

**Minutes of Springfield City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

City Clerk Cecilia called the Pre Council Session of the Springfield City Council to Order at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 2009, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center West. Clerk Tumulty Read the Ordinances and Resolutions to be considered at the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting into the Record of the Meeting and Assigned the Ordinances to their Proper Committees. The Pre Council Session Concluded at 5:43 p.m.

Mayor Davlin called the Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m. All were invited to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Tumulty called the roll of City Council members.

PRESENT: Alderman Edwards , Simpson , Kunz , Lesko , Cahnman , Mahoney , Cimarossa , Theilen , Dove , Griffin & Mayor Davlin . (8)

ABSENT: Ald. Edwards, Kunz and Cahnman. (3)

Proclamations: Mayor Davlin presented a proclamation to Lisa Ellis, Chair of the Springfield In Bloom organization proclaiming April 12 through 18 as Springfield In Bloom Week.

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Cimarossa seconded, To Dispense with the Reading of the Minutes of the March 24, 2009, City Council Meeting and Approve the Minutes. The Motion Carried 7/0 via voice vote. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Griffin Seconded, To Incorporate the Pre-Council First Reading of Ordinances into the Record of This Council Meeting. The Motion Carried 7/0 via voice vote. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

The Next Matter On The Agenda Was The Consent Agenda. Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Mahoney seconded, To Incorporate the Pre-Council Reading of the Consent Agenda into the Record of This Council Meeting. The Motion Carried 7/0 via voice vote. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

Ald. Simpson Moved To Place The Consent Agenda On Final Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 7/0 via voice vote. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

Agenda Numbers 2008-337 and 2009-066 Remain Tabled or In Committee.

The Next Item On The Agenda Was No. 2009-152 An Ordinance Authorizing A Supplemental Appropriation In The Amount Of \$875,000.00 From The 2008 Water Improvement Fund For The Water Division. Ald. Simpson Moved To Place Agenda No. 2009-152 on Final Passage.

Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 7/0 via voice vote. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

The Next Item On The Agenda Was No. 2009-153. An Ordinance Authorizing The Establishment Of A Revolving Line Of Credit Facility In An Amount Not To Exceed \$15,000,000.00 For The Electric Fund With An Availability Period Not To Exceed Five Years From Its Closing Date. Ald. Simpson Moved To Return Agenda No. 2009-153 to the Utilities Committee. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 7/0 via voice vote. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes

The Next Item on the Agenda was No. 2009-168, "An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of A Professional Services Agreement With, And Payment In An Amount Not To Exceed \$30,000.00 To, Charles Randy Johnson For Consultation Services For Litigation For The Office Of Corporation Counsel, For Emergency Passage" Ald. Ald. Griffin Moved to Place 2009-169 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson Seconded. Ald. Simpson asked if this would be a one-time consultation. CC Johnson stated it would be ongoing. Ald. Dove stated that after speaking with many people in various fields about expert testimony. Most experts are getting \$350 per hour in court. He thought that was excessive. Most commercial appraisals are \$2500 to \$3500. That leaves a lot of money for other things. CC Johnson stated there are other things that must be done prior to testifying. CC Johnson stated we need more than \$15,000.00 through trial. Ald. Lesko moved for Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 7/0 via voice vote. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes. The time was 6:13 p.m.

Ald. Simpson Moved to Recess Executive Session and Reconvene the Regular meeting of the City Council. Ald. Dove Seconded. The Motion Carried 7/0 via voice vote. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes. The time was 6:27.m.

The Motion for Emergency Passage on Agenda No. 2009-168 passed 8/0. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, Griffin and Mayor Davlin voted yes.

The Next Item on the Agenda was No 2009-169, An Ordinance Authorizing Payment Of A Workers' Compensation Award In The Amount Of \$29,787.50 To Craig T. Stanberry, An Office Of Public Works Employee, For Case Number 07-Wc-044831, For Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson Moved to Place 2009-169 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried passed 8/0. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, Griffin and Mayor Davlin voted yes.

The Next Item on the Agenda was No 2009-170, An Ordinance Authorizing The Acceptance Of A Warranty Deed For Right-Of-Way From Robert Russell And Anne Russell And Authorizing Payment In The Amount Of \$36,200.00 For Said Right-Of-Way Regarding Improvements To Meadowbrook Road And The Replacement Of The Meadowbrook Road Bridge, For The Office Of Public Works, For Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson Moved to Place 2009-170 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Dove Seconded. The Motion Carried passed 8/0. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, Griffin and Mayor Davlin voted yes.

The Next Item on the Agenda was No 2009-171 A Resolution Authorizing The Office Of Planning And Economic Development To Prepare And The Mayor To Submit To The U.S.

Department Of Housing And Urban Development An Amendment To The City's FY08 Action Plan, Year Four Of The Five-Year 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan, For The Use Of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds And Home Investment Partnerships (Home) Funds For The Consolidated Program Year That Begins July 1, 2008, For Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson Moved to Place 2009-171 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Griffin Seconded. The Motion Carried passed 8/0. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, Griffin and Mayor Davlin voted yes.

The Next Item on the Agenda was No 2009-172 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services Inc. For The Design And Engineering Of A New Fire Station On Spaulding Orchard Road In An Amount Not To Exceed \$205,000.00 For The Springfield Fire Department, For Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson Moved to Place 2009-172 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Dove Seconded. The Motion Carried passed 8/0. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, Griffin and Mayor Davlin voted yes.

Ald. Simpson Moved To Suspend The Rules, Assign To Public Works Committee And Place On First Reading, Agenda No. 2009-192, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 170, Section 170.10.25 (b)(2) of the 1988 City of Springfield Code of Ordinances, As Amended, To Revise the Residential Fee Schedule for Building Permits." Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 7/0 via voice vote. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

Mayor Davlin asked that the City Council consider moving City Council meetings to 5:30 p.m. This measure would save the City overtime and comp time for those individuals attending the meetings who are City employees. Most members present did not have a problem with moving the meeting. At that time, merging the Committee Meetings to save money was discussed. Joe Davis indicated he would work on that with the aldermen and get back with Mayor Davlin.

Peggy Sower Knoepfle and John Weems addressed the Council and urged the City to work to keep the Springfield Overflow Shelter open after the current closing date of April 30. They presented a petition to the Mayor and invited the aldermen to tour the Shelter.

Leonard Hubbard, Jr., 1612 E. Cook Street, Springfield, IL., addressed the Council in support of reinstating the residency requirement for City Employees. He believes the City is losing out to other communities. He suggested that the Council get this issue on the next ballot. He commended Ald. Simpson for her work to get the residency requirement reinstated.

Ald. Simpson Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at approximately 6:43 p.m. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 7/0 via voice vote. Ald. Simpson, Lesko, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin voted Yes.

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