

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
JULY 3, 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 and Kris Vogel – City Clerk.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

V. PRESENTATION – SERVICE RECOGNITION

Mayor Anderson read the following proclamation and presented Mr. David Disler with a clock in recognition of his service on the EDC/TIFA/BRA Board:

WHEREAS, David Disler has served Springfield residents with great commitment and assistance whatever the need; and

WHEREAS, David has served as a Board Member and Chairman of the Economic Development Corporation, including the Tax Increment Finance Authority; and

WHEREAS, David's service has spanned 16 years; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership the Brownfield Authority was established; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement the City of Springfield will miss his expertise and historical knowledge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION does hereby commend and honor David Disler for 16 years of faithful service and expresses deep appreciation for his contribution to the community and wishes him continued success in all future endeavors.

Mayor Anderson thanked Dave for his willingness to serve on the EDC/TIFA/BRA Board.

VI. REPORTS

A. 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 #41-06

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

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

Collecting Commercial & Industrial Solid Waste

Allied Waste Inc. of Kalamazoo

3432 Gembrit Circle, Kalamazoo

New or Used Car Dealership

Motor Zone of Battle Creek Inc.

1588 W. Dickman Road

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

2. Adopt – 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.

Ordinance #04-06

It was moved by Whitfield and seconded by Agne for the following ordinance to be adopted 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 adopted

3. Appoint – EDC/TIFA/BRA Board Member

City Manager Jenkins indicated this resolution will appoint a member to the EDC/TIFA/BRA Board to fill the vacancy created by David Disler's retirement.

Resolution #42-06

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD that the Mayoral appointment of Tracy Miller, to fill the vacancy on the EDC/TIFA/BRA Board, is hereby confirmed; term to expire 7/31/2008.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

4. *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 Whitfield noted that the Abundance of Grace Church will be having their Community Picnic on Saturday, July 8th from 12 pm to 4pm. He stated that the event was open to the community and encouraged everyone to attend.

City Clerk Vogel noted that the City Hall Offices would be closed on Tuesday, July 4th and would reopen on Wednesday July 5th. She also stated there is a Primary Election on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, and the last day to register is Monday, July 10, 2006. City Clerk Vogel stated there is a new voting device throughout Calhoun County that will assist people with disabilities vote unassisted at the polls. City Clerk Vogel stated that even though the machine was designed for people with disabilities the general public is welcome to use the machine as well.

Mayor Anderson stated City Clerk Vogel just celebrated her 7 – year anniversary with the City of Springfield. She noted that Kris is respected among the clerks serving on the local clerks association and that she was asked to serve on the State Board.

Mayor Anderson noted that City Manager Jenkins, Council Members Burdett, Eib, Hinton and herself attended the picnic for the Baseball Program and she thanked Mr. Ledbetter and the group of coaches and empires for doing a great job.

Mayor Anderson also thanked Pro-Tem Burdett for filling in for her at the last Council meeting when she was not able to attend. She also thanked the community for all of the cards, flowers, food and calls she received during the passing of her mother.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Arthur Hollingsworth, 114 Wellworth Avenue, stated he wanted to express his disappointment in the council for not considering an ordinance to ban outdoor furnaces.

Mayor Anderson stated she was going to ask the Council to research and revisit this issue.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Kris Vogel, CMC
City Clerk

Susan L. Anderson, Mayor