

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
AUGUST 21, 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 August 7, 2006, regular meeting be approved subject to additions and corrections.

V. REPORTS

A. Assessing/Building Department – July (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 – June/July (T. Matson)

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the Department of Public Works reports presented by Tom Matson, Department of Public Works Director. Being none, the reports will be filed as presented.

C. Public Safety Department – July (R. Coles)

Mayor Anderson 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 and Elections – July (K. Vogel)

Mayor Anderson asked if there were any questions regarding the Farmers Market or Elections reports presented by Kris Vogel, City Clerk. Being none, the reports will be filed as presented.

E. City Manager – James Jenkins

1. Adopt – Zoning Ordinance Amendments

City Manager Jenkins stated this ordinance will amend the City's zoning ordinance in compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

Ordinance #05-06

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MICHIGAN ZONING ENABLING ACT, 2006 PA 110 (MCL 125.3101 et seq.).

All ayes. Ordinance adopted.

2. Authorize – City Manager to Extend the Department of Public Works Union Contract until September 18, 2006

City Manager Jenkins stated he has been negotiating the Public Works Department 's union contract and has come to terms on a tentative contract with the representatives. Public Works staff should be able to vote on the contract prior to the next meeting.

Resolution #46-06

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize the City Manager to extend the Department of Public Works Union contract until September 18, 2006.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

3. Authorize – City Manager to Extend Public Safety Sergeant Union Contract until October 16, 2006

City Manager Jenkins indicated the next meeting to negotiate the Public Safety Sergeant's Union contract is scheduled for September 13, 2006; therefore, an extension is requested.

Resolution #47-06

It was moved by Agne and seconded by Eib for the following resolution to be adopted:

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize the City Manager to extend the Public Safety Sergeant Union contract until October 16, 2006.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

4. Authorize – Revisions to Personnel Policies

City Manager Jenkins noted this revision to the personnel policies will put all employees at the same level for assistance with health care containment costs.

Resolution #48-06

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD that the revised personnel policy Chapter V, Employee Benefits and Expenditure Reimbursement and Chapter II, Sec. 2.04 Department Heads B -1 for the City of Springfield be hereby approved as presented and effective this date, August 21, 2006.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

5. Authorize – City Manager to Vote at the Annual MML Meeting

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution will authorize him to cast the City's vote at the MML Annual Conference in September.

Resolution #49-06

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to authorize the City Manager to cast the vote of this Municipality at the annual meeting of the Michigan Municipal League.

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.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Hinton congratulated Sgt. Johnson for his 17th anniversary and PSO Mikolajczyk for his 6th anniversary with the department.

City Manager Jenkins stated the next City Council meeting is Tuesday, September 5, 2006, due to Labor Day.

City Clerk Vogel stated the City's 4th Annual Car and Craft show is Saturday, September 2, 2006. The event will run from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and volunteers are still needed.

City Clerk Vogel noted City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 4th due to Labor Day and the regularly scheduled Waste Management pick up for that day will be on Tuesday, September 5th due to the holiday.

Council Member Agne reminded the community that the trash containers are to be removed from the curb side after they've been emptied by Waste Management.

Council Member Burdett reminded the community that school will be back in session soon and cautioned citizens to be aware of the children.

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Kris Vogel, CMC
City Clerk

Susan L. Anderson, Mayor