

City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 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 Tuesday October 17, 2023.

City Council Session

Mayor Misty Buscher called the October 17, 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 Frank Lesko announced there was a quorum for a meeting. Mayor Buscher read the Civility Pledge.

Mayor Misty Buscher began reading the Zoning Agenda items up for consideration.

DOC. 023-034	1713 & 1725 W. Jefferson Street & Parcel 14-29.0-254-022 (portion of) (Continued from September 19, 2023)	Ward 9
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Alderman Donelan motioned to accept the staff recommendation with Alderman Redpath seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

DOC. 023-035	1210 E. Lenox Avenue	Ward 2
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Alderman Gregory motioned to accept staff recommendation with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Aldерwoman Notariano motioned to accept staff recommendation with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Aldерwoman Purchase motioned to accept staff recommendation with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Treasurer Colleen Redpath Feger gave the Treasurer's Report. Alderman Donelan motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

OBM Report. Mayor Misty Buscher asked if there were any questions. No discussion had.

Mayor Misty Buscher invited the Mayor's Youth Council up to introduce themselves to the Council. Piper Taylor, Jeramy Daniel, Evan Powell, Abigail McDowell, Stan Vacek, Carter Hood, Ashton Davis, Anijah Wallace, Madison Marshall, Lucy Graham, Kate Gross, Sophia Garcia Van Dyke, Mason Haag, Eva Richie, Madison Crosier, Luke Cycholl, Callidora Liapakis, Josephine Oke and Caitlyn Turner. Not in attendance Terrance Jordan and Mary Wyman. No discussion had.

Mayor Misty Buscher invited Health Care Committee Mike Alwood up to give a presentation on the City Health Care plan options. Discussion had by Mike Alwood and Alderpersons.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the August 2, 2023 City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderman Donelan motioned to approve the August 2, 2023 City Council minutes with Alderman Hanauer 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. Aldерwoman Purchase motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderman Redpath 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 reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting. Alderman Donelan motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting with Aldерwoman 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 Hanauer motioned to put the Consent Agenda on final passage with Aldерwoman Conley seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Consent Agenda

2023-458 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,968.00 UNDER CONTRACT NO. UW23-03-15 – WOOD CHIPPING AND REMOVAL FOR LAKE SERVICES WITH REX D. EVANS, DBA EVANS CARTAGE, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE NOT TO EXCEED \$69,936.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-460 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT UE24-08-47 – FENCING REPLACEMENT AT REYNOLDS SUBSTATION WITH AMCO FENCE COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$68,890.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-461 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE IN PLANS #1 OF CONTRACT PW24-03-07 WITH KINNEY CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE 2024 CONCRETE PATCHING PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$97,520.50 PAYMENT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$653,319.36 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-462 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95, SECTION 95.600, OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, TO PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW POTABLE WATER SUPPLIES WITHIN DESIGNATED BOUNDARIES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1 IN FINCHUM SUBDIVISION, EAST LINE OF LOT 1 IN FINCHUM SUBDIVISION, THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF TORONTO ROAD AND THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 6TH STREET FRONTAGE ROAD COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1201 TORONTO ROAD. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-463 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95, SECTION 95.600, OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, TO PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW POTABLE WATER SUPPLIES WITHIN THE AREA INCLUDING PARCELS 22-020-201-019, 22-020-201-020, AND 22-020-201-029 WHILE EXTENDING WEST INTO THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF POPE AVENUE AND EXTENDING NORTH INTO THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF SOUTH GRAND AVENUE EAST. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-464 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SIX (6) 2024 FORD F-250 PICKUP TRUCKS FROM LANDMARK FORD, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$380,422.00 UNDER STATE CONTRACT #22-416CMS-BOSS4-P-33728, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-465 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,000.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE TO ACCOMMODATE THE OVERTIME EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DERECHO STORM, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-466 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,218.00 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE TO REPLENISH THE UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURES RESULTING FROM DERECHO STORMS AND TO ACCOMMODATE THE PURCHASE OF GRAVE MARKERS FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY2024, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-468 AN ORDINANCE TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS “B” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR HIGHLAND PARK CVS, LLC d/b/a CVS PHARMACY #6857 LOCATED AT 1879 E. SANGAMON AVENUE. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-469 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CLASS “E” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR LEE’S CRAB, INC. D/B/A YUMMY CRAB LOCATED AT 3165 S. DIRKSEN PARKWAY. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-470 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 82 ARTICLE VII AND CHAPTER 110 ARTICLE XXXVII OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO VEHICLE IMMOBALIZATION AND SPECIAL EVENTS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-471 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, SECTION 36.04(c), OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO APPOINTMENTS. **(Requested by Alderman Rockford, Alderman Donelan)**

2023-472 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE HOLIDAYS FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-473 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,022,316.00 FOR THE OFFICES OF THE MAYOR, PUBLIC WORKS, POLICE, FIRE, BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-474 A RESOLUTION ESTIMATING REAL PROPERTY TAXES TO BE LEVIED TO PARTIALLY FUND THE STATUTORY CONTRIBUTION OF THE POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUNDS. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2023-476 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Mayor Misty Buscher read 2023-173, 2023-201, 2023-202, 2023-203, 2023-420, 2023-421, 2023-430, 2023-431, 2023-432, 2023-443 and 2023-451 remain tabled or in committee. No movement made.

Mayor Misty Buscher introduced the Debate Agenda.

Debate Agenda

2023-459 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION AND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500,000.00 UNDER CONTRACT NO. UE22-09-55 – LINE CLEARANCE SERVICES WITH ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT, LLC FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE OF \$10,500,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

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

2023-467 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING JASON BROKAW AS INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Donelan motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. Discussion had by Jason Brokaw, Leland Grove Mayor Mike Lopez and Alderperson Purchase. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-1 voting yes with Alderwoman Purchase voting present.

2023-477 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A THREE-YEAR RENEWAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SOUNDTHINKING, INC., FORMERLY KNOWN AS SHOTSPOTTER, INC., FOR ANNUAL RESOURCEROUTER (FORMERLY CONNECT) SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$146,250.00 OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT.

(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Redpath motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. Discussion had by Springfield Police Chief Scarlett and Alderpersons. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Discussion of unfinished business.

Alderman Carlson motioned to move the COTW meeting from October 31, 2023 to October 24, 2023 with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10-0 voting yes.

Discussion of new business. Mayor Buscher stated that there will be a Special City Council meeting before the October 24, 2023 meeting to vote on the agenda items in Committee 2023-420 and 2023-421.

Citizens that addressed the Council:

- Merrill McDaniels-signed up-spoke
- Alice Ramey-signed up-spoke
- Levester Hines-spoke

No Executive Session

Mayor Misty Buscher requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Donelan motioned for adjournment with Alderwoman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with voice vote 10-0 voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.



Frank J. Lesko
City Clerk

Minutes to be approved on November 7, 2023.