



City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 6, 2025, 5:30pm

City Council Chambers

Pre-Council Session

City Clerk Chuck Redpath called the Pre-Council Session of the Springfield City Council to order on Tuesday May 6, 2025.

City Council Session

Mayor Misty Buscher called the Tuesday May 6, 2025 meeting of the Springfield City Council to order at 5:30PM. She invited everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Redpath took the roll call of members.

PRESENT: Alderman Cox☒ 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.

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the April 15, 2025 City Council meeting and approve the minutes.

Alderwoman Conley motioned to approve the minutes with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9 voting yes.

Corporation Counsel Gregory Moredock announced Agenda Items 2025-209 thru 2025-213 were inadvertently left off of the Agenda under the Ordinances and Resolutions on First Reading.

Alderman Hanauer made a motion to incorporate those Agenda Items with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. 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 Cox 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 Hanauer 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 Cox motioned to place the consent agenda on final passage with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 9 voting yes.

Consent Agenda

2025-157 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ENGINEERED PUMP SERVICES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,030.00 FOR REPAIR OF UNIT 4'S CIRCULATING WATER PUMP A, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2025-158 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PAYMENT TO ITRON, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$94,758.77, FOR SERVICES IN RELATION TO METER READING DATA, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

2025-159 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF POLYMET BALL MILL LINING SYSTEM FOR THE UNIT 4 BALL MILL FROM METSO MINERALS INDUSTRIES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$279,204.05, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-161 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE POWER AGREEMENT FOR SOLAR ENERGY RESOURCES WITH AES CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, LLC D/B/A SANGAMON SOLAR LLC FOR A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR TERM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,450,000.00 ANNUALLY, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-162 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FOR OVERLAY WORK AT WASHINGTON PARK AND CENTENNIAL PARK AND SIDEWALK RIGHT-OF-WAY ON EAST CORNELL AVENUE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$223,654.50, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-163 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NUMBER PW25-02-66, WITH LINCOLN LAND CONCRETE, INC., AND CAPITOL READY MIX, INC. TO PURCHASE READY MIX CONCRETE AND RELATED MATERIALS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$325,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CITY WATER LIGHT & POWER **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-164 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NO. PW25-02-65 WITH P.H. BROUGHTON & SONS INC., TRUMAN L. FLATT & SONS CO. INC., GROUP MATERIALS, INC. AND CROWN TRUCKING INC., FOR FY26 MAINTENANCE MATERIALS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,001,264.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-165 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING RFP PW25-55 WITH E.L. PRUITT CO. PETERSBURG PLUMBING AND EXCAVATING, LLC. AND P.H. BROUGHTON & SONS, INC., FOR CAVE-IN REPAIRS FOR 12 MONTHS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,550,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-166 AN ORDINANCE TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF CLASS "D" LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE DUE TO SALE OF BUSINESS FOR THE RAILYARD, LLC D/B/A THE RAILYARD LOCATED AT 2242 SOUTH 6TH STREET **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-167 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CLASS "A" LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE DUE TO CLOSURE OF BUSINESS BY COZ'S PIZZA INC. D/B/A JACK MCNAMARA'S PARFORE LOUNGE LOCATED AT 7036 KINGSMILL COURT **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-169 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF A WORKERS COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT TO BRIAN FRIEZE, A CURRENT CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, FOR SETTLEMENT OF A WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR CASE NUMBER 23-WC-016745 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,425.75 **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-170 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF A WORKERS COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT TO SETH DIMARZIO, A CURRENT CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, FOR SETTLEMENT OF A WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR CASE NUMBER 24-WC-017899 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$61,127.70 **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-171 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 132.04 OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, TO MAKE IT A LOCAL VIOLATION TO IMPERSONATE A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OF THE CITY **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-173 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 F250 CREW CAB TRUCK FROM MORROW BROTHERS FORD, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$68,477.00 UNDER STATE CONTRACT #21-416-P-29479, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-174 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPONSORSHIP PAYMENT OF \$15,000.00 TO MEES PROMOTIONS, LLC. FOR THE SPRINGFIELD MILE TO BE HELD AUGUST 30, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-175 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 FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,582.00, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-176 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPONSORSHIP PAYMENT OF \$30,000.00 TO JUNETEENTH INC. FOR THE 2025 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII, CHAPTER 37, SECTION 37.62 OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher, Ward 2 Shawn Gregory)**

2025-177 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPONSORSHIP TO INTERNATIONAL ROUTE 66 MOTHER ROAD FESTIVAL, INC. TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28, 2025, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED PAYMENT OF \$35,000.00 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-178 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FOR GROUPS IN FY26 AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 APPROVED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 38.35 FOR CONTRACTS UNDER \$150,000.00 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION & VISITOR BUREAU **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

2025-179 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND THE ALLOCATION WITH SPRINGFIELD PARTNERS IV, LLC, FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CENTRAL DOWNTOWN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,646,760.00 LOCATED AT 529 S. SEVENTH STREET, FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Ordinances and Resolutions

Tabled or Remaining in Committee

NONE.

Mayor Misty Buscher introduced the Debate Agenda.

Debate Agenda

2025-160 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING PROPOSAL NO. UE25-43 WITH J. OROS PROPERTIES, LLC FOR REMOVAL AND BENEFICIAL USE OF COAL COMBUSTION BYPRODUCTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

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

Alderman Purchase entered the meeting at 5:38pm

2025-172 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 ARTICLE 9 OF THE 1988 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, TO CHARGE FEES TO ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES, NURSING CARE, AND NURSING HOME FACILITIES FOR LIFT ASSISTS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Conley motioned to move this agenda item to final passage with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion.

Alderman Donelan introduced Amendment #1 with Alderman Purchase seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with a vote of 10 voting yes.

Alderman Hanauer motioned to move this agenda item to final passage as amended with Alderman Carlson seconding the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 10 voting yes.

Discussion of unfinished business:

2025-156 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDENDUM 7 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH SPRINGFIELD SANGAMON COUNTY GROWTH ALLIANCE FORMERLY KNOWN AS LAND OF LINCOLN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2025 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2026 BY AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF \$250,000.00 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AS AMENDED

Alderman Hanauer read a letter on behalf of the Springfield Sangamon County Growth Alliance regarding this item. No movement made.

Discussion of new business.

Citizens addressed the Council.

No Executive Session

Mayor Misty Buscher requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Gregory motioned for adjournment with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion had. The motion passed with voice vote 10 voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

Chuck Redpath
City Clerk

Minutes to be approved on May 20, 2025.