

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2017**

Board present

Mayor Ann Schneider
Alderman Bobby Trotter
Alderman Jeff Gragg
Alderman James Hubbard
Alderman Clay Sneed
Alderman Tim Harris

Staff present

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

Absent: Vice-Mayor Bruce Head

1.0 Call to order 6:00 P.M.

1.1 Pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Alderman Hubbard moved to add Item 3.13 to discuss and possibly take action on a request from the Robertson County School Board on behalf of Springfield High School. The motion was seconded by Alderman Harris and passed unanimously.

1.2 Alderman Gragg moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen held on April 18, 2017 and special meeting held May 9, 2017. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed unanimously.

1.3 Public Hearing:

1. Ordinance 17-04, an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Budget for the City of Springfield by amending certain Utility Operating Fund Budgets

2.0 Legislative

2.1 Alderman Gragg moved for approval of Ordinance 17-04 on second 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 Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 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 Ordinance 17-05 on first reading. An ordinance adopting the Annual Budget and tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard.

Alderman Trotter moved to add the Bransford Community Center project to the FY 2018 budget in the amount of \$3,000,000. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and failed by a 3-3 roll call vote. Ayes: Trotter, Hubbard, Schneider Nays: Sneed, Gragg, Harris

Alderman Harris moved to add the Bransford Community Center project to the FY 2018 budget with funds not to exceed \$2,000,000. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and failed by a 3-3 roll call vote. Ayes: Gragg, Harris, Sneed Nays: Hubbard, Schneider, Trotter

Alderman Gragg renewed the original motion which passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

- 2.3 Alderman Hubbard moved for approval of Ordinance 17-06 on first reading. An ordinance rescinding Ordinance 14-14 in its entirety and amending Title 12 of the Springfield Municipal Code entitled "Building, Utility, etc. Codes" by amending Chapter 1 entitled "Building Codes" by rescinding section 12-104 entitled "Modifications to the Residential Building Code" in its entirety and substituting a new section 12-104. The motion was seconded by Alderman Harris and passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.
- 2.4 Alderman Gragg moved for approval of Ordinance 17-07 on first reading. An ordinance rescinding Ordinance 16-09 in its entirety and setting a new schedule of rates and charges for the Springfield water system. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.
- 2.5 Alderman Gragg moved for approval of Ordinance 17-08 on first reading. An ordinance rescinding Ordinance 16-10 in its entirety and setting a new schedule of rates and charges for the Springfield sewer system. The motion was seconded by Alderman Harris and passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.
- 2.6 Alderman Hubbard moved for approval of Ordinance 17-09 on first reading. An ordinance adopting a public records policy and establishing a schedule of fees. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

2.7 Alderman Hubbard moved for approval of Resolution 17-09. A resolution declaring certain property surplus and authorizing the disposal of such property. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

2.8 Alderman Hubbard moved for approval of Resolution 17-10. A resolution authorizing the purchase of natural gas from the Tennessee Energy Acquisition Corporation; approving the execution and delivery of a natural gas supply agreement relating to said purchase; consenting to the assignment of certain obligations under the Natural Gas Supply Agreement in connection with the issuance of bonds by the Tennessee Energy Acquisition Corporation; and for related purposes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

3.0 Administrative

3.1 Alderman Gragg moved to approve the monthly TVA wholesale fuel cost adjustment of \$0.02022 per kilowatt hour effective June 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

The resulting retail rate is 5.7% higher than last month and will result in a \$3.70 to \$6.10 increase in average residential electric bills.

3.2 Alderman Gragg moved to approve the adjustment of monthly gas rates of the Springfield Gas Department. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

The Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) increased \$0.0534 or 15.19% from the previous month. The actual increase in rates across the board averaged 8.79 %.

3.3 Alderman Gragg moved to approve the offer to purchase the Woodard Hall building. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard.

Alderman Harris moved to amend the motion for the approval of the sale of the Woodard Hall building for \$200,000 with the stipulation that parking spaces be negotiated with the City and present non-profit tenants remain in the building for the rest of the year and all closing costs, in addition to attorney fees, not to exceed \$3,500, be paid by the buyer. This amount does not include prorated county taxes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 5-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Harris, Trotter, Schneider, Hubbard, Gragg Nay: Sneed

Alderman Hubbard moved to approve the original motion as amended. The motion was seconded and passed by a 5-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Harris, Trotter, Schneider, Hubbard, Gragg Nay: Sneed

- 3.4 State Form CT-0253, Report on Debt Obligation, which reports on the lease agreement for the 2017 FM-Q8 Fueling System that was issued April 26, 2017. No action required
- 3.5 Alderman Gragg moved to approve a request from CSXT to make a deposit in the amount of \$320,000 to begin construction at the railroad crossing at South Main Street. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Harris, Hubbard, Gragg, Schneider, Trotter Abstain: Sneed
- 3.6 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve a request for land donation of the city-owned lot at 201 Walnut Street for redevelopment. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gragg and passed by a 5-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Harris, Schneider, Hubbard, Trotter, Gragg Nay: Sneed
- 3.7 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve the purchase of easements for the Logan/Todd Regional Water Commission. The motion was seconded by Alderman Harris and passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.
- 3.8 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve a sales contract with Pence Leasing, LLC for the purchase of 2.65 acres in the North Industrial Park. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 5-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Hubbard, Harris, Trotter, Schneider, Gragg Nay: Sneed
- The contract amount is \$92,750.
- 3.9 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve a request from TDEC to provide information and a payment related to our NPDES permit. The motion was seconded by Alderman Harris and passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.
- The payment is a penalty of \$15,268.
- 3.10 Alderman Gragg 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 and passed by a 5-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Harris, Schneider, Hubbard, Trotter, Gragg Nay: Sneed
- The Board decided 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm and the agenda be presented by the Friday preceding the work session beginning in the month of August.
- 3.11 Alderman Harris moved to approve appointments to the Bransford Community Center Planning Committee. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 5-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Hubbard, Harris, Trotter, Schneider, Gragg Nay: Sneed

The members include: Mayor Ann Schneider, Alderman Bobby Trotter, Alderman James Hubbard, Carolyn Woodard (President of Bransford After-School Program), Charles Roberts (President of Bransford Alumni Association), Terry Martin (Director of Parks & Recreation Department), and David Brewer (City Engineer).

- 3.12 The Monthly Report No. 38: April 12, 2017 to May 9, 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.
- 3.13 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve a request from the Robertson County School Board on behalf of Springfield High School to waive the fees for two water meters being installed at the new sports facility at Springfield High School. The estimated fees for the two water meters is \$17,692.50. The motion was seconded by Alderman Harris.

Alderman Gragg moved to defer to next month. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hubbard and passed by a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Harris, Schneider, Hubbard, Sneed, Gragg Abstain: Trotter

4.0 Consent

- 4.0 Alderman Harris moved for approval of consent items 4.1 through 4.2. The motion was seconded by Alderman Trotter and passed by a 6-0 roll call vote.

4.1 Police Department's request to award the bid for mobile data terminals to Preferred Communications in the amount of \$15,396. Budget: \$16,000

4.2 Gas Department's request for a sole source purchase from United Systems for one Itron mobile data collector and 1400 residential meter endpoints for Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) in the amount of \$93,300. Budget \$100,000

5.0 City Manager's Report

Ms. Holt updated the Board on the recycling pilot program. There were 300 carts given out, two collections with a 43% participation rate and 1,300 lbs. of materials that were kept out of the landfill. There have been several residents interested in signing up.

6.0 Adjournment

Alderman Harris moved to adjourn.


Ann Schneider, Mayor

Attest:


Lisa H. Crockett, City Recorder