

May 21, 2018
Springfield, Missouri

The City Council met in regular session May 21, 2018 in the Council Chambers at Historic City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Jan Fisk. Mayor Pro Tem Fisk called for a moment of silence for the families and victims of the school shooting in Santa Fe, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Fisk introduced the two City Manager finalists, Jason Gage from Salina, Kansas, and Wayne Pyle from West Valley City, Utah. Mayor Pro Tem Fisk thanked the finalists for visiting Springfield, and for their attendance at the City Council meeting.

Roll Call

Present: Mike Schilling, Jan Fisk, Craig Hosmer, Richard Ollis, Kristi Fulnecky, Phyllis Ferguson, Matthew Simpson, Tom Prater, and Ken McClure*. Absent: None.

*Mayor McClure arrived at approximately 7:06 p.m.

Minutes

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections, the minutes of the May 7, 2018 City Council meeting and the May 8, 2018 Special City Council meeting were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Sworn In

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, swore in Marteze Ward to the Airport Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Fisk thanked Mr. Ward for his willingness to serve on this Board.

City Manager's Report

Greg Burris, City Manager, welcomed the two City Manager finalists, Mr. Gage and Mr. Pyle, in attendance at tonight's City Council meeting.

Mr. Burris noted the City Attorney's Office sent an email to City Council in response to several questions related to Council Bill 2018-119, which addresses distracted driving.

Mr. Burris noted Anita Cotter, City Clerk, sent an email to City Council providing information about the official Springfield song.

Mr. Burris noted a Parks update has been provided to City Council. He stated HUD funded projects are moving forward in four Springfield Parks, with a ribbon cutting, at Tom Watkins Park, scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2018 during Councilwoman Ferguson's Zone 1 Town Hall meeting. Mr. Burris noted improvements at Tom Watkins park include new restrooms, a concrete walking track, and playground equipment installation. He stated the new playground at Meador Park has been completed and work continues on the concrete walking track. Mr. Burris noted the Nichols Park playground construction was delayed due to inclement weather. He stated the final playground installation at Cooper Park will be in June 2018, and additional ribbon cutting ceremonies will be announced as projects are completed.

Mr. Burris noted the City of Springfield is celebrating National Public Works Week from May 20 – 26, 2018, with various events scheduled to highlight and honor the vital role public works services play in advancing quality of life in our community. He stated the City's Public Works and Environmental Services Departments share public works responsibilities, and together, they provide vital services, such as the building and maintenance of roads and bridges, sewer services,

and solid waste management. Mr. Burris noted the Public Works 2018 Annual Report, which highlights the activities and accomplishments of each department, has been provided to City Council.

Mr. Burris noted Police Chief Paul Williams has provided the April 2018 crime statistics, and the year-to-date crime statistics to City Council. He stated overall crime continues to decrease compared to 2017. Mr. Burris noted Chief Williams credits the reduction in overall crime to continuing education and prevention efforts.

Councilwoman Fulnecky noted she attended a National Law Enforcement Week Memorial on Thursday, May 17, 2018 honoring all fallen officers. She expressed her opinion it was especially moving to listen to Aaron Pearson, the Springfield Police Officer shot in the line of duty, speak in public for the first time. Councilwoman Fulnecky expressed appreciation to Police Chief Paul Williams, and the Springfield Police Department, for their ongoing support of the Pearson family.

Mayor Pro Tem Fisk noted she attended the Ozarks Technical Community College Commencement on Thursday, May 17, 2018. She congratulated Brian Newberry, Springfield Fire Department Assistant Chief of Operations, for receiving the Ozarks Technical Community College's Distinguished Alumni Award.

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Second Reading Bills

**Rezoning – 538
South National and
1211-1223 East
Cherry Street**

Sponsor: Prater. Council Bill 2018-112. A general ordinance amending the Springfield Land Development Code, Section 36-306, 'Official zoning map and rules for interpretation,' by rezoning approximately 0.8 acre of property, generally located at 538 South National Avenue and 1211-1223 East Cherry Street, from GR, General Retail District, and Planned Development No. 297, to Planned Development District No. 361. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.) (By: A & M Pizza Real Estate, LLC and Kirk A. Heyle Trust; 1211-1223 East Cherry Street and 538 South National Avenue; Planned Development 361.)

Council Bill 2018-112. General Ordinance 6449 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and Fisk. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

**Chapter 36, Article
III, Section 36-367**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2018-113. A general ordinance amending Chapter 36 of the City Code, Article III, 'Zoning Regulations,' Divisions 3, 'Administration, Enforcement, and Review,' Subdivision III, 'Review, Appeals, and Amendments,' Section 36-367, 'Amendments' by adding language to clarify the role of the Planning and Zoning Commission with respect to rezoning applications.

Council Bill 2018-113. General Ordinance 6450 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and Fisk. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

**Ozark Region
Workforce
Development –
Youth Services
Agreement**

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2018-114. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Youth Services Agreement between the Ozark Region Chief Elected Officials, the Ozark Region Workforce Development Board, and the City of Springfield for the purpose of providing directly some or all of the youth workforce investment activities through the City's Departments of Workforce Development and Finance.

Council Bill 2018-114. Special Ordinance 27047 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and Fisk. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

**Springfield – Greene
County
9-1-1 Agreement**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2018-115. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Greene County and the City of Springfield for 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Services for the purpose of continuing to operate and improve the countywide Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Service.

Council Bill 2018-115. Special Ordinance 27048 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and Fisk. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

**Grant Beach Park
Box Culvert**

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2018-116. A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Grant Beach Park Box Culvert Project; accepting the bid of Pfefferkorn & Drury Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$210,120 for said project; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Council Bill 2018-116. Special Ordinance 27049 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and Fisk. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

**Sanitary Sewer
Overflow Program,
Group 4 Public
Sewer Rehabilitation**

Sponsor: Hosmer. Council Bill 2018-117. A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Control Program, Group 4 Public Sewer Rehabilitation – Open Cut Repairs project; accepting the bid of Rosetta Construction, LLC, for the project; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract for said project; and approving a budget adjustment to amend the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget of the Department of Environmental Services Clean Water Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$1,915,250.00.

Council Bill 2018-117. Special Ordinance 27050 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and Fisk. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

**Hotel-Motel Tax
Reallocation –
Commercial Club**

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2018-118. A special ordinance accepting the recommendation of the Hotel-Motel Tax Reallocation Committee to reallocate funds previously awarded by Resolution 10294 to the Commercial Club of Springfield for the rehabilitation of the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge and authorizing said funds to be used for said rehabilitation.

Council Bill 2018-118. Special Ordinance 27051 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and Fisk. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

**Careless and
Distracted
Operation of a
Motor Vehicle.**

Sponsor: Hosmer, Fisk, Prater, and Schilling. Council Bill 2018-119. A general ordinance amending the Springfield City Code, Chapter 106, 'Traffic and Vehicles,' provisions by amending language in Section 106-1, 'Definitions' and Section 106-203, 'Careless and Imprudent driving'; and adding a new section 106-211, 'Careless and Distracted Operation' to address distracted driving and improve traffic safety in the City. (Plans and Policies Committee recommends approval.)

Councilman Simpson expressed his opinion distracted driving is an issue in Springfield and he is supportive of Springfield Police officers using reasonable discretion to promote public safety. Councilman Simpson expressed his opinion the proposed requires additional review prior to being voted on by City Council.

Councilman Simpson moved to refer Council Bill 2018-119 to the Plans and Policies Committee for further review. Councilwoman Fulnecky seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ollis, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and Fisk. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

Councilwoman Fulnecky expressed appreciation to Councilman Simpson for referring the proposed to the Plans and Policies Committee, and expressed her opinion the proposed is vague, subjective, and confusing to constituents.

**Wireless
Telecommunication
Tower – 1452 N.
Lafontaine Avenue**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2018-120. A special ordinance authorizing the issuance of Conditional Use Permit No. 432 to allow a Wireless Telecommunication Tower within a HC, Highway Commercial District generally located at 1452 North Lafontaine Avenue. (Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval).

Council Bill 2018-120. Special Ordinance 27052 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Ollis, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and Fisk. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

Councilman Hosmer noted City Council has voted two times on the proposed, and expressed his opinion it is fundamentally wrong for the Missouri legislature to enact laws, which prevent municipalities from adopting ordinances to protect the citizens in their jurisdiction.

Councilwoman Ferguson stated because of Missouri statute, she felt obligated to vote in support of the proposed, and expressed her opinion the proposed does not meet the criteria for a conditional use permit.

RESOLUTIONS

The following bills appeared on the agenda under Emergency Bills.

**Cost Share
Agreement-Missouri
& Northern
Arkansas Railroad
Company**

Sponsor: Fulnecky. Council Bill 2018-122. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a Cost Share Agreement, with the Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad Company, Inc., and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, for the purpose of sharing in the costs of improving the railroad crossing at Grand Street (US DOT #445 063K) at an estimated cost to the City of \$79,265.50; and declaring an emergency pursuant to City Charter Section 2.12.

Kirk Juranas, Assistant Director of Public Works, gave a brief overview of the proposed. He stated the proposed authorizes an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the Missouri & Northern Arkansas Railroad Company for concrete surface improvements at a railroad crossing located along Grand Street, west of Jordan Creek. Mr. Juranas noted the City's cost share for this project is approximately \$80,000.

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

Councilwoman Ferguson noted she has observed pedestrians crossing through the construction site in this area, and expressed appreciation to City Staff for bringing this to City Council for consideration and approval.

Council Bill 2018-122. Special Ordinance 27053 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and Fisk. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

GRANTS

AMENDED BILLS

PUBLIC HEARING

The following bills appeared on the agenda under First Reading

Council Bill 2018-123 and Council Bill 2018-124 were read and discussed simultaneously.

City of Springfield Preliminary Tax Levy

Sponsor: Fisk. Council Bill 2018-123. A special ordinance setting a preliminary tax levy on real and personal property for current expenses and debt retirement of the City of Springfield, Missouri, and its boards and agencies for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and declaring an emergency.

City of Springfield Fiscal Year 2018- 2019 Budget

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2018-124. A special ordinance adopting a budget for the City of Springfield, Missouri, for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, providing that certain amounts shown in the budget document are appropriated for the various departments specified in said budget, and declaring an emergency.

Greg Burris, City Manager, gave a brief overview of Council Bill 2018-123 and Council Bill 2018-124. He stated Financial Analysts, Teresa Allen and Brandie Fisher, will provide additional clarification on the proposed tax levy and Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Mr. Burris noted the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget was reviewed and discussed by City Council at four workshops in April and May 2018. He expressed his opinion recent citizen satisfaction surveys, and passage of the Level Property Tax initiative in November 2017, are indicative of citizen confidence in the City of Springfield. Mr. Burris noted current sales tax revenues are on budget, and City Finance Department Staff will continue to monitor this volatile revenue source. He expressed appreciation to the Finance Department, Department Directors, and City Staff for their participation in developing the proposed Budget.

Mr. Burris expressed appreciation to the Office of Public Information and Civic Engagement, for their extensive efforts in providing clear, understandable information to the public on budget preparations, which is essential in providing transparency to the citizens of Springfield.

Mr. Burris discussed the four budget priorities, established by City Council, which include Employee Recruitment and Retention, Public Safety, Economic Vitality, and Fiscal Sustainability.

Mayor McClure arrived in Council Chambers at approximately 7:06 p.m.

Teresa Allen, Financial Analyst, gave a brief overview of Council Bill 2018-123. She stated the City Charter requires the preliminary tax levy be established prior to adopting the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Ms. Allen noted the annual tax levy will be confirmed, when certified by the State

Auditor in August 2018, and after receiving the final assessed valuation from Greene County. She stated the proposed property tax levy, of \$0.6177 for every \$100 of assessed value, is the same tax rate as Fiscal Year 2018. Ms. Allen noted the Fiscal Year 2019 estimated property tax levy revenue generated is \$20,584,437.

Councilwoman Fulnecky asked for clarification on surtax revenue. Teresa Allen responded surtax revenue, received from commercial and industrial property owners, replaces revenue lost by the tax exemption of the business inventory. She stated City Staff is estimating this revenue source at \$1.78 million.

Councilwoman Fulnecky asked if the property tax rate is increasing. Teresa Allen responded in the negative. She stated any anticipated increase will be in the assessed property valuation.

Brandie Fisher, Financial Analyst, presented a brief overview of Council Bill 2018-124. She stated the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget is \$366 million for all City of Springfield departments. Ms. Fisher noted approximately 35 percent of City revenue comes from sales tax, with additional revenue coming from multiple sources. She stated the proposed General Fund Budget is \$84 Million, which is a 1.3 percent increase from the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. Ms. Fisher noted City Staff is estimating a seven percent decrease in gross receipts received from telecommunications and cable television companies within Springfield in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.

Ms. Fisher noted employee salaries and benefits comprise 77.9 percent of the General Fund Budget. She stated 27.6 percent of ongoing budget requests and 62.1 percent of one-time budget requests will be funded in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Ms. Fisher noted three new full time equivalent positions for a Code Administrator, a Fire Review Specialist, and a Senior Planner will also be funded in the General Budget. She stated the City continues to be unable to fund all the City's needs with current revenues. Ms. Fisher noted the Level Property Tax provides funding for the City's Lifecycle Capital Replacement Plan, and additional public safety staffing, but does not alleviate the limitations of the General Fund.

Mr. Burris summarized Council Bill 2018-124 and stated City Staff has conservatively estimated future revenue growth as the City continues to rely heavily on sales tax revenue, which is very volatile. He stated City Council will be asked to vote on the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget at the June 4, 2018 City Council meeting. Mr. Burris noted per City Charter, the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget must be adopted by June 30, 2018.

Councilman Schilling asked for clarification on the decline in gross receipts. Mr. Burris responded gross receipts tax revenue is received from telecommunications and cable television companies in Springfield. He stated telecommunications companies are changing their billing systems, including voice and data billing and cable television companies are competing with live streaming services, which has reduced their revenues.

Councilman Ollis asked for clarification on the significant increase in the Self-Insurance fund for Fiscal Year 2019. Ms. Allen responded the Self-Insurance fund for Fiscal Year 2019 is similar to Fiscal Year 2018 funding. Mr. Burris noted a report will be sent to City Council providing additional information on this fund.

Councilman Hosmer asked if the City of Springfield continues to have a significant shortage of police officers. Mr. Burris responded in the affirmative. He stated the Level Property Tax renewal will fund additional police officers, new fire stations, and staffing for those fire stations.

Councilwoman Fulnecky expressed her opinion City Council should be given more time to review the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget before being asked to approve it.

Councilwoman Fulnecky expressed her opinion the Springfield Police Department has 314 active Police Officer, and additional Police Officers should be added.

Councilwoman Fulnecky moved to fund Springfield Police Department Budget Priority #4, the New Career Ladder for Records Personnel, of \$118,157, and Springfield Police Department Budget Priority #9, 5 Full Time Equivalent Positions, of \$190,015, using Level Property Tax Discretionary Funds. Councilman Hosmer seconded the motion and it failed by the following vote: Ayes: Fulnecky. Nays: Schilling, Fisk, Hosmer, Ollis, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and McClure. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

An opportunity was given for citizens to express their views.

Judy Dasovich, representing the White River Group of the Sierra Club, addressed City Council and requested City Council prohibit City Utilities from using rate payer revenues to fund lobbyists in Jefferson City, Missouri.

With no further appearances, the discussion was closed.

Councilman Hosmer requested a City Council Lunch be scheduled to receive an update from City Utilities on their coal ash landfill.

Mayor McClure expressed appreciation to Ms. Dasovich for speaking and encouraged her to speak at a City Council meeting, later this year, when the City Utilities annual budget is presented to City Council for public comment and consideration.

With no further appearances, the discussion was closed.

**Fair Board – Sale
and Serving Alcohol
at the Ozark Empire
Fair**

Sponsor: Ollis. Council Bill 2018-125. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Addendum to the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with the Agricultural and Mechanical Society of Springfield, Missouri, (“the Fair Board”) for the purpose of allowing the sale and serving of alcohol in additional areas during the annual Ozark Empire Fair, provided the Fair Board has a valid liquor license allowing service in such areas and complies with certain other requirements.

Kent Hyde, Member of the Fair Board, gave a brief overview of the proposed. He stated the proposed will amend the current lease and will permit the serving of alcohol in the main arena, and a remodeled fenced patio area. Mr. Hyde noted alcohol is only served at other events at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, when requested, pursuant to the current liquor license. He stated the Ozarks Empire Fairgrounds has had no previous issues with the sale of alcohol, at any event, at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds complex.

Councilman Simpson asked if approval of the proposed will entice visitors to schedule additional events at the Ozarks Empire Fairgrounds. Mr. Hyde responded the proposed will provide additional food and beverage options at the annual Ozarks Empire Fair.

Councilman Simpson asked if patrons will be allowed to take alcoholic beverages to other areas of the fairgrounds. Mr. Hyde responded in the negative. He stated alcohol will only be served in areas with permanent seating, such as the fenced patio area and the main arena.

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

Council Bill 2018-127 and Council Bill 2018-128 were read and discussed simultaneously.

Willard Public Schools – Mt. Vernon Street and Miller Avenue Cost Share Agreement

Sponsor: Ferguson. Council Bill 2018-127. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with Willard Public Schools for the purpose of constructing turn lane additions on Mount Vernon Street and Miller Avenue; and amending the budget of the Department of Public Works for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$130,520.68 to appropriate the contribution to be received from Willard Public Schools pursuant to said cost-sharing agreement.

Mount Vernon Street and Miller Avenue Turn Lane Project

Sponsor: Simpson. Council Bill 2018-128. A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Mount Vernon Street and Miller Avenue Project; accepting the bid of APAC-Central, Inc., in the amount of \$212,421, for said project; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Eric Claussen, Public Works Traffic Engineer, gave a brief overview of both Council Bills. He stated Willard Public Schools is constructing a new intermediate school at Mount Vernon Street and Willard Avenue. Mr. Claussen noted Mount Vernon Street serves as a vital arterial connecting Springfield and Greene County residential areas to places of work, and other community destinations in the City of Springfield. He stated the cost share agreement will fund necessary improvements to add left and right turn lanes, increasing the necessary capacity for vehicles navigating to and from the new school, as well as improved capacity at the intersection of Mount Vernon Street and Miller Avenue for citizens traveling through this area.

Councilwoman Fulnecky asked if only two bids were received. Eric Claussen responded in the affirmative.

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

Scenic Sidewalk Project

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2018-129. A special ordinance approving the plans and specifications for the Scenic Sidewalk Project; accepting the bid of Woody's Express Trucking, LLC, in the amount of \$229,883.73 for said project; and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with such bidder.

Eric Claussen, Public Works Traffic Engineer, gave a brief overview of the proposed. He stated this project will add a pedestrian/bike path on Scenic Avenue. Mr. Claussen noted this shared use path will connect to an existing sidewalk on Scenic Avenue, and will connect to the trail system at Nathanael Greene Close Park. He expressed appreciation to Councilman Schilling for donating \$107,455.00 of Zone 3 Pothole funds to this project.

Councilman Simpson noted his family visits Nathaniel Greene Close park regularly and this project will provide safe walking access for residents in this area.

Councilwoman Fulnecky asked for clarification on the Pothole fund. Eric Claussen responded \$50,000 is added annually, to each Zone's Pothole Fund, and can be accumulated for multiple years.

Councilman Hosmer asked how much is spent annually on sidewalks in the City of Springfield. Eric Claussen responded several sidewalk programs fund sidewalk projects throughout the City of Springfield. He estimated \$400,000 to \$600,000 is spent annually on sidewalk projects. Mr. Claussen noted he will provide a more precise accounting of annual sidewalk project costs to City Council.

Councilman Schilling asked if this sidewalk project will be marked appropriately for pedestrian and bicyclist use. Eric Claussen responded mixed use sidewalks are ten feet wide, with no additional striping or signage.

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

**1/4 Cent Capital
Improvement Sales
Tax and 1/8 Cent
Transportation Sales
Tax**

Sponsor: Fulnecky. Council Bill 2018-130. A special ordinance amending Special Ordinances 26739 and 26740 for the purpose of authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to exercise any necessary powers, including the execution of any agreements, which are required to complete projects funded by the 1/4-Cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax and the 1/8-Cent Transportation Sales Tax.

Dan Smith, Director of Public Works, gave a brief overview of the proposed. He stated the proposed authorizes the City Manager to enter into contracts to acquire the right-of-way, and real property needed to complete projects funded by the 1/4 Cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax and the 1/8-Cent Transportation Sales Tax. Mr. Smith noted the City Manager will also be authorized to enter into contracts with consultants and design professionals related to these projects.

Councilwoman Fulnecky asked if there is a maximum project amount the City Manager can authorize. Mr. Smith responded in the negative. He stated each project has an established budget for expenditures which includes engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs.

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

**Watershed
Committee of the
Ozarks Sponsorship
Agreement**

Sponsor: Schilling. Council Bill 2018-131. A special ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks Sponsorship Agreement for the purpose of continuing to support the drinking water and water quality activities of the Watershed Committee.

Errin Kemper, Director of Environmental Services, gave a brief view of the proposed. He stated the Watershed Committee was originally formed in 1984 by agreement between the City of Springfield, City Utilities(CU), and Greene County, with the purpose of coordinating the activities of the City, CU and the County to protect the community's drinking water supply. Mr. Kemper noted funding for the Watershed Committee is shared by the three agencies, with CU providing 60 percent funding, and the City of Springfield and Greene County each providing 20 percent of the funding. He stated since the advent of EPA-mandated stormwater permits for both the City and County, the Watershed Committee has served a key role in helping provide mandated public education and outreach for stormwater quality. Mr. Kemper noted the proposed changes to the existing agreement are minor and reflect current operating conditions.

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

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Christopher Keenan addressed City Council and stated he is one of several individuals currently blocked from Councilwoman Fulnecky's Facebook social media page. Mr. Keenan noted because of being blocked on this elected official's page, he is unable to comment on discussions related to City Council business.

Councilwoman Fulnecky responded she has no indication Mr. Keenan is banned from her Facebook social media page and encouraged him to email her with any additional concerns.

Did Not Appear

Mr. David Warren wishes to address City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommended

The Mayor recommends the following appointment to the Springfield-Greene County Public Library Board: Emily Denniston to fill the unexpired term of Matthew Simpson. Ms. Denniston's term will expire July 1, 2020.

Recommended

The City Manager recommends the following appointments to the Art Museum Board: Matt Edwards, with a term to expire June 1, 2021 and Tiffany Brunner, to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer Kennally. Ms. Brunner's term will expire June 1, 2020.

Recommended

The City Manager recommends the following reappointments to the Art Museum Board: Norene Rinker and Jeffrey Schmitt, with terms to expire June 1, 2021.

Referred

Refer to the Plans and Policies Committee the topic of e-cigarette regulations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

CONSENT AGENDA FIRST READING BILLS

CONSENT AGENDA ONE READING BILLS

Missouri Department of Conservation Grant

Sponsor: Prater. Council Bill 2018-135. A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for a Tree Resource Improvement Maintenance Grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation which includes a matching funds requirement if awarded, for the purpose of preparing planting sites in the Rountree and Delaware neighborhoods for the new NeighborWoods Program.

Council Bill 2018-135. Resolution 10377 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and Fisk. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

Brentwood N/S Community Improvement District

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2018-136. A resolution approving the reappointments of Tyler Creach, Kerry Rovig and Evelyn Reynolds to the Board of Directors of the Brentwood N/S Community Improvement District. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2018-136. Resolution 10378 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and Fisk. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

**Springfield Center
City Development
Corporation**

Sponsor: McClure. Council Bill 2018-137. A resolution approving the appointments of Andy Lear and Scott Bailes to the Springfield Center City Development Corporation. (Staff recommends approval.)

Council Bill 2018-137. Resolution 10379 was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Schilling, Hosmer, Ollis, Fulnecky, Ferguson, Simpson, Prater, and Fisk. Nays: None. Absent: McClure. Abstain: None.

CONSENT AGENDA SECOND READING BILLS

END OF CONSENT AGENDA.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:01 p.m.

Prepared by
Kris Wright

Anita J. Cotter, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

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