



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 7, 2025, 7:15pm

City Council Chambers

Pre-Council Session

City Clerk Chuck Redpath called the Pre-Council Session of the Springfield City Council to order on Tuesday January 7, 2025.

City Council Session

Mayor Misty Buscher called the Tuesday January 7, 2025 meeting of the Springfield City Council to order at 7:15PM. She invited everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Redpath took the roll call of members.

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

Clerk Redpath announced there was a quorum for a meeting.

Proclamation Presented to the American Business Club (ABC) for their 100th Anniversary.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the December 17, 2024 City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderman Carlson motioned to approve the December 17, 2024 minutes with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9 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 Carlson motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting. Alderman Carlson motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council reading of the Consent Agenda into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9 voting yes.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to place the Consent Agenda on final passage. Alderman Donelan motioned to place the consent agenda on final passage with Alderman Carlson seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 9 voting yes.

Consent Agenda

2024-512 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$460,000.00 UNDER CONTRACT NO. UW24-23 – POWDERED ACTIVATED CARBON WITH ARQ PURIFICATIONS LLC F/K/A CARBPURE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$920,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-513 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$166,500.00 UNDER CONTRACT NO. UW22-11-67 – CARBON DIOXIDE WITH LINDE, INC. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$666,000.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-514 AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$453,000.00 UNDER CONTRACT NO. UW24-11-71 – FERRIC SULFATE WITH KEMIRA WATER SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$906,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-515 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT UW25-03-08 – LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS FY2025/26 WITH PETERSBURG PLUMBING & EXCAVATING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,806,045.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-516 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING PROPOSAL NO. UE24-30 WITH RENASCENT INC. FOR PHASE 1 OF THE DISMANTLE/TEARDOWN OF THE DALLMAN AND LAKESIDE POWER PLANTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,291,722.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-518 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH AIRGAS USA, LLC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$641,360.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF HYDROGEN AND THE RENTAL OF LOW-PRESSURE STORAGE TANKS FOR THE DALLMAN GENERATING STATION FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-519 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT UW25-10-42 – NORTH GRAND WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT WITH E.L. PRUITT COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,296,161.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-520 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO A PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH CGI TECHNOLOGIES AND SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-521 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THOELE MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-522 A RESOLUTION TO USE MFT REBUILD FUNDS FOR SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES (PE-III), FOR THE DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION AND ONE-WAY STREETS CONVERSION PROJECT, MFT SECTION #19-00489-00-TL), FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-523 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR USBALE SEGMENT VIA OF THE SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-524 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR USBALE SEGMENT VIB OF THE SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-525 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE ILLINOIS MIDLAND & RAILROAD, INC. FOR USBALE SEGMENT VIA OF THE SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-526 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND SANGAMON COUNTY FOR USABLE SEGMENT IIIC OF THE SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-527 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NUMBER PW25-11-49 WITH LUBY EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE TAKEUCHI TB395W WHEELED EXCAVATOR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$192,620.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-528 A RESOLUTION NOTIFYING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THAT AN ADDITIONAL \$343,920.00 MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS MAY BE SPENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-529 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH KINNEY CONTRACTORS, INC., FOR THE FY2025 CONCRETE PATCHING PROGRAM BY AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$599,382.26 FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$1,533,957.26, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-530 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENT NO. 2 TO AN AGREEMENT WITH KNIGHT E/A 1, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES, PE-III, FOR THE DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION AND ONE-WAY STREETS CONVERSION PROJECT, MFT SECTION #19-00489-00-TL, AND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$54,869.00 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$526,806.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-531 AN ORDINANCE TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR GOOD TIMER, INC. D/B/A MAIN GATE BAR & GRILL LOCATED AT 2143 N. 11th STREET **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-532 AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS “D” LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE FOR MAIN GATE BAR & GRILL, INC. D/B/A MAIN GATE BAR & GRILL LOCATED AT 2143 N. 11th STREET **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-533 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$1,400,000.00 FOR SETTLEMENT OF SANGAMON COUNTY COURT CASE 22-LA-84 KEVIN HEFFINGTON v. CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, et. al. **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-534 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND TOWER CAPITAL GROUP, LP **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-535 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF \$20,000.00 FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00 TO HINSHAW & CULBERTSON LLP TO DEFEND GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FOR THE OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-537 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,000.00 TO FLOCK GROUP, INC. FOR THE FLOCK SAFETY CONDOR PTZ CAMERAS, TO BE FUNDED BY THE COPS EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY GRANT #15JCOPS-24-GG-02157-TECP AND ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME GRANT #25-0155ORC, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-538 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SANGAMON DONUTS LLC D/B/A MEL-O-CREAM DONUTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 525 NORTH GRAND AVENUE EAST, UTILIZING CENTRAL AREA TAX INCREMENT FINANCE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-542 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TENTATIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS, DISTRICT NO. 9 (FIREMAN & OILERS), FROM OCTOBER 1, 2023, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2024-543 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TENTATIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS, DISTRICT NO. 9, FROM OCTOBER 1, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2028 **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Mayor Misty Buscher read the Ordinances and Resolution Tabled or Remaining in Committee. No movement made.

Ordinances and Resolutions **Tabled or Remaining in Committee**

2024-239 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT MAGGIE DRIVE AND LONGFELLOW DRIVE (held on 6.25.2024).
(Requested by Alderman Donelan)

2024-333 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH BE NEIGHBORS AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR VETERANS, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LEARNING, TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE CENTER LOCATED AT 2835 STANTON STREET FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (held on 9.3.2024).
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-539 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO ACCEPT, EXECUTE AND SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL TOURISM GRANT NOSA ID: 1607-54990 AGREEMENT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$222,500.00, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (held on 12.23.2024) **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Donelan motioned to pull this agenda item out of Committee and place on the Debate agenda. Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9 voting yes.

Alderman Donelan motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 9 voting yes.

2024-540 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO ACCEPT, EXECUTE AND SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ROUTE 66 GRANT AGREEMENT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (held on 12.23.2024)
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2024-541 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF RFP #CV25-35 FOR A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH SINCLAIR TELEVISION OF ILLINOIS, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$225,000.00 FOR A DIGITAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (held on 12.23.2024)
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Mayor Misty Buscher introduced the Debate Agenda.

Debate Agenda

2024-517 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT UE25-10-34 – LINE CLEARANCE SERVICES FOR A TWOYEAR TERM FOR THE ELECTRIC DIVISION WITH WRIGHT TREE SERVICE, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500,000.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. Discussion had by Alderpersons and Chief Utility Engineer Doug Brown. The motion passed with a vote of 8 voting yes and 1 voting no.

2024-536 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF AMY RASING AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. Discussion had by Alderpersons and OPED Operations Coordinator Amy Rasing. The motion passed with a vote of 9 voting yes.

Discussion of unfinished business.

Discussion of new business.

Citizens that addressed the Council:

Kenneth Pacha

Robert Frazier

Lori McKiernan

No Executive Session

Mayor Misty Buscher requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Hanauer motioned for adjournment with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with voice vote 9 voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Chuck Redpath
City Clerk

Minutes to be approved on January 21, 2025.