



**Council Meeting Minutes – 08/17/2020  
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 Barrentine – present, Wier – present, Hefner – present, McMinn – present, and Brooke – here. We have a quorum.
  
- III. **Confirmation of Public Access via Facebook Live:** City Clerk Cell Phone is 501-259-1273.
  
- IV. **Review/approval of July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Council Minutes & July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Minutes:** Mr. McMinn made a motion to approve the July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes, second by Mrs. Barrentine. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote. Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve the July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
  
- V. **Department Reports:** Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve the department reports as presented, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
  
- VI. **Commission Report:** No meeting to report.
  
- VII. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. **Appointment of Council Member for Ward 2 Position 1**

All three candidates were given the opportunity to introduce themselves again and all three declined. We proceeded to have the council vote by secret ballot. The results for the secret ballot vote was Eric Harbort 3 and Jeff Williams 2. Eric Harbort received majority vote and was sworn in by Mayor Gastineau. Eric joined the council at this time.
  
- VIII. **New Business**
  - a. **Cabot School System Presentation – WIFI Access for Students (via GoToMeeting):**

The Cabot School System is looking for alternate towers to access for the use of Hot Spot for Cabot students and wants to let us know they are looking for the opportunity in our city.



- b. **Ordinance 2020-09:** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS ANIMAL CONTROL CODE; REPEALING ORDINANCE O-2007-1; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (FIRST READING): Mrs. Barrentine made a motion to put O-2020-09 on its first reading, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion by Mayor Gastineau said Mr. Brook gave him a list of some grammatical errors and questions in the ordinance and these are attached to the end of these minutes for the council members review. Motion passes with a 5-1 roll call vote. Wier-Yea, Harbort-Yea, Hefner-Yea, McMinn-Yea, Brooke-Nay, and Barrentine-Yea.
- c. **Resolution 2020-21:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO SALE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE UNIT VIA OTHER MEANS OTHER THAN GOVDEALS.NET: Mr. Wier makes a motion to approve R-2020-21, second by Mrs. Barrentine. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Harbort-Yea, Hefner-Yea, McMinn-Yea, Brooke-Yea, Barrentine-Yea and Wier-Yea.
- d. **Resolution 2020-22:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A NEW POLICE VEHICLE: Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve R-2020-22, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion was made by Chief Benton as he explained he has 2 funded positions for officers to fill and is about to fill these positions. If they are filled he will be short on vehicles. The recommendation made by the department was to make a purchase from Red River Dodge as they were lower than the state contract. Hefner asked if we needed a new patrol vehicle for the officers first and it was explained that would cost more then buying a new Chief vehicle and moving his current down to the CID position. Mr. McMinn asked if we are passing on a vehicle with over 200,000 miles to one of the officers. Motion passes with a 5-1 roll call vote. Hefner-Nay, McMinn-Yea, Brooke-Yea, Barrentine-Yea, Wier-Yea and Harbort-Yea.
- e. **Resolution 2020-23:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF WARD TO SIGN A JOINT LETTER OF INTENT ALONG WITH CABOT MAYOR KENCAID, AUSTIN MAYOR CHAMBERLAIN, AND LONOKE COUNTY JUDGE ERWIN REQUESTING METROPLAN TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN/BIKE TRAIL FROM WARD TO CABOT THROUGH AUSTIN UNDER THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER REASONS: Mr. McMinn made a motion to approve R-2020-23, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion was approved with a 6-0 roll call vote. McMinn-Yea, Brooke-Yea, Barrentine-Yea, Wier-Yea, Harbort-Yea, and Hefner-Yea.



- f. **Resolution 2020-24:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO SELL CERTAIN VEHICLES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER: Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve R-2020-24, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Brooke-Yea, Barrentine-Yea, Wier-Yea, Harbort-Yea, Hefner-Yea, and McMinn-Yea.

**IX. Ward Water and Sewer System Independent Auditors' Report:**

Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve the Auditor's Report, second by Mrs. Barrentine. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

**X. Mayor's Report:** Presented by Mayor Gastineau

Mr. McMinn makes a motion to appoint a committee to update our building fees, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote. The following council members volunteered to represent the committee as follows: Mr. McMinn as Chairman, Mrs. Hefner, Mr. Wier, Mr. Harbort, Mrs. Barrentine, and Mr. Brooke all as members.

**XI. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None

**XII. Announcements – (COVID-19 Protocols Apply, as needed)**

Planning Commission/City Council Meeting: August 24, 2020 at 7 pm

- Meet in the Dining Facility

City Council Meeting: September 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Ward City Cleanup: Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 8:00am – 3:00pm

Ward Earth Day Cleanup: Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 8:00am

**XIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm with a motion by Mr. Wier, second by Mr. Harbort. 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 Regular Meeting held on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm.

APPROVED DATE:

September 21, 2020

[Signature]  
MAYOR

Courtney Heuble  
CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

CITY SEAL





# Art Brooke

August 2020 reviewed 12/13 Aug 20

] Animal O. 2020-09

P-1, J fence

P-2, +. Ward Animal Shelter

P-3 Sec 2, to add Mayor

P-4 Sec 5 b, d Judge set fine

P-5 Sec 7 h / Sec 8 d.

P-7 Sec. 10. b require mayor approval

P-9 Sec. 8 Judge set fine.

P-11 Sec. 9 h & amt.

Div 2 Sec 1

P-13 Sec 4 par. a

P-18 Sec. 6 retail vs retail

\* Mayor to have final Auth in all matters of this Ord.

\* R. 2020-23 names by name 2 Mayor & 1 County Judge  
& not Ward Mayor by name