

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 15, 2026 – 5PM

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call/Adopt Agenda

The July 15, 2026 City Council was called to order at 5:00 pm by Council President Josh Anderson. Council Members present include Shelley Frantz, Jeanette Pidde, Nick Klisch and Josh Anderson. Others present include City Manager Amber Dale, City Attorney Paul Muske, City Clerk Justtina Erickson, Nick Breu (Brown County Highway Department), Chief of Police John Nicholson, Police Investigator Michael Colvin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Shelley Frantz, second by Jeanette Pidde to adopt agenda. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0, Passed.

~~2. Public Hearing~~

3. Citizens' Forum

4. Consent Agenda

Motion by Jeanette Pidde, second by Shelley Frantz to approve the Consent Agenda. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0, Passed.

- a. Minutes
 - i. City Council – June 17, 2026
 - ~~ii. EDA~~
 - ~~iii. Community Facilities~~
 - iv. PUC – May 26, 2026
 - v. Library – May 13, 2026
 - vi. Zoning – June 8, 2026
- b. Reports
 - i. Council Report
- c. Financial
 - i. Auditing Claims & Investment Worksheet – Total Audit Claims \$318,520.72
 - ii. 26-071501 Certifying Unpaid Ambulance Accounts to Collections
 - iii. 26-071502 Authorizing Transfer from Community Center (Fund 278) to Fund 407 in Accordance with the Capital Projects Grant from the Minnesota Department of Education
 - iv. Recreation Complex Expenses January – June and Transfer of \$14,681.77 to Rec. Comp.

5. Old Business

a. Motion to Approve Resolution 26-071503 Conflict of Interest Policy

Motion by Josh Anderson, second by Shelley Frantz to Approve Resolution 26-071503 Conflict of Interest Policy. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0, Passed.

b. Hazardous Buildings

i. Motion to Approve Res 26-071507 Ordering Repair of 508 N Cass

Motion by Nick Klisch, second by Shelley Frantz to Approve Resolution 26-71507 Ordering Repair of 508 N Cass. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0, Passed.

ii. Motion to Approve Res 26-071506 Ordering Demolition of 512 N Cass

City Attorney clarified demolition only includes the house, not the garage. Motion by Josh Anderson, second by Shelley Frantz to Approve Resolution 26-071506 Ordering Demolition of 512 N Cass. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0, Passed.

c. Motion to Approve Ordinance 461 Regulating Feeding Wildlife within City of Springfield

Motion by Jeanette Pidde, second by Shelley Frantz to Approve Ordinance 461 Regulating Feeding Wildlife within City of Springfield. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0, Passed.

6. New Business

a. Motion to Approve Contract Listing Industrial Park Lots with Reiner Real Estate

Dale explained the EDA's recommendation to list the Industrial Park lots with Reiner Real Estate to increase market exposure. She noted that any sale of a lot would be contingent upon execution of a development agreement.

Motion Nick Klisch, second by Jeanette Pidde to Approve Contract Listing Industrial Park Lots with Reiner Real Estate. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0, Passed.

b. 1st Reading City Code Chapter 2 – Animals

Dale explained the updates for City Code Chapter 2 included eliminating dog/cat licensing, still requiring vaccinations, and updates to posting lost animals. This will come back next month for a vote.

c. Motion to Approve Resolution 26-071504 Transfer to 408 Fund FEMA Storm Shelter

Dale informed Council that after FEMA's final reimbursement, the City owes \$258,524.84 for the storm shelter project. Dale recommended using funds from the 411 fund to cover this instead of the Medical Center fund that had previously been allocated.

Motion by Nick Klisch, second by Shelley Frantz to Approve Resolution 26-071504 Transfer to 408 Fund FEMA Storm Shelter. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0, Passed.

d. Motion To Approve Resolution 26-071505 Computer Use Policy

Dale explained the policy is a requirement of the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance to provide cyber security insurance, and policy is consistent with current practices.

Motion by Jeanette Pidde, second by Shelley Frantz to Approve Resolution 26-071505 Computer Use Policy. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0, Passed.

e. Motion to Approve Variance at 507 Burns Ave

Erickson explained the variance application and proposed project at 507 Burns Ave including demo of a portion of the county shop and rebuilding within a similar footprint. Nick Breu from Brown County Highway Department was available to answer Council's questions.

Motion by Nick Klisch, second by Jeanette Pidde to Approve Variance at 507 Burns Ave. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0, Passed.

f. Community Center Liquor License

Dale informed Council the Springfield Golf Course has given notice to terminate their liquor contract with the Community Center as of October 1st. Dale explained that through special legislation, the Community Center can obtain a liquor license. Recommendations included issuing an RFP for outside vendors to manage the liquor catering and prepare a proposal for the City to manage liquor service itself.

Motion by Nick Klisch, second by Jeanette Pidde to proceed with Request for Proposals for Managing the Liquor License at Community Center. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0, Passed.

7. Mayor/City Council/Staff Reports

Dale informed Council that the railroad crossings at Burns and Washington will be closed temporarily for repairs.

Anderson updated Council on correspondence from DNR Commissioner about the log jam in river and encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming Primary Election August 11, 2026.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Shelley Frantz, second by Jeanette Pidde to adjourn meeting at 5:41 pm. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0, Passed.