

Special Meeting
Board of Equalization Meeting
Springfield, South Dakota
March 17, 2025

The special meeting of the City Council was held on March 17, 2025, at the CSC. The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Council President Burch and is recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. Roll Call: Burch, Cvrk, Ludens, and Mueller were present. Also present, Mayor Kostal (via phone), Finance Officer Larson, Asst. F.O. Rothschadl, Vance Branton, Director of Equalization; Larry Dietsch and Lorri Dietsch.

Council President Burch called the Council to reorganize as the Board of Equalization at 6:34pm.

Director of Equalization Branton explained the process for assessments and appeals.

Finance Office received no written notice requesting an appeal for property assessment as per the deadline of March 13, 2025, at 5:00pm.

Adjournment: There being no other business before the Board of Equalization, Cvrk moved, Ludens second, to adjourn as the Board of Adjustment. All present voted in favor; motion carried. Board of Equalization Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

Council reorganized as the City Council; Cvrk moved, Ludens second to approve agenda as written. All voted in favor, motion carried.

No Public Comment.

Capital Improvement Projects: Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement- Cvrk moved, Mueller second to approve the Owner-Engineer Agreement Amendment for a decrease of \$40,000. All voted in favor, motion carried. Revised WTP Change Order #11R2- Cvrk moved, Mueller second to approve the revised Change Order #11R2 for \$133,664.86. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: Resolution 2025-02 Project Prison Reset- Cvrk spoke on the updates regarding the building of a new men's prison facility, the legislative bills pertaining to the Department of Corrections and how they could affect the City of Springfield. Cvrk motioned, Ludens second to approve Resolution 2025-02 Project Prison Reset. All voted in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD IN SUPPORT OF THE MIKE DURFEE STATE PRISON AND ITS EMPLOYEES. WHEREAS the Springfield Correctional Facility received its first inmates in December of 1984 and has operated continuously as a state prison facility; and, WHEREAS the facility has steadily grown in population, housing over 1,000 inmates at given time; and, WHEREAS the staff, faculty, and corrections officers are dedicated and professional in their duties of enforcing justice, ensuring community safety, and providing inmates a path to a better life upon

release; and, WHEREAS the programs in place today to assist inmates in learning a trade and increasing their chances of success upon their release is a direct result of the facility being the former home of the vocational college, the University of South Dakota at Springfield; and, WHEREAS the success of the transition from college to prison to correctional facility is due to the partnership of the Department of Corrections and the Community of Springfield; and, WHEREAS the Governor of South Dakota, Larry Rhoden, on February 27, 2025 established the Project Prison Reset Task Force to make a study and report recommendations for improving the men’s prison in the State of South Dakota, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Springfield wishes to extend its continuing support for the correctional facility, its mission, and its personnel, now named Mike Durfee State Prison in honor of Springfield resident and Deputy Secretary of Corrections Mike Durfee, and for its continued importance to all residents – past, current, and future - of the State of South Dakota as it strives to ensure the laws of our state are carried out in a fair and just manner for the safety and security of South Dakota. Dated 17th day of March 2025.

No Executive Session.

Adjournment: Cvrk moved, Ludens second to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Scott L. Kostal
Mayor

Amanda Larson
Finance Officer

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Next regular meeting will be held Monday April 7, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the CSC.
Municipal Election will be Tuesday, April 8, 2025, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the CSC.