



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes – 01/18/2021 Council Chambers

- I. **Call to Order:** was called to order by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30pm
 - a. Prayer
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance

- II. **Roll Call (COVID-19 Protocols):** by City Clerk Ruble. Council Members Rummel – Here, Wier – present, Harbort – here, Hefner – here, McMinn – here, and Shetron – here. We have a quorum

- III. **Confirmation of Public Access via Facebook Live:** City Clerk Ruble announced to any one following the meeting on Facebook Live that they can text any comments or questions to 501-259-1273.

- IV. **Review/approval of December 21, 2020 Council Minutes:** Mr. Wier made a motion to approve the December 23rd, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote

- V. **Department Reports:** Mr. Harbort made a motion to approve the department reports as presented, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

- VI. **Planning Commission Report:** No Report to present.

- VII. **Special Presentation – Lonoke County Prosecutor, Chuck Graham:** Spoke to the council to provide information about the Freedom of Information Act and allowed council and citizens to ask questions.

- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **OVERRIDE MAYOR VETO MOTION ALLOWING GOATS TO BE KEPT IN THE CITY OF WARD** (Tabled from December Meeting) Mr. McMinn made a motion to override the Mayors Veto, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion was made by Mr. McMinn. He suggested this should be in a bill of assurance and not a city-wide mandate. Motion failed with a 3-3 roll call vote. Wier-nay, Harbort-nay, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Shetron-yea and Rummel-nay. Mr. Harbort made a motion to have a committee for goats and what is a nuisance, second by Mr. Rummel. Discussion. Motion passes with 5-1 roll call vote. Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Shetron-yea, Rummel-yea and Wier-nay. Committee Chair is

Mr. Harbort with Mr. McMinn, Mrs. Shetron and Mr. Rummel being members of the committee.

IX. New Business:

- a. **PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING:** Read by Mayor Gastineau.
- b. **ORDINANCE 2021.02:** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. O-2011-11, ORDINANCE NO. O-2011-11-1 AND ORDINANCE NO. O-2011-11-2; CLARIFYING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (FIRST READING) Mr. Wier made a motion to put O-2021-01 on its first reading, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Shetron-nay, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-nay and McMinn-yea. Mr. McMinn made a motion to raise the Mayors salary by \$7,500.00 each year, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion failed with a 2-4 roll call vote. Hefner-nay, McMinn-yea, Shetron-nay, Rummel-nay, Wier-yea and Harbort-nay.
Mr. Harbort made a motion to raise the Mayor's salary by \$3,750.00 for the year, second by Mr. Rummel. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-3 roll call vote and the Mayor breaking the tie. McMinn-yea, Shetron-nay, Rummel-yea, Wier-nay, Harbort-yea, Hefner-nay and Mayor-yea. Mr. McMinn made a motion to suspend the rules of the 2nd and 3rd reading, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-3 roll call vote and the Mayor breaking the tie. Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-nay, Hefner-nay, McMinn-yea, Shetron-nay and Mayor-yea.
Mr. Wier made a motion to approve the O-2021-02 with an effective date of March 18th, 2021, second by Mr. McMinn. Motion passes with a 4-3 roll call vote and the Mayor breaking the tie. Wier-yea, Harbort-nay, Hefner-nay, McMinn-yea, Shetron-nay, Rummel-yea and Mayor-yea.
- c. **RESOLUTION R-2021-01:** A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF WARD TO UTILIZE STATE AND STREET MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve R-2021-01, second by Mr. Harbor. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Shetron-yea, Rummel-yea and Wier-yea.
- d. **RESOLUTION R-2021-02:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A UTILITY TRACTOR: Mr. McMinn makes a motion to approve R-2021-02 for the purchase of the Massey Ferguson, second by Mr. Rummel. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-2 roll call vote. Hefner-nay, McMinn-yea, Shetron-nay, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea and Harbort-yea.
- e. **RESOLUTION 2021-03:** A RESOLUTION TO AMEND R-2019-42 THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020: Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve R-2021-03, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. McMinn-yea, Shetron-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea and Hefner-yea.
- f. **RESOLUTION 2021-04:** A RESOLUTION TO REVISE R-2019-41 THE ANNUAL WARD WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020: Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve R-2021-04, second by Mr. Rummel. Discussion.


Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Shetron-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea and McMinn-yea.

- g. **RESOLUTION 2021-05:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF FOUR (4) USED BALLPARK LIGHT POLE AND LIGHTS TO THE CITY OF CABOT: Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve R-2021-05, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea and Shetron-yea.
- h. **ESTABLISHING DATE FOR ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP:**
Mrs. Hefner made a motion to have Wards Annual Spring Cleanup on April 24, 2021 from 8am – 3pm, second Mr. Rummel. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
- i. **DISCUSSION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN:** Mrs. Shetron made a motion to have committee for a Community Garden, second by Mr. Rummel. Discussion. Mrs. Shetron will be the committee chair with Mrs. Hefner, Mr. Wier and Mr. Rummel being members. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
- j. **Mayor's Report:** As presented by Mayor Gastineau.
- k. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
- l. **Announcements – (COVID-19 Protocols Apply, as needed)**
- o Planning Commission Meeting: January 25, 2021 at 7 pm
 - o City Offices Closed: February 15, 2021
 - o City Council Meeting: February 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm
- m. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm with a motion by Mrs. Hefner, second by Mr. Wier. Motion to adjourn passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

We, the undersigned Mayor and City Clerk for the City of Ward, do hereby verify the foregoing to be true and correct record of proceedings of the City of Ward Special Meeting held on Monday, January 18th, 2021 at 6:30pm.

APPROVED DATE:

March 15, 2021


MAYOR

ATTEST:


Courtney J Ruble

CITY CLERK

CITY SEAL