

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2017**

Board present

Mayor Ann Schneider
Vice-Mayor Bruce Head
Alderman Jeff Gragg
Alderman James Hubbard
Alderman Clay Sneed
Alderman Tim Harris
Alderman Bobby Trotter

Staff present

Interim City Manager Regina Holt
City Recorder Lisa H. Crockett
City Attorney Christina Bartee
City Clerk Stephanie Toland

- 1.0 Call to order 6:00 P.M.
- 1.1 Pledge of allegiance to the American flag.
- 1.2 Alderman Harris moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen held on March 21, 2017. The motion was seconded by Alderman Head and passed unanimously.
- 1.3 Police Chief David Thompson recognized Springfield Police Detectives Eddy Stewart and Charles Consiglio for their performance and contribution to a significant number of federal cases which resulted in convictions and final dispositions through their participation in the Robertson County Violent Crime Initiative.
- The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, previously granted Excellence in Law Enforcement Awards to the two detectives.
- 2.0 Legislative
- 2.1 Alderman Gragg moved for approval of Ordinance 17-04 on first reading. An ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Budget for the City of Springfield by amending certain Utility Operating Fund Budgets. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- Wastewater revenues (transfer from depreciation for capital improvements) increased \$255,389 for the SCADA upgrade for the wastewater collection system

& treatment plant. Wastewater Fund revenue increased from \$8,249,887 to \$8,505,276. Wastewater Capital Improvements expense increased \$255,389. Wastewater Fund expense increased from \$7,737,801 to \$7,993,190.

Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund (Depreciation) expenses increased \$255,389 for the SCADA Upgrade for the wastewater collection system & treatment plant. Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund expense increased from \$680,432 to \$935,821.

- 2.2 Alderman Gragg moved for approval of Resolution 17-06. A resolution declaring certain property surplus and authorizing the disposal of such property. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

The surplus property included items from the Gas Department, Police Department, and Water/Wastewater Department.

- 2.3 a. Alderman Trotter moved to approve a sole source lease-purchase agreement for compressed natural gas (CNG) equipment and vehicle conversions from MidSouth CNGV, Inc. in Eads, Tennessee. The motion was seconded by Alderman Harris and passed by a 6-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Head, Harris, Trotter, Schneider, Gragg, Hubbard Nay: Sneed

b. Alderman Hubbard moved for approval of Resolution 17-07. A resolution authorizing the execution of a lease-purchase agreement with Midsouth CNGV, Inc. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 6-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Head, Harris, Trotter, Schneider, Gragg, Hubbard Nay: Sneed

- 2.4 Alderman Trotter moved for approval of Resolution 17-08. A resolution authorizing the issuance, sale and payment of up to \$1,770,000 of capital outlay notes of the City of Springfield, Tennessee and levying ad valorem taxes for the payment of the notes. The motion was seconded and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

3.0 Administrative

- 3.1 Alderman Trotter moved to approve the monthly TVA wholesale fuel cost adjustment of \$0.02013 per kilowatt hour effective May 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Alderman Harris and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

The resulting retail rate is 0.71% higher than last month and will result in a \$0.50 to \$1.10 increase in average residential electric bills.

- 3.2 Alderman Trotter moved to approve the adjustment of monthly gas rates of the Springfield Gas Department. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

The Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) decreased \$0.0767 or 17.91% from the previous month. The actual decrease in rates across the board averaged 11.14 %.

- 3.3 Alderman Trotter moved to have all resumes for the City Manager position be sent directly to MTAS. The deadline for submission is May 19, 2017. The motion was seconded by Alderman Harris and passed by a 6-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Head, Harris, Trotter, Schneider, Gragg, Hubbard Nay: Sneed

Alderman Harris moved to amend the advertisement for the City Manager position to include the City's website. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

- 3.4 Alderman Harris moved to approve the selection of VC3 as the City's provider for IT support services. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter.

Alderman Sneed moved to defer. The motion failed for lack of second.

The previous motion was brought back and passed by a 5-2 roll call vote. Ayes: Trotter, Hubbard, Schneider, Head, Harris Nays: Sneed, Gragg

- 3.5 Alderman Trotter moved to approve the request from the Junior Jackets Football Board regarding rental fees and concession rights for Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and failed by a 0-6-1 roll call vote. Nays: Sneed, Harris, Hubbard, Gragg, Head, Schneider Abstain: Trotter

- 3.6 Alderman Gragg moved to approve the parade application for the Robertson County Chamber of Commerce for the Summer Concert Series and Art Walks for April 20, 2017, May 18, 2017, June 17, 2017, July 20, 2017, and August 17, 2017. The motion was seconded by Alderman Harris and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

- 3.7 Alderman Gragg moved to approve the offer by Greenbrier Fire Department to purchase the 1996 E-One Sentry Fire Engine in the amount of \$30,000. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

- 3.8 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve a Rental Agreement with Grace Baptist Church for the Freedom Celebration on July 2, 2017 at Travis Price Park. The motion was seconded by Alderman Harris and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

- 3.9 Alderman Gragg moved to approve a contract amendment from American Engineers, Inc. to relocate the water line for the TDOT Hwy 257 and Hwy 49 intersection traffic signal installation project in the amount of \$1,250. The motion was seconded by Alderman Harris and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

- 3.10 Alderman Trotter moved to approve a contract amendment from American Engineers, Inc. for additional survey services due to the re-design of a part of the Logan/Todd Regional Water Commission water transmission line in the amount of \$9,150. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 3.11 Alderman Trotter moved to approve easements for the Logan/Todd Regional Water Commission, Hwy 49/257 water line relocation, and York Road water line. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 3.12 Alderman Trotter moved to approve a contract amendment from Croft & Associates to include acquisition fees and potential appraisal fees for easements needed for the re-design of a portion of the LTRWC water transmission line in the amount of \$96,000. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 6-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Harris, Schneider, Hubbard, Trotter, Gragg, Head
Nays: Sneed
- 3.13 Alderman Gragg moved to approve the bid award for the 12" ductile iron water line on York Road to Norris Brothers Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$234,350. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- 3.14 The Monthly Report No. 37: March 15, 2017 to April 11, 2017 on the progress of the sewer collection system rehabilitation work in compliance with the EPA Administrative Order on Consent was provided to the Board by Roger Lemasters, Director of Water/Wastewater Utilities. No action was taken.
- 3.15 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve Alderman Harris' request to have a work session meeting each month prior to the monthly Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg.
- Alderman Harris deferred his request to next month's agenda.
- 3.16 The Board set a date of May 9, 2017 at 6:00pm for the budget study session and June 22, 2017 at Noon for a special meeting for the third and final reading of the budget ordinance.
- 3.17 Springfield Police Chief David Thompson presented the Annual Police Report and Animal Control Report. No action was taken.

The annual crime statistics show that overall crime rate is down 16 percent (16%) from 2015 to 2016. Violent crime was reduced by 13 percent (13%) and larceny was reduced by 16 percent (16%). Since 2005, overall crime rate is down 46 percent (46%).

The violent crime reduction has been a joint effort with other local and federal agencies such as Robertson County Sheriff Department, District Attorney John Carney, federal prosecutors, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the State Probation and Parole.

The Animal Control Report showed a significant decrease in the number of animal euthanizations in 2016 as compared to 2013; 6 and 629 respectively.

4.0 Consent

4.0 Alderman Gragg moved for approval of consent items 4.1 through 4.6. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

4.1 Public Works Department's request to purchase an 84" Angle Broom attachment for the skid loader utilizing State Contract #SWC 219 from Bobcat of Nashville, LaVergne, Tennessee in the amount of \$4,400.40. Budget: \$6,000

4.2 Springfield Gas Department's request to award the bid for the construction of a gas main extension on York Road to Morris Wall Construction in the amount of \$56,609. Budget: \$130,000

4.3 Springfield Electric Department's request to award the bid for wood poles to Thomasson Lumber Company in the amount of \$13,963.50.

4.4 Public Works Department's request to award the bid for traffic signal modification at Memorial Blvd & Central Avenue in the amount of \$88,889. Budget: Street Department- \$60,000 Street Aid- \$28,889

4.5 Public Works Department's request to award the bid for annual street repair and maintenance to Sessions Paving Co., Inc., Nashville, Tennessee for a unit price contract in the amount of \$1,125,017.50.

4.6 Parks and Recreation Department's request to purchase a 2017 TBW204 Woods turf batwing 17ft finishing mower with anti-scraping roller utilizing the NJPA contract from Cumberland Tractor & Equipment of Nashville, Tennessee in the amount of \$16,084.38. Budget: \$18,000

4.7 Alderman Harris moved to approve Community Development Department's request for approval to award the bid for a three year mowing contract to Jeffrey Yates at \$40 per half acre and \$40 for each additional half acre. Budget: \$10,000 The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 7-0 roll call vote.

5.0 City Manager's Report

Ms. Holt provided to the Board a list of large capital projects and new requests for FY18 funding for their review during the budget process.

Ms. Holt updated the Board on the status of the Royal Inn. The City has not heard from the owner of the property and the two year agreement expires April 28, 2017. It appears that utilities will be cut off on May 1, 2017.

6.0 Adjournment

Alderman Trotter moved to adjourn.


Ann Schneider, Mayor

Attest:


Lisa H. Crockett, City Recorder