

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD  
SEPTEMBER 18, 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, Good, Hinton, Whitfield, and Mayor Pro-tem Burdett.

Also Present: James Jenkins – City Manager, and Kris Vogel – City Clerk.

Absent: Council Member Eib and Mayor Anderson

It was moved by Hinton, seconded by Agne and unanimous to excuse Council Member Eib from the regular meeting of September 18, 2006.

It was moved by Good, seconded by Whitfield and unanimous to excuse Mayor Anderson from the regular meeting of September 18, 2006.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

V. REPORTS

A. Assessing/Building Department – August (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 – August (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 – August (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 – August (K. Vogel)

Mayor Pro-Tem Burdett asked if there were any questions regarding the Farmers Market report presented by Kris Vogel, City Clerk.

City Clerk Vogel noted the Farmers Market will continue through the month of October on Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and highlighted her report.

Being no further questions, the report will be filed as presented.

E. City Manager – James D. Jenkins

1. *Approve – Personnel Policies*

City Manager Jenkins stated the following resolution will revise the Personnel Policies, which were last adopted in their entirety in January, 2004.

**Resolution #55-06**

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD that the revised personnel policies for the City of Springfield be approved as presented and effective this date, September 18, 2006.

Resolution adopted.

2. *Authorize – Contract for Street Lighting in Orchard Hills Subdivision*

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution will authorize 10 street lights to be installed in the Orchard Hills subdivision.

**Resolution #56-06**

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the streetlighting service as provided in the Standard Streetlighting Contract between the Company and the City of Springfield, dated January 1, 1977, in accordance with the Authorization for Change in Standard Streetlighting Contract dated as of September 7, 2006, heretofore submitted to and considered by this Council; and

RESOLVED, further, that the Mayor and City Manager be and are authorized to execute such authorization for change on behalf of the City.

Ayes: Council Members Agne, Good, Hinton, and Mayor Pro-tem Burdett.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Council Member Whitfield.

Resolution adopted.

*3. Reappoint – Business Improvement District Board Member*

City Manager Jenkins noted this resolution will reappoint a member to the Business Improvement District Board due to a term expiration.

**Resolution #57-06**

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

WHEREAS, the cities of Battle Creek and Springfield have established the Dickman Road Business Improvement Board and authorized the creation of a Business Improvement Board to carry out certain statutory functions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Gary Minneman, Jr. of Sunshine Toyota, be reappointed to the Dickman Road Business Improvement Board; said term to expire 10/1/2009.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Mayor Pro-tem Burdett thanked Mr. Minneman for his willingness to serve on the BID Board.

*4. Authorize – Lions Club Annual Fund Drive.*

City Manager Jenkins stated the following resolution will authorize the Lions Club to conduct their annual fund drive within the City of Springfield.

**Resolution #58-06**

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

WHEREAS, the Battle Creek Host Lions Club will be conducting their 78<sup>th</sup> annual newspaper sale, which is their only fund-raising activity; and

WHEREAS, the funds raised allow the Lions Club to continue their goal of providing eye screening for pre-schoolers, first, third and fifth grade students in the Battle Creek area, as well as provide leader dogs, Braille materials, examinations and glasses to the public at large, and other programs aiding people with sight and hearing problems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to grant permission to the Battle Creek Host Lions Club to sell its annual "Lions Extra" newspaper within the community on Friday, October 20, and Saturday October 21, 2006.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

Mayor Pro-tem Burdett encouraged the community to support this fund drive.

*5. Closed Session*

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution will authorize the City Council to go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

**Resolution #59-06**

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD that the Council go into closed session for the purpose of discussing AFSCME contract negotiations.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

6. *Extend – AFSCME Contract* (Council returned from closed session to take the following action.)

City Manager Jenkins stated this resolution will extend the AFSCME Union Contract.

**Resolution #60-06**

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

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD to extend the AFSCME contract through 5:00 p.m. on September 26, 2006, with no further extensions.

All ayes. Resolution adopted.

7. *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.

VI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Clerk Vogel reminded the community that the last day to register to vote in the November 7<sup>th</sup> General Election is October 10<sup>th</sup>.

City Clerk Vogel stated that Absent Voter Ballots for the November 7<sup>th</sup> General Election are available by contacting her office.

Council Member Whitfield announced the Calhoun County Road Commission will be holding their annual fall tire and appliance collection October 2-6<sup>th</sup>. For details on the event call City Clerk Vogel.

City Manager Jenkins indicated that his recent quote in the newspaper saying the city floats like an island is incorrect as he did not say that.

Council Member Hinton congratulated the following employees for marking anniversaries with the City: PSO Hillman 9 years with Public Safety, Jimmy Staib 19 years with Public Works, and Patty DeJean 12 years in Treasury.

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

The Council went into closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the AFSCME Contract Negotiations.

The Council returned from closed session at 8:13 p.m. and took action as indicated in resolution #60-06.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Kris Vogel, CMC  
City Clerk

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Susan L. Anderson, Mayor