

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
JULY 21, 2009**

AGENDA

Item 1 call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Judy Stainback. Aldermen present were Tim Bair, Stephen Esterline, Jill Finney, and Darrin Snodgrass. Aldermen Debra Hickey and Aaron Kruse were absent.

Item 2 pledge allegiance

Everyone rose and recited the pledge of allegiance led by Alderman Bair.

Item 3 announcements

All announcements were submitted in writing.

Item 4 motion on consent agenda

A motion was made by Jill Finney to approve the consent agenda which includes July 7, 2009 minutes and bills to pay in the amount of \$46723.59. The motion was seconded by Tim Bair. Roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair aye, Stephen Esterline aye, Jill Finney aye, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse absent, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed.

Item 5 City Administrator updates

All updates were submitted in writing.

Item 6 public input

Jamie McDonald had signed up to speak, but was not present at the meeting.

Item 7a Anderson Engineering updates

Neil Brady, with Anderson Engineering, informed the Board of Aldermen that the pre-construction meeting with Rosetta Construction concerning the force main project was a success. The dirt work should begin on approximately August 1st, and the project should be complete by November of this year. The City plans on coordinating with the County on their land leveling project and with whoever ends up doing the Cloverdale sidewalk project.

Item 7b motion on sewer rate increase

City Administrator, Rick Hess, presented the 2009-2010 sewer rate analysis for the reasoning behind the proposed 3.5% rate hike. The City does not plan on making a profit from the rate hike, only to recoup the 3.5% increase that is assessed them from City of Springfield Public Works Department for the processing of our sewer output. There was much discussion concerning upsetting the citizens with a rate hike versus the necessity of keeping the City from having a year end loss in the sewer fund. A motion was made by Tim Bair to approve the 3.5% sewer rate increase beginning with the September 21, 2009 billing. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

Item 8a motion on sales tax increase of ½ cent for the Police Department

City Administrator, Rick Hess, presented the information on the proposed ½ cent sales tax increase. The sales tax increase proposal would be an item put on the City election ballot for a vote by the people. The monies would be used for the police department only, mainly to hire at least one new police officer. The new sales tax rate, if passed, would be 6.975%. The proposed increase would bring in approximately an additional \$65,000 per year in sales tax. A motion was made by Jill Finney to authorize the City Administrator and the City Clerk to investigate what procedures and costs would be to put the item on the ballot for vote and what way would be most effective in campaigning the cause to the citizens. The motion was seconded by Darrin Snodgrass. Roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair aye, Stephen Esterline aye, Jill Finney aye, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse absent, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. The item will be brought back up at the September 1, 2009 meeting.

Item 8b attendance at the 2009 MML conference

No action taken.

Item 8c City Attorney candidates

The Board of Aldermen was in consensus to keep the current City Attorney, Jim Kelly.

Item 8d City Auditor candidates

The Board of Aldermen was in consensus to keep the current City Auditor, Marshall Decker.

Item 8e City Engineer candidates

The Board of Aldermen was in consensus to keep the current City Engineering Company, Anderson Engineering.

Item 8f City Prosecutor candidates

The Board of Aldermen was in consensus to keep the current City Prosecutor, Jim Kelly.

Item 8g City cleaning personnel

The Board of Aldermen was in consensus to keep the current cleaning personnel, Tammy Youngmon.

Item 8h City Municipal Judge candidates

A motion was made by Tim Bair to remove Gregory Dorshorst as Municipal Judge effective July 31, 2009. The motion was seconded by Jill Finney. . Roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair aye, Stephen Esterline aye, Jill Finney aye, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse absent, and Darrin Snodgrass nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Tim Bair to prepare an ordinance to appoint George Johnson for a two year term as City of Battlefield Municipal Judge effective August 5, 2009. The motion was seconded by Jill Finney. . Roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair aye, Stephen Esterline aye, Jill Finney aye, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse absent, and Darrin Snodgrass nay. Motion passed.

Item 8i motion on items for disposal

A motion was made by Darrin Snodgrass to approve the list of items for disposal through recycling. The motion was seconded by Tim Bair. . Roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair aye, Stephen Esterline aye, Jill Finney aye, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse absent, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed.

Item 9 adjournment

A motion was made by Tim Bair to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Darrin Snodgrass. . Roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair aye, Stephen Esterline aye, Jill Finney aye, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse absent, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

_____ Mayor Judy Stainback _____ Date

ATTEST:

_____ Susan R Diehl, CMC/MRCC _____ Date