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Former City Councilman Bill Cantrell made positive impact on the community

On behalf of Springfield City Council and the City of Springfield, officials would like to express sincere condolences over the passing of Bill Cantrell, a community leader who served in many roles throughout his 93 years.

Cantrell served on City Council from June 1984 to April 1987. During that time, there were a number of ordinances put in place that established the procedures and policies for how City Council would conduct themselves. Many of them are still in effect today.

"He had quite the varied career in the military, banking and local government, and he achieved a lifelong dream when he opened Billy's Chili, a restaurant located north of Missouri State University," said Mayor Bob Stephens. "We are thankful for his legacy of service to Springfield."

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