



# City Council Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 5:30pm**

**City Council Chambers**

## Pre-Council Session

Clerk Redpath called the Pre-Council Session of the Springfield City Council to Order on Tuesday February 17, 2026.

## City Council Session

Mayor Misty Buscher called February 17, 2026, meeting of the Springfield City Council to order at 5:30 PM. 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 Buscher read the Civility Pledge.

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

# Zoning Agenda

**DOC. 025-052** 1901 & 1903 Elizabeth Street (Ward #4)

Alderman Rockford motioned to approve this zoning item with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with a vote of 10 voting yes.

**DOC. 026-001** 46 North Fox Mill Lane (Ward #1)

Alderman Cox motioned to approve this zoning item with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with a vote of 10 voting yes.

**DOC. 026-002** 1 Lucien Point (Ward #1)

Alderman Cox motioned to approve this zoning item with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with a vote of 10 voting yes.

**DOC. 026-003** 116 E. Edwards Street, (A/K/A 601 S. 2nd Street) (Ward #5)

Alderwoman Purchase motioned to approve this zoning item with Alderman Donelan seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with a vote of 10 voting yes.

Treasurer Colleen Redpath Feger gave the Treasurer's Report.

Alderman Cox motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10 voting yes.

OBM Report. **No questions.**

Mayor Misty Buscher asked for a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes of February 17, 2026, City Council meeting and approve the minutes. Alderman Hanauer motioned to approve the City Council minutes with Alderman Cox seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10 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 Hanauer motioned to incorporate the Pre-Council first reading of ordinances into the record of the City Council meeting with Alderman Cox seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10 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 Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with a voice vote of 10 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 Alderman Cox seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with a vote of 10 voting yes.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS** **TABLED OR REMAINING IN COMMITTEE**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

**2026-042** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT UW26-12-52 WATER METERS WITH MIDWEST METER, INC. AND UNITED SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$648,073.80 FOR THE WATER DIVISION FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
**(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

**2026-043** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ACCEPTING TWO (2) AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE OF WORK AGREEMENTS WITH CGI TECHNOLOGIES AND SOLUTIONS, INC. IN RELATION TO A CONSULTING SERVICE AGREEMENT AND A SOFTWARE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH NO ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

**2026-044** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST BID AND AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF CONTRACT NUMBER PW24-31 WITH EVANS CARTAGE FOR LANDSCAPE DISPOSAL SERVICES FROM APRIL 1, 2026, TO MARCH 31, 2029, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,557,729.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS  
**(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

**2026-045** A RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF ILLINOIS STATE ROUTES 97 AND 29 (JEFFERSON STREET FROM 9TH TO 5TH STREETS) FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON MARCH 14, 2026, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

**2026-048** AN ORDINANCE VACATING ALLEYS AND THAT PART OF NEW STREET THAT ARE LOCATED BETWEEN WASHINGTON STREET & MONROE STREET AND FROM PARKER AVENUE TO LEWIS STREET TO SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186 **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

**2026-049** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A JOINT PURCHASE OF CITYWORKS ENTERPRISE LICENSE AGREEMENT AND MAINTENANCE WITH AZTECA SYSTEMS LLC FROM APRIL 15, 2026, THROUGH APRIL 14, 2027, FOR THE OFFICES OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$187,232.00 **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

**2026-051** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,370.00 TO MATTHEW FUCHS, A FORMER CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CWLP LAKE SERVICES MAINTENANCE FOREMAN, FOR SETTLEMENT OF A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR NUMBER 25-WC-003653 **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

**2026-052** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,536.70 TO ALFRED TODD HAZELWOOD, A FORMER CITY OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC WORKS LEAD FOREMAN, FOR SETTLEMENT OF A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR CASE NUMBER 25-WC-017832 **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

**2026-053** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CONTRACT UNDER RFP #15761 WITH CAREMARK PCS LLC/AETNA HEALTH TO PROVIDE PHARMACY MANAGEMENT SERVICES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2030, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,500,000.00, FOR THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

**2026-054** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION UNDER RFP HR-24-16 AND AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT OF \$80,000.00, AND A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$334,100.00 WITH PMA MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR THIRD PARTY WORKERS COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, FOR THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

**2026-056** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD SELF INSURANCE FUND FOR HEALTH PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500,000.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

**2026-057** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD'S SELF INSURANCE FUND FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$958,856.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (**Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher**)

**2026-058** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FROM RFP #LL26-27 FOR LIBRARY BOOKS AND MATERIALS WITH INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, LLC FOR A TOTAL CONTRACTUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$900,000.00, FOR LINCOLN LIBRARY (**Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher**)

**2026-060** AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING PROPOSAL NO. UE26-26 WITH ROLAND MACHINERY COMPANY FOR LEASE OF A WHEEL LOADER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$505,565.40 FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (**Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher**)

## **Debate Agenda**

**2026-046** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS AND DAVID KIM YAKUS & DONNA BEEMAN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT FARMLAND AT THE NW QUADRANT OF I-55, EXIT 90, TORONTO RD, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS (**Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher**)

Alderman Hanauer motioned to adjourn regular City Council meeting to open Public Hearing for discussion with Alderman Cox seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passes with 10 voting yes.

No discussion during Public Hearing.

Alderman Hanauer motioned to adjourn Public Hearing and reconvene regular City Council Meeting with Alderman Carlson seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passes with 10 voting yes.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve this agenda item with Alderwoman Conley seconding. No discussion. Motion passes with 10 voting yes.

**2026-047** AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT FARMLAND AT THE NW QUADRANT OF I-55, EXIT 90, TORONTO RD, FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS (**Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher**)

Alderman Donelan motioned to approve this agenda item with Alderman Cox seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with a vote of 10 voting yes.

**2026-050** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BECKY WHITLOW TO THE LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Cox motioned to approve this agenda item with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with a vote of 10 voting yes.

**2026-055** ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2026, AND ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2027. (Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)

Alderman Hanauer motioned to approve this agenda item with Alderman Cox seconding the motion. Discussion held by Alderpersons. Mayor Misty Buscher announced there were amendments. Director of OBM Ramona Metzger began reading the amendments:

Amendment Tech # 1 - discussion had by Alderpersons. Motion to adopt by Alderman Donelan, seconded by Alderman Hanauer. Motion passes with 10 voice voting yes.

Amendment Tech # 2 - discussion had by Alderpersons. Motion to adopt by Alderwoman Conley, seconded by Alderman Cox. Motion passes with 10 voice voting yes.

Amendment Tech # 3 - no discussion. Motion to adopt by Alderman Donelan, seconded by Alderman Cox. Motion passes with 10 voice voting yes.

Amendment Tech # 4 - discussion had by Alderpersons. Motion to adopt by Alderman Hanauer, seconded by Alderwoman Conley. Motion passes with 10 voice voting yes.

Amendment Tech # 5 - discussion had by Alderpersons and Library Director Gwen Harrison. Motion to adopt by Alderman Hanauer, seconded by Alderman Cox. Motion passes with 10 voice voting yes.

Amendment Tech # 6 - no discussion. Motion to adopt by Alderwoman Purchase, seconded by Alderman Cox. Motion passes with 10 voice voting yes.

Amendment Tech # 7 - no discussion. Motion to adopt by Alderman Hanauer, seconded by Alderman Cox. Motion passes with 10 voice voting yes.

Altermatic Amendment # 1 - discussion had by Alderpersons and Fire Chief Nicholas Zummo. Motion passes with 10 voice voting yes.

Alderman Cox made the motion to approve this agenda item as amended with Alderwoman Conley seconding. Discussion had by Alderpersons. Motion passes with 7 voting yes and 3 voting no.

**2026-059** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING DIRECT VENDOR PAYMENT OPTIONS AND NO MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CANNABIS BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM AND THE CANNABIS HOUSING PROGRAM AND EXPANDING THE BOUNDARIES FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR BOTH PROGRAMS **(Requested by Ward 8 Erin Conley, Ward 2 Shawn Gregory, Ward 6 Jennifer Notariano, Ward 5 Lakeisha Purchase)**

Alderman Gregory motioned to approve this agenda item with Alderwoman Notariano seconding the motion. Then Mayor Misty Buscher proposed amendment #1. Alderman Hanauer motioned to accept proposed amendment with Alderman Gregory seconding the motion. Discussion had by Alderpersons.

Alderman Gregory then made a motion to accept proposed Amendment #2 with Alderwoman Conley seconding the motion. Discussion had by Alderpersons, Mayor Misty Buscher and Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock. The motion passed with a vote of 10 voting yes.

The agenda item passed with a vote of 10 voting yes, as amended.

## **Emergency Passage**

**2026-093** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR GRANT NO. 26-332002, UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL TOURISM AND CONVENTION BUREAU GRANT PROGRAM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU, FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Gregory motioned to approve this agenda item with Alderman Hanauer seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with a vote of 10 voting yes.

**2026-094** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NO. RFP PD26-18 WITH ABATECO INC. TO EXCAVATE, PROCESS, AND RECONSTRUCT BERMS TO REMOVE LEAD CONTAMINATION AT THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE ACADEMY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$209,000.00, FOR THE SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE **(Requested by Mayor Misty Buscher)**

Alderman Cox motioned to approve this agenda item with Alderman Rockford seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with a vote of 10 voting yes.

Discussion of unfinished business.

Discussion of new business.

**Alderman Hanauer exited the meeting at 6:15pm**

Citizens addressed the Council

Mayor Misty Buscher requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Carlson motioned for adjournment with Alderman Cox seconding the motion. No discussion. The motion passed with voice vote of 9 voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Redpath". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "C" and a period following it.

**Charles L. Redpath Sr. City Clerk**

