



## CITY OF WARD

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### Council Meeting Minutes – 09/19/2023 Council Chambers

- I. **Public Hearing** was called to order by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30pm and closed at 6:32 pm.
  - II. **Call to Order:**
    - Prayer by Mr. Art Brooke
    - Pledge of Allegiance
  - III. **Roll Call:** by City Clerk Rummel. Council Members Morris- present, Harbort– present, Hefner– present, McMinn- absent, and Shetron– absent. We had a quorum with the Mayor present.
  - IV. **Review/approval of August 15, 2022 Council Minutes:** Council Member Morris made a motion to approve the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 council minutes, second by Council Member Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.
  - V. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council Member Harbort made a motion to approve the department reports, second by Council Member Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.
  - VI. **Planning Commission Report:** No meeting last month.
  - VII. **Unfinished Business:**
    - a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF WARD ORDINANCE 2014-07, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (2<sup>ND</sup> READING):** Council Member Morris made a motion to approve O-2022-09, second by Council Member Hefner. Discussion. Motion dies with a 3-1 roll call vote. Morris=yes, Harbort -no Mayor=yes, Hefner=yes. Motion to be carried forward to the next month council meeting made by Council Member Hefner, second by Council Member Morris. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.
- VII **New Business:**

- a. **RESOLUTION R-2022-25: A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES, AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AS DESCRIBED BELOW IN THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** Discussion. Council Member Harbort made a motion to approve R-2022-25, second by Council Member Morris. Motion passes with a 4-0 roll call vote.
- b. **RESOLUTION R-2022-26: A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF WARD BY THE MAJORITY VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BODY.** Tabled until next council meeting as there were no applicants within the current Zone 1.
- c. **ORDINANCE O-2022-12: 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.**  
Discussion. Council Member Harbort made a motion to table O-2022-12 until the next council meeting, second by Council Member Morris. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.
- d. **ORDINANCE O-2022-13: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ANY PERSON BUILDING A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC DRIVEWAY OVER ANY PUBLIC DITCH TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE MEANS BY TITLE OR OTHER CONSTRUCTION, TO BE APPROVED BY THE WARD STREET SUPERINTENDENT, TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUED FLOW OF WATER THROUGH SAID DITCH, PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION HEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**  
Council member Harbort made a motion to put O-2022-13 on its first reading, second by Council Member Morris. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 roll call vote. No motion was made to suspend the rules. Second reading will be next month.
- e. **RESOLUTION R-2022-27: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO MAKE APPLICATION TO LONOKE COUNTY FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF RADIO-READ WATER METERS WITHIN THE WARD WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM**  
Council Member Hefner made a motion to approve R-2022-27, second by Council Member Morris. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 roll call vote.
- f. **RESOLUTION R-2022-28: A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT OF CLEAN UP LIEN TO BE FILED WITH THE LONOKE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 24 WEATHERWOOD LANE IN THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** Council Member Morris made a motion to approve R-2022-28, second by Council Member Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 roll call vote.

- g. **Discuss adding bench to new playground requested by Council Member Morris.**  
Council Member Morris made a motion to go forward with sponsorships instead of city funds, second by Council Member Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.
- h. **Independent Auditors' Report:** Discussion. Council Member Harbort made a motion to affirm reception of the Internal Audit, second by Council Member Hefner. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.

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

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

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

- Culpepper Circus: March 26, 2023, 2 pm & 4:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting: September 26, 7:00pm
- 367/319 Ribbon Cutting/Dedication: September 30, 9:00am
- City Council Meeting: October 17, 6:30pm

XI. **Executive Session:** Motion to go into the executive session made by Council Member Harbort, second by Council Member Hefner. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.

XII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Council Member Hefner, second by Council Member Harbort. Motion to adjourn passed with a 4-0 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 Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL

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