



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes February 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM

I. **Call to Order:** by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30pm. Prayer was offered by council member Steven Hall followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **Roll Call:** The following council members were present: Steven Hall, Charles Chapman, Stacey McMinn, Robin Hefner, Casey Brooke, and Rob Ruble. We have a quorum. Mayor Charles Gastineau, City Attorney Chris Lacy, and City Clerk Krystal Rummel were also in attendance.

Mayor Gastineau asked Jamee Beard to approach the podium. She gave a brief presentation of the Eclipse t-shirts for sale through the Ward Parks and Rec department.

III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the January 19, 2024 council minutes, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Chapman made a motion to approve the department reports and the January financials, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

V. **Planning Commission Report:** Report was given by Chairman Jerry Peters. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the final plat for Paws Place, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion is approved with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the Planning Commission report, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.

VI. **Introduction of New Planning Commission Member:** Jack Boles introduced himself to the council. Immediately following was the swearing-in ceremony presided by Mayor Gastineau.

VII. **Old Business:**

A. **ORDINANCE 2024-02: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, TRAVEL TRAILERS WITHIN ANY AND ALL ZONES WITH THE CITY OF WARD FROM APRIL 1, 2024 TO APRIL 12, 2024; ESTABLISH A PERMITTING/FEE PROCESS; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES; WAIVING THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE 2009-01; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (SECOND**

READING) was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to suspend the rules on the second and third reading, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve O-2024-02, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes. Motion passes with a 5-1 vote.

B. ORDINANCE 2024-03: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCES 2014-07. 2014-07-1, 2019-09 AND 2023-02; PRESCRIBING A CHANGE IN THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. (FIRST READING) was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve O-2024-03 on its first reading, seconded by council member McMinn. Roll: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. Motion passes with a 5-1 vote. After some discussion, Mayor decided to table this until next month.

VIII. New Business:

A. RESOLUTION 2024-08: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WARD CITY COUNCIL MEMBER MCMINN TO THE WARD WATER AND WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND APPOINTING SAME AS CHAIRPERSON was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve R-2024-08, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-abstain. Motion passes with a 5-1 roll call vote.

B. RESOLUTION 2024-09: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY CLERK TO EXTEND THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN PARAMEDIC SERVICE, INC AND ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve R-2024-09, seconded by council member Hefner. Roll: Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes. Motion carries with a 6-0 vote.

C. RESOLUTION 2024-10: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY CLERK TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR THE 2024 STREET AID PROJECT (JOB C43011) was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve R-2024-10, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll: Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes. Motion carries with a 6-0 vote.

D. RESOLUTION 2024-11: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE THREE (3) 2024 DODGE DURANGO POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLES FROM HAGAN DODGE IN MORRILTON, ARKANSAS was read by title only. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve R-2024-11, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes. Motion carries with a 6-0 vote.

- E. RESOLUTION 2024-12: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HOG WILD PRYOTECHNICS TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS SHOW** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve R-2024-12, seconded by council member Hefner. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. Motion is approved with a 6-0 vote.
- F. RESOLUTION 2024-13: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK TO DISPOSE OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES VIA PUBLIC AUCTION ON WWW.GOVDEALS.NET OR AS NOTED** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve R-2024-13, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. Motion is approved with a 6-0 vote.
- G. RESOLUTION 2024-14: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE STREET AID COMMITTEE** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve R-2024-14, seconded by council member Hefner. Roll call: Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes. Motion is approved with a 6-0 vote.
- H. RESOLUTION 2024-15: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BOND ENGINEERING TO DESIGN AND MANAGE A PROJECT TO OVERLAY/IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL DRIVE** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve R-2024-15, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes. Motion is approved with a 6-0 vote.
- I. RESOLUTION 2024-16: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN THE 2024 CITY OF WARD BUDGET** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve R-2024-16, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes. Motion is approved with a 6-0 vote.
- J. ORDINANCE 2024-04: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE WARD FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND BEYOND THE COOPERATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WARD; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve O-2024-04 on its first reading, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes. Motion carries with a 6-0 vote. Council member Hall made a motion to suspend the second and third readings, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Hall made a motion to adopt O-2024-04, seconded by council member Hefner. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. Council member Chapman made a motion to enact the emergency clause, seconded by council member Hall. Roll: McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. O-2024-04 has been approved with the emergency clause.

K. SETTING DATE FOR SPRING CLEAN UP – APRIL 27

L. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY DISCUSSION (COUNCIL MEMBER CHAPMAN) Council member Chapman requested to table this discussion until next month.

M. PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY DISCUSSION (DRAFT POLICY PROVIDED) no motion taken.

VIII. Mayor's Report:

IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: none.

X. Announcements

- December 21 – Planning Commission Meeting, 7 pm
- Early Voting: February 20 – March 4
- Planning Commission: February 26, 6:30 pm
- Water/Sewer Rate Study Working Session: February 27, 6:30 pm
- Election Day: March 5
- City Council Meeting: March 19, 6:30pm
- Eclipse Day: April 8th
- Spring Clean Up Day: April 27th, 8:00 am

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm with a motion by Council Member Hefner, seconded by Council Member Hall. 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 Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: March 19, 2024


MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL

CITY SEAL

