman Road
Sunshine Toyota, Inc.	1381 W. Dickman Road
Battle Creek Honda	1385 W. Dickman Road
Bedford Top Quality Auto & RV	2020 W. Dickman Road
Smead's Auto Body dba Lakeview Auto Sales	2637 W. Dickman Road
Airway Auto Parts, Inc.	3500 W. Dickman Road
Cook Sales and Service	817 W. Michigan Avenue
Tri State Used Cars	820 W. Michigan Avenue
Marty's Auto Service	20 N. 12 th Street
Choice Auto Parts, Inc.	768 Lafayette Street

Junk and Secondhand Dealer

Airway Auto Parts, Inc.	3500 W. Dickman Road
Choice Auto Parts, Inc.	768 Lafayette Street
Lafayette Auto Parts	890 Lafayette Street

Collecting Commercial & Industrial Solid Waste

Waste Management of Michigan - Southwest	4547 Wayne Road
Best Way Disposal, Inc.	2314 Miller Road, Kalamazoo
Sunny Bay Disposal Service	3774 W. Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek
Republic Services, Inc. dba Reliable Disposal	100 E. North Street, Kalamazoo
Knight Transfer Services, Inc.	3251 88 th Avenue, Zeeland

Recycling Center

Waste Management of Michigan - Southwest	4547 Wayne Road
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All ayes. Resolution adopted.

2. Approve – 4th Quarter FY 05/06 Budget Amendments

City Manager Jenkins stated the following resolution will approve amendments to the FY 05/06 4th Quarter Budget and asked if there were any questions.

Council Member Burdett noted that in a discussion with Public Safety Director Coles pertaining to protective vest, he found out that the vest were recalled and a Federal grant will reimburse the City half of the expenditure. City Manager Jenkins added there was a National recall on these vest.

Council Member Whitfield asked if the \$1,500 equipment cost was part of the vest expenditure? Finance Director/Treasurer Turner replied the \$1,500 is for equipment for new Public Safety Officers.

Council Member Hinton asked if the equipment was bought for each new PSO. City Manager Jenkins stated most of the time new equipment is purchased because some of the gear has to be fit to the officer.

Resolution #38-06

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to amend the FY 05/06 Fourth Quarter Budget as submitted and attached.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

3. Authorize – City Manager Jenkins to Sign Letter of Understanding

City Manager Jenkins stated the following resolution would allow him to extend all union contracts by 60-days.

Resolution #39-06

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize the City Manager to do the following:

1. Extend all union contracts 60-days from date of expiration.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

4. Adopt – Sewer Rates

City Manager Jenkins stated the following resolution would allow the City to increase the meter fees over the next 3 years. He noted the meter fees have not changed in the last 20 years and this fee increase was based on a new rate study done by the City of Battle Creek. City Manager Jenkins also noted there was an increase implemented last year in anticipation of this increase.

Resolution #40-06

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to adopt the commodity and sewer readiness-to-serve charge rates as attached; said rates will take effect July 1, 2006.

Ayes: Council Member Agne, Burdett, Eib, Good, and Hinton

Nays: Council Member Whitfield

Resolution adopted.

5. Introduce – Noxious Weeds Ordinance

City Manager Jenkins stated the following ordinance will allow the noxious weeds ordinance to be rewritten to include notification, responsibility, and how the City will collect fines when there is a failure to pay.

Council Member Hinton asked if ordinances have to be published in the Enquirer, and if so, could this be costly to the City? City Manager Jenkins stated ordinances must be published within a certain timeframe after adoption.

Ordinance #04-06

It was moved by Whitfield and seconded by Eib for the following ordinance to be introduced by title only:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO NOXIOUS WEEDS AND FEMALE BOX ELDER TREES.

All ayes. Ordinance introduced.

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 Burdett stated Mayor Anderson was unable to attend the Council meeting because her mother passed away over the weekend. He noted Mayor Anderson asked him to thank the Council and the community for their thoughts, prayers, and concerns. He stated she appreciates everything, and Council Member Burdett sent her and her family best wishes and prayers.

Council Member Hinton sent her thoughts and prayers to Mayor Anderson and her family. She also congratulated Jill Crawford on 27 years of service with the City of Springfield.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steve Avery, DPW employee, asked when the last day of bus service would be in Springfield. Council Member Eib replied that the changes would go into effect on July 10, 2006.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Donna Carnell
Deputy City Clerk

Susan L. Anderson, Mayor