



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes June 18, 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.
- III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Council member Hefner made a motion to approve the May 21, 2024 council minutes, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Hefner made a motion to approve the department reports and financials for May, seconded by council member Hall. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote. Council member Rob Ruble arrived to the meeting.
- V. **Planning Commission Report:** No meeting last month.
- VI. **Water Wastewater Advisory Committee Report:** Committee has not met. No action taken.
- VII. **Street Parking Committee Report (Chief Benton)** Chief Benton stated the committee met once to look over ordinances. Another meeting will be held to drive the streets in a fire engine to see the problem areas.
- VIII. **Old Business:**
 - A. **ORDINANCE 2024-07: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARD TO UTILIZE MALEAH M. BUFFORD, A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER AND SPOUSE OF A CITY OF WARD POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, TO PERFORM PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMS ON CITY EMPLOYEES, AS NEEDED/REQUESTED (3rd Reading/Adoption)** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve O-2024-07 on its third reading, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-no, Hefner-yes, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes. Vote resulted in a 4-2 vote. Council member Hall made a motion to adopt O-2024-07, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-no, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. There was a tie of 3-3. Mayor Gastineau voted in the affirmative to break the tie. Final vote 4-3.

IX. New Business:

- A. ORDINANCE 2024-12: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONDEMNATION AND REMOVAL OF HOUSES, BUILDINGS AND/OR STRUCTURES CONSTITUTING A NUISANCE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING A PENALTY THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve O-2024-12 on its first reading, seconded by council member McMinn. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. O-2024-12 passed its first reading with a vote of 5-1 and will be carried over to next month for the second reading.
- B. ORDINANCE 2024-13: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS OF PREMISES ABUTTING ON STREETS TO KEEP THE STREET GUTTERS AND DRAINAGE DITCHES ALONGSIDE, IN FRONT, OR TO THE REAR OF THEIR PREMISES CLEAR OF ALL MATTER PREVENTING THE FREE FLOW OF WATER THEREIN AND PROHIBITING OBSTRUCTION TO SUCH FLOW, PRESCRIBING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION HEREOF, 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-2024-13 on its first reading, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Hefner-no Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, and McMinn-yes. Motion passes with a 4-2 roll call vote. Council member Hall made a motion to suspend the 2nd and 3rd readings, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-no. Motion passes with a 4-2 voice vote. Council member Chapman made a motion to adopt O-2024-13, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, and Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no. O-2024-13 has been adopted with a 4-2 vote. No motion was made for the emergency clause and the ordinance will go into effect in 30 days. The emergency clause will be removed from the ordinance.
- C. ORDINANCE 2024-14: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PREMISES TO BE KEPT FREE FROM WEEDS, RANK GRASS, GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND OTHER UNSIGHTLY AND UNSANITARY ARTICLES; REQUIRING PROPERTY OWNERS TO ELIMINATE, FILL UP OR REMOVE STAGNANT POOLS OF WATER OR ANY OTHER UNSANITARY THING, PLACE OR CONDITION WHICH MIGHT BECOME A BREEDING PLACE FOR MOSQUITOES, FLIES AND GERMS HARMFUL TO THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY; PRESCRIBING A PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN SUCH CASES; REPEALING AND REPLACING O-2007-07; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve O-2024-14, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. Motion carries with a 5-1 vote. This will be carried to next month.

D. RESOLUTION 2024-33: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OLIVER’S CUSTOM ROOFING AS THE LOW BIDDER FOR THE CITY HALL COMPLEX ROOFING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY CLERK TO SIGN APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS FOR THE PROJECT was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve R-2024-33, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. Motion carries with a 5-1 vote.

E. RESOLUTION 2024-34: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NABHOLZ ENVIRONMENT SERVICES FOR ABESTOS ABATEMENT SERVICES ON THE CITY-OWNED FACILITY LOCATED AT 100 OWEN STREET was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes. Motion carries 6-0.

F. RENEWAL OF CDS (WATER, STREET, FIRE)

- 6 MONTHS 5.16% INTEREST RATE 5.30% ANNUAL PERCENTAGE YIELD
- 12 MONTHS 4.88% INTEREST RATE 5.00% ANNUAL PERCENTAGE YIELD

Council member Brooke made a motion to approve the roll over the CD’s at 6 month’s rate, seconded by council member Hefner. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.

VIII. Mayor’s Report: Council member Hefner made a motion to demolish the Water Ops building (404 E 2nd St), seconded by council member Hall. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

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

X. Announcements

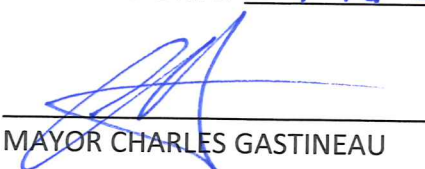
- Office closed in observance of Juneteenth: June 19th, all day
- Planning Commission Meeting: June 24th, 6:30pm
- Office closed in observance Independence Day: July 4th, all day
- City Council Meeting: July 16th, 6:30pm

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm with a motion by Council Member Brooke, seconded by Council Member Hefner. 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, June 18, 2024 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: 7-10-2024


MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL

CITY SEAL

