

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2008**

Board present

Mayor Billy Paul Carneal
Alderman James Hubbard
Alderman Ken Cherry
Alderman Jerome Ellis
Alderman Clay Sneed
Alderman Bruce Head
Alderman Willie Mason

Staff present

City Manager Paul John Nutting
Asst. City Manager Regina Holt
City Recorder Bobby C. Lehman
City Clerk Connie W. Watson
City Attorney James Balthrop

- 1.1 Mayor Billy Paul Carneal called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at 7:30 p.m. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.
- 1.2 A public hearing was held in regards to:
 1. Ordinance 08-26, an ordinance to adopt the property tax freeze program for elderly low income homeowners.
 2. Ordinance 08-27, an ordinance to amend Title 10 of the Springfield Municipal Code entitled "Animal Control" by rescinding Chapter 2 entitled "Dogs and Cats" in its entirety and substituting a new Chapter 2.
- 1.3 Alderman Hubbard moved for the approval of the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen held on September 16, 2008 and the special meeting held on September 25, 2008. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Alderman Hubbard moved to amend the agenda by adding three new items: Resolution 08-45, authorizing the City to apply for the Transportation Enhancement Grant to extend the greenway to Bransford Community Center, a lease agreement with South Haven Christian School for the use of the football field at the Martin Luther King Park, and the purchase of four (4) vehicles for the Springfield Police Department. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.

- 2.1 Alderman Hubbard moved for the approval of Ordinance 08-22 on 3rd and final reading, an ordinance rezoning .33 acres of property located on Hayes Street from CG, Commercial to R7, Residential for owner Royce Crain. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.2 Alderman Hubbard moved for the approval of Ordinance 08-25 on 2nd reading, an ordinance amending certain City of Springfield department budgets for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.3 Alderman Hubbard moved for the approval of Ordinance 08-26 on 2nd reading, an ordinance adopting the property tax freeze for low income property owners age 65 and older as authorized by state law. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.4 Alderman Hubbard moved for the approval of Ordinance 08-27 on 2nd reading, an ordinance amending Title 10 of the Springfield Municipal Code entitled “Animal Control” by rescinding Chapter 2 entitled “Dogs and Cats” in its entirety and substituting a new Chapter 2. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.5 Alderman Hubbard moved for the approval of Ordinance 08-28 on 1st reading, an ordinance amending Ordinance 08-25 and Title 9 of the Springfield Municipal Codes entitled “Business, Peddlers, Solicitors, Etc.” by amending Chapter 4 entitled “Taxicabs” by rescinding Section 9-416 entitled “Qualifications and Application for Driver’s Permit” and Section 9-419 entitled “Fees” in their entirety and substituting new Sections 9-416 and 9-419. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.

This ordinance authorizes the issuance of temporary taxi driver permits of forty-five (45) days with a TBI Criminal background check.

- 2.6 Alderman Mason moved for the approval of Ordinance 08-29 on 1st reading, an ordinance to adjust the retail electric rates of the Springfield Electric Department due to a wholesale fuel cost adjustment by the Tennessee Valley Authority. The motion was seconded and passed by 5-2 roll call vote. Ayes: Cherry, Carneal, Mason, Sneed, Head. Nays: Hubbard, Ellis.
- 2.7 Alderman Hubbard moved for the approval of Ordinance 08-30 on 1st reading, an ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the City of Springfield zoning ordinance entitled “Commercial District Regulations” by rescinding Section 11-608 entitled “Supplementary District Regulations Applying to All Commercial Districts” in its entirety and substituting a new Section 11-608. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.

This ordinance forbids the use of pole barns as commercial buildings and requires commercial buildings of less than 50,000 square feet to be constructed with brick fronts and 50 percent brick on each side.

- 2.8 Alderman Mason moved for the approval of Resolution 08-42, a resolution adopting an identity theft policy for the City of Springfield. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.9 Alderman Mason moved for the approval of Resolution 08-43, a resolution accepting infrastructure improvements in the dedicated rights-of-way and easements of Oakland Farms Phase III, Section IV for owners Rusty and John Fox. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.10 Alderman Hubbard moved for the approval of Resolution 08-44, a resolution to give longevity pay to all full time employees of the City of Springfield with a minimum of five years in service. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.
- 2.11 Alderman Hubbard moved for the approval of Resolution 08-45, a resolution authorizing the City of Springfield to apply for a Transportation Enhancement Grant to extend the greenway to Bransford Community Center. The motion was seconded and failed by 3-4 roll call votes. Ayes: Mason, Carneal, Hubbard. Nays: Ellis, Sneed, Head, Cherry.
- 3.1 Alderman Hubbard moved for the appointment of Mrs. Carol Sletto to the Regional Library Board. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.
- 3.2 Alderman Mason moved for the reappointment of Mr. Lee Scott to the Springfield/Robertson County Joint Airport Board. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.
- 3.3 Alderman Hubbard moved for the approval of the following parade applications, the motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.
 1. Springfield Baptist Church request to hold "Fall Festival Activities" on October 29, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. They request to close off Willow Street, from 4th Avenue to 5th Avenue.
Attach: Application

2. Springfield High School/Student Council request to hold their annual high school “Homecoming Parade” on October 24, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The parade will assemble at the parking lot of 10th Avenue and Main Street. It will start from Main Street to 5th Avenue West and proceed to Connell Street and on to Springfield Middle School.
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3. Robertson County Chamber of Commerce request to hold its annual “Christmas Festival” and its’ “Christmas Parade” on November 22, 2008. The festival will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the parade will be from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. They request to close off the following streets from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the festival: 6th Avenue (from Main Street to Locust), West Court Square, and Locust and from 6th Avenue to 5th Avenue. The parade will assemble at the Covenant Confirmers parking lot on 10th Avenue and start from Willow and 10th Avenue, Main Street and 5th Avenue and on to Springfield Middle School.
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- 3.4 Alderman Hubbard moved to discuss a request from the Robertson County Trustee Sandra Head to assist in a county employee wellness program by authorizing a price reduction in fees for the use of The Center.

Alderman Ellis moved to defer from making any decision on the request. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.
- 3.5 Alderman Hubbard moved for the approval to authorize a professional services agreement for the Springfield Gas Department to appraise and negotiate easement acquisitions for future construction of a 10-inch transmission line on Highway 41 South and Old Greenbrier Pike. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.
- 3.6 Alderman Sneed moved to amend the City of Springfield’s Private Act Charter that would require property tax increases to be approved by the voters by referendum. The motion died for lack of a second.
- 3.7 Alderman Ellis moved to approve the hiring of one (1) new police officer for the Springfield Police Department under the Universal Hiring Grant awarded to the department for period of three (3) years. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.

- 3.8 Alderman Hubbard moved to approve leasing the Martin Luther King Park, football field for \$450.00 per game to South Haven Christian School for their homecoming game on October 24, 2008 and possible playoff game on November 7, 2008. The school will be responsible for repairing any damages that may occur to the football field. The motion was seconded and passed by 6-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Ellis, Hubbard, Sneed, Carneal, Mason, Head. Nays: Cherry.
- 4.0 Alderman Ellis moved for the approval of items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 of the consent portion of the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed by 7-0 roll call vote.
- 4.1 Parks and Recreation Department request to award bids to **Botsko, Inc.** to furnish and install a variable refrigerant flow HVAC system at The Center per specifications at a total of **\$369,684.00:** and **John Bouchard & Sons Co.** to install two roof top AAON units, smoke detectors, new exhaust fans at The Center and supply fans per plans and specifications in the amount of **\$154,300.00.**
- 4.2 Finance Department request to award the bid for utility meter reading devices to **United Systems** for **\$24,855.00.**
- 4.3 Springfield Gas Department request to award the bid for a new 2009, 35000 GVWR dump truck to **Mid-Tenn. Ford** for **\$60,999.00.**
- 4.4 Springfield Police Department request to purchase on state contract four (4) 6- cylinder Dodge Chargers from **Cardinal Chrysler-Dodge, Inc.** for a total amount of **\$87,244.68.**

5.0 **City Manager/Staff Report**

The City Manager informed the Board that the City Attorney and staff are in the process of arranging a meeting with AT&T staff to discuss the possibility of sharing the cost of the utility relocation for the new sidewalk construction on South Main Street.

He also stated that staff has discussed the bond situation for Village Green Subdivision with representatives of Pinnacle Financial Partners in Murfreesboro. The bank representatives have a good understanding of what has to be done and have verbally committed to make sure that the work will be done properly.

City Attorney, Jim Balthrop gave the Board an update on the college issue. He thinks more information with regard to the higher education facility project will be forthcoming by the November regular meeting.

Board Report

The Mayor informed the Board that the Tennessee Higher Education Commission has approved the establishment of a Robertson County Teaching facility for fall 2010 classes.

He also informed the Board that the State has awarded \$100,000 towards the new library project.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Billy Paul Carneal, Mayor

Attest:

Bobby C. Lehman, City Recorder