



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

**James O. Langfelder
Mayor**

Springfield, Illinois - The Mayor's Office received an official copy of the lawsuit today, December 1, 2017. The claim asks that the coal contract with Arch Coal, which was approved by the Springfield City Council in April 2016, be set aside. The plaintiffs allege that the City Council did not have knowledge of or access to the Ely Consulting Report during the coal negotiation process. However, official meeting records show that the Ely Consulting Report was provided to the members of the City Council on March 22, 2016 at the Committee of the Whole meeting during Executive Session.

During this session, Mayor Langfelder advised the alderman that they could meet with Corporation Counsel and review the report in detail at their convenience. Copies were also provided during this Executive Session. However, due to the pending negotiation and possible arbitration proceedings, it could not be publicly released.

The City coal contract discussions occurred with the City Council on the following dates:

Executive Session

- October 6, 2015
- December 15, 2015
- December 29, 2015
- February 23, 2016
- March 22, 2016

Public Debate

- March 1, 2016
- March 8, 2016
- March 22, 2016
- April 5, 2016

All contract issues were discussed thoroughly in public including all the items in the Ely Report.