

**August 30, 2016
Springfield, Missouri**

The City Council met in special session August 30, 2016 in the Springfield-Greene County Public Safety Center at 12:37 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bob Stephens.

Roll Call

Present: Phyllis Ferguson, Mike Schilling, Justin Burnett, Craig Fishel, Jan Fisk, Craig Hosmer, Kristi Fulnecky, and Bob Stephens. Absent: Ken McClure.

MINUTES.

CONSENT AGENDA.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

SECOND READING BILLS.

RESOLUTIONS.

EMERGENCY BILLS.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

GRANTS.

**FEMA FY2015 Fire
Prevention and Safety
(FP&S) Grant**

Stephens. Council Bill 2016-208. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept and appropriate an FY2015 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to fund fire prevention and education activities; and amending the budget provided for the Fire Department of the City of Springfield, Missouri, for the fiscal year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$26,115.

David Hall, Fire Chief, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He stated the federal government has a narrow window of opportunity for the City of Springfield to accept this grant. Chief Hall noted this is a fire prevention/life safety grant provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He noted his department has been working with the Springfield Public Schools' parents-as-teachers program and the Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) to ensure the city has safe homes, from a fire-safety aspect, for families with children under the age of 14. Chief Hall noted this grant will provide funding for 1,000 free smoke alarms, 250 fire extinguishers, and 50 escape ladders for two-story homes. He stated this grant will also help the fire department provide demonstrations for residential fire sprinklers. Chief Hall stated this grant is a five percent match and the matching funds will come from the department's public education funding.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the discussion was closed.

Councilwoman Ferguson expressed her support for the proposed. She expressed her opinion fire detectors and fire-safety education are important.

Council Bill 2016-208. Special Ordinance 26788 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

AMENDED BILLS.

PUBLIC HEARING.

Final Determination of the Greene County Assessor of the Assessed Valuation by Levying a Tax on Real and Personal Property

Hosmer. Council Bill 2016-207. A special ordinance amending Special Ordinance No. 26744 and Special Ordinance No. 26745, passed by the City Council on June 13, 2016, to reflect the final determination of the Greene County Assessor of the assessed valuation by levying a tax on real and personal property for current expenses and the debt retirement of the City of Springfield, Missouri, and its boards and agencies for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017, and declaring an emergency.

David Holtman, Interim Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the proposed. He stated the proposed is the final step in setting the City's property tax levies for 2016. Mr. Holtman noted the city has received the final assessed valuations numbers from Greene County. He stated the combined tax levy is \$0.6177 per \$100 of assess valuation. Mr. Holtman noted the proposed is declared an emergency in order to meet the State-mandated deadline of September 1, 2016.

Councilman Hosmer ask if the total amount of tax revenue for the City of Springfield is \$17 million. David Holtman responded in the affirmative. Mr. Hosmer asked if this is an additional assessment on the citizens of Springfield. Mr. Holtman responded the proposed is the property tax for the Health Department, Art Museum, and Parks Department. Mr. Hosmer asked if the tax amount is different for the City and the County. Mr. Holtman responded in the affirmative. Mr. Hosmer expressed his opinion this goes to the issue of the sewer rates for County residents should not be the same as rate for the citizens of Springfield because the county residents are not assessed the same as the city. Greg Burris, City Manager, stated County residents do not pay the same taxes as the citizens of Springfield do, but are able to take advantage of the same services provided by the City. Mr. Hosmer expressed his opinion the City should not subsidize County residents who are able to take advantage of City services while not paying the same amount in taxes as the citizens of Springfield.

Councilwoman Fulnecky ask how the percentage is calculated and is it different from 2015. David Holtman responded it is different from 2015. He stated there are limits on how much additional tax revenue can be imposed by the City. Ms. Fulnecky asked why the rate is increasing. Mr. Holtman responded the increase is due to the additional growth and requirements to operate the City. Mr. Burris responded the City could have stayed with the 2015 rates if expenses would have remained the same. Ms. Fulnecky asked for clarification on the limits of the Hancock Amendment. Mr. Burris responded the limits are not based upon a percentage. Mr. Holtman responded it is based upon the Consumer Price Index. He noted the City is allowed to have increases for growth, but is limited by the

Consumer Price Index.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification on the sur-tax. David Holtman responded those are the additional taxes businesses pay in Springfield.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views. With no appearances, the discussion was closed.

Council Bill 2016-207. Special Ordinance 26789 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

FIRST READING BILLS.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

NEW BUSINESS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CONSENT AGENDA FIRST READING BILLS.

CONSENT AGENDA ONE READING BILLS.

CONSENT AGENDA SECOND READING BILLS.

Closed Session

Councilman Fishel move to hold a closed meeting to discuss legal actions, causes of action, litigation, privileged and confidential communications pursuant to Section 610.021 (1), RSMo.; and hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) RSMo.; and this meeting, record, and vote shall be closed and the City Council shall stand adjourned at the end of the closed session.

Councilman Burnett seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Ferguson, Schilling, Burnett, Fishel, Fisk, Hosmer, Fulnecky, and Stephens. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk