

City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 2, 2023, 5:30pm

City Council Chambers

PRE-COUNCIL SESSION

City Clerk Frank Lesko called the Pre-Council Session of the Springfield City Council to order on Wednesday August 2, 2023.

CITY COUNCIL SESSION

Mayor Misty Buscher called the Wednesday August 2, 2023 meeting of the Springfield City Council to order at 5:30 PM. She invited everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Lesko took the roll call of members.

PRESENT: Alderman Redpath☒, Alderman Gregory☒, Alderman Williams Jr.☒, Alderman Rockford☒, Alderwoman Purchase☒, Alderwoman Notariano☒, Alderman Carlson☒, Alderwoman Conley☒, Alderman Donelan☒, Alderman Hanauer☒ and Mayor Buscher☒

Clerk Lesko announced there was a quorum for a meeting.

Mayor Misty Buscher read the Civility Pledge.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the July 18, 2023 City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderwoman Purchase motioned to approve the July 18, 2023 minutes with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting. Alderman Donelan motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting. Alderwoman Purchase motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderman Carlson seconding the motion. Discussion had by Alderman Redpath. Alderman Redpath motioned to move agenda item 2023-333 to the front of the agenda with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes. No vote taken on first motion. Mayor Misty Buscher asked for another motion to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting. Alderman Hanauer motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to place the Consent Agenda on final passage. Alderman Gregory motioned to place the consent agenda on final passage with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

2023-324 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 TO THE SANGAMON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR LAKE SPRINGFIELD MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION PROGRAM IN THE LAKE SPRINGFIELD WATERSHED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-325 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN EKATO VISCO PROP AGITATOR IMPELLER FOR THE DALLMAN UNIT 4 FILTER FEED TANK FROM EKATO CORPORATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,580.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-326 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH TOSHIBA AMERICA ENERGY SYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DALLMAN POWER PLANT UNIT NO. 4 TURBINE VALVE CARTRIDGES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$308,900.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-327 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,000.00 FOR NATURAL GAS PARKING CHARGES FOR INTERSTATE COMBUSTION TURBINE WITH PANHANDLE EASTERN PIPE LINE COMPANY, LP, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$625,000.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-328 AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE ALLEY IN THE BLOCK BOUNDED BY PHILLIPS AVENUE, 11TH STREET, ENOS AVENUE AND NSRR TO YOUTH FAIR CHANCE, INC. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-329 AN ORDINANCE TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS “A” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR FRANKIE’S BREWHAUS, INC. D/B/A BREWHAUS LOCATED AT 617 EAST WASHINGTON STREET. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-330 AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS “A” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR 617 EAST WASHINGTON, INC. D/B/A BREWHAUS LOCATED AT 617 EAST WASHINGTON STREET. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-334 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,000.00 WITH HOUSEAL LEVIGNE ASSOCIATES, LLC TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD AND MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT MASTER PLAN IN ASSOCIATION WITH GRANT #21-425018 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,000.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-335 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYEE LEASING AGREEMENT WITH GOVTEMPSUSA, LLC TO RETAIN DALLAS WHITFORD TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR THE OFFICES OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00 FROM JULY 17, 2023, THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-336 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL UNDER RFP #CS19-29 AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY CONSISTING OF ONE PARCEL LOCATED AT 2027 E. CAPITOL AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$502.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-338 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT RFP FD24-13 WITH LION GROUP INC. FOR PURCHASE OF PROTECTIVE FIREFIGHTING GEAR FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,455.50, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-339 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO ANTWION FAIRLEE, A CITY OF SPRINGFIELD POLICE OFFICER, FOR SETTLEMENT OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION CLAIM NUMBER 22-WC-007755. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-340 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM 1 TO A CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALWAYS ON CONSULTING LLC, TO INCREASE THE HOURS OF SERVICE TO 548 AND EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,320.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Mayor Misty Buscher 2022-384, 2023-086, 2023-173, 2023-201, 2023-202, 2023-203 and 2023-322 remain tabled or in committee. Discussion had by Alderwoman Conley.

Mayor Misty Buscher introduced the Debate Agenda.

2023-333 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38, SECTION 38.15 OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS AND PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher, Alderman Redpath, Alderman Carlson, Alderwoman Conley, Alderman Donelan, Alderman Hanauer)

Alderman Redpath motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. Laborers Union Local 477 Brad Schaive, Mayor Misty Buscher, Corporation Council Greg Moredock and Alderpersons. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-1 voting yes with Alderman Williams Jr. voting yes. Mayor Misty Buscher was included in the vote. Alderwoman Purchase asked to be added to this agenda item as a co-sponsor.

2023-331 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN MICHAEL LESKO AS THE PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Donelan motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes. Discussion had by Alderwoman Conley.

2023-332 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF NIKKI L. BAKER AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

2023-337 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE FIGHTERS, IAFF LOCAL 37 AND THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD REGARDING THE ASSIGNMENT OF NEW AND DIFFERENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES IN CONNECTION WITH PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (“ALS”) AND INTERMEDIATE LIFE SUPPORT (“ILS”) CARE ON PRIVATE AMBULANCES.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Donelan motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. Discussion had by Alderman Williams Jr., Mayor Misty Buscher and Corporation Council Greg Moredock. Alderman Williams Jr. motion to amend this agenda item with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. Discussion had by Mayor Misty Buscher, Corporation Council Greg Moredock, Fire Chief Ed Canny and Alderperson. Roll Call vote was taken on the motion to amend this agenda item.

Alderman Redpath-no. Alderman Gregory-yes. Alderman Williams Jr.-yes. Alderman Rockford-yes. Alderwoman Purchase-present. Alderwoman Notariano-no. Alderman Carlson-no. Alderwoman Conley- no. Alderman Donelan-no. Alderman Hanauer-no. The motion to amend this agenda item failed with a voice vote of 6-3-1 voting yes.

Discussion on the original agenda item had by Office of Budget and Management Director Ramona Metzger, Corporation Council Greg Moredock, Fire Chief Ed Canny. Alderman Gregory called point of order. Discussion had by Alderman Gregory and Corporation Council Greg Moredock. Continued discussion had by Fire Chief Ed Canny, Office Coordinator Denise Beauman and Alderpersons. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-2 voting yes with Alderman Rockford and Alderwoman Purchase voting present.

2023-341 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION OF FINES AND COSTS OWED TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,505.00 FOR A TOTAL PAYMENT TO THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,530.00 TO SETTLE SANGAMON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASES 19-MR-723, 21-MR-1195, *CITY OF SPRINGFIELD v. JULIAN RANDLE*, AND WEED LIENS FOR 2321 S. 14TH STREET.

(Requested by Alderman Gregory)

Alderman Gregory motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Williams Jr. seconding the motion. Discussion had by Corporation Council Greg Moredock, Julian Randle and Alderpersons. Alderman Gregory motioned to amend this agenda item to a payment of \$16,530.00 to include both fines with Alderman Williams Jr. seconding the motion. Discussion had by Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock, Julian Randle and Alderpersons. The motion to amend the agenda item passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes. Discussion had by Corporation Council Greg Moredock and Alderpersons. No new motion to move this agenda item to final passage, as amended, was made. The motion to move this agenda item to final passage passed with a vote of 7-2-1 voting yes with Alderman Rockford and Alderman Hanauer voting no and Alderman Carlson voting present.

Discussion of unfinished business.

Discussion of new business.

Citizens that addressed the Council:

- Jason Folmar-signed up-no. Mayor Buscher announced his name as James instead of Jason.
- Charles McCaffrey-signed up-no
- Alice Ramey-signed up-no
- Jamie Toole-signed up-no
- James Johnson-signed up-yes

A motion was made to recess the regular City Council meeting to go into Executive Session by Alderman Gregory with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. Mayor Misty Buscher stated Executive Session is being called for personnel purposes. A second motion to recess the regular City Council meeting to go into Executive Session was made by Alderman Donelan with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes. Executive Session was called at 7:53 pm. Executive Session ended at 8:15 pm. No motion made to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Misty Buscher requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Williams Jr. motioned for adjournment with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. Motion passed with voice vote 10-0 voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Frank J. Lesko
City Clerk

Minutes to be approved on August 15, 2023.