

**Minutes of Springfield City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 6, 2010
City Council Chambers**

City Clerk Cecilia Tumulty called the precouncil session of the Springfield City Council to order at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 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 this meeting and assigned the ordinances to the Committee of the Whole. The precouncil session concluded at approximately 5:07 p.m.

Mayor Davlin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All were invited to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Tumulty called the roll of City Council members.

PRESENT: Alderman Edwards , Ald. Simpson , Ald. Cahnman , Ald. Mahoney , Ald. Cimarossa , Ald. Theilen , Ald. Dove , Ald. Griffin & Mayor Davlin .

ABSENT: Ald. Kunz & Ald. Lesko .

REGULAR BUSINESS

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Cimarossa seconded, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2010, City Council meeting. The motion carried 8/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Cimarossa seconded, to incorporate the precouncil first reading of ordinances into the record of this City Council meeting. The Motion carried 8/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson Moved, Ald. Seconded, to incorporate the precouncil reading of the consent agenda into the record of this City Council meeting. The Motion Carried 8/0 via voice vote.

Ald. Simpson moved to place the consent agenda on final passage. Ald. Cimarossa seconded. The motion carried 8/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove and Griffin voted yes.

Agenda numbers of 2008-337, 2009-387, 2009-582, 2010-001, 2010-003, 2010-048, 2010-117, and 2010-131 remain tabled or in committee.

The first item on the Agenda was Agenda No. 2010-132, An Ordinance Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Springfield Police Department, for Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson Moved to Place Agenda No. 2010-132 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The motion carried 8/1. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, Griffin & Mayor Davlin voted yes. Ald. Cahnman voted present.

The next item on the Agenda was Agenda No. 2010-133, An Ordinance Accepting The Lowest Responsible Bid And Authorizing The Execution Of Contract Number PW 10-02-97 With E.L.

Pruitt Company For Chiller System Replacement At The Municipal Center West In An Amount Not To Exceed \$184,958.00, For The Office Of Public Works, For Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson Moved to Place Agenda No. 2010-133 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. These funds are coming from Downtown TIF money. There is no corporate money involved. The motion carried 9/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, Griffin & Mayor Davlin voted yes.

Ald. Edwards stated that he would like the public to know that Ald. Kunz is in the hospital. He did not want someone taking issue with his absence. Mayor Davlin and the Council wished him a speedy recovery.

Ald. Mahoney asked Mayor Davlin about the status of the Citizens Advisory Board that was created about one year ago to oversee the infrastructure program. Mayor Davlin stated he would check with Dir. Norris and let him know the status.

Ald. Cahnman asked everyone to take a moment and fill out the Census and mail it back. It's important to make sure the State of Illinois and the City receive their fair share of federal and state monies.

Tony Hamelin, 313 E. Stanford Avenue, Springfield, IL, addressed the council. He wanted to bring it to the Council's attention that the Conns, who are renovating the Maisenbacher House, have made statements in the press that they are contemplating putting a microbrewery in the House. He has researched the issue and found that the demographics of Springfield do not support a microbrewery. The Conns have secured no private financing. There is no business plan or marketing analysis in place and it has been over one year since the Council provided TIF funds to the Maisenbacher Project. This is all contrary to the "high end gift shop and wine shop" that was originally contemplated. Mr. Hamelin stated that this is not the purpose of TIF funding. TIF funding is for small end businesses. There are certain procedures that TIF projects must go through including submitting business plans and marketing analysis so there is an accountability of the people's money. TIF money takes away from school districts but there is an economic benefit. He urged the Council to consider these facts when, and if, the Conns request additional funding.

Ald. Simpson moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:42 p.m. Ald. Cimarossa seconded. The motion carried 8/0 via voice vote.

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