



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes – 10/17/2022 Council Chambers

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

- II. **Roll Call:** by City Clerk Rummel. Morris-present, Harbort –present, Hefner –present, McMinn -present, and Shetron –present. We have a quorum.

- III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Mr. Harbort made a motion to approve the September 19, 2022 council minutes, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:**
- V. Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the department reports, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

- VI. **Planning Commission Report:**

Mr. Jerry Peters presented the commission report to council. The August meeting was cancelled and only the UDO ordinance was on the agenda. Commission would like 2 public hearings before adoption and voiced a need for a city engineer. Mr. Wayne Knight resigned. Public notice for anyone interested in joining the planning commission must notify the mayor no later than close of business day November 14, 2022.

Mr. Harbort made a motion to approve the Planning Commission report, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

- VII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER (WARD 1, POSITION 1)**

Two candidates were presented, Charles Chapman and Timothy Herring. Each candidate was allowed three minutes to present to the council. Mayor Gastineau distributed voting slips. Each council member voted, and City Attorney Chris Lacy tabulated the votes. Mr. Chapman received 3 votes and Mr. Herring received 2. Immediately following, Charles Chapman was sworn in and seated on council.

A. 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.

Mr. Harbort made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Morris. Mr Chapman abstained from voting. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF WARD ORDINANCE 2014-07, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (2ND READING)

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve R 2022-09, second by Mrs. Hefner. Roll call vote Council members Morris- yes, Chapman- abstain, Hefner-yes, McMinn-yes, Shetron-no, Harbort-no. Vote was 3 yeas and 2 nays. Discussion if mayor could cast a vote to pass ordinance with Attorney Chris Lacy. Motion to table to next month made by Mr. Harbort, second by Mrs. Hefner. Motion carries with 6-0 roll call vote.

C. 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. (2ND READING)

Discussion. Motion to approve O-2022-13 made by Mr. Harbort, second by Mrs. Hefner. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote for the 2nd reading. Mr. Harbort made a motion to suspend the rules, second by Mr. Morris. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote. Motion to adopt O-2022-13 made by Mr. Harbort, second by Mr. Morris. Roll call: Council members Shetron-yes, Harbort-yes, Morris-yes, Chapman-yes, Hefner-yes, McMinn-yes. Motion passes.
Mr. Harbort made a motion to enact the emergency clause, second by Mr. Morris. Discussion was made to reserve the clause for emergencies. Mr. Harbort withdrew his motion which automatically withdrew the second.

D. 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. (1ST READING WITH MODIFICATIONS)

Discussion. Motion to approve O-2022-12 made by Mr. McMinn, second by Mr. Morris. Roll call Council members Hefner-no, McMinn-no, Shetron-no, Harbort-no, Morris-no, Chapman-abstain. Motion dies.

VIII. New Business:

~~A. RESOLUTION R 2022 29: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL AID SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS~~

Resolution withdrawn prior to council due to low scoring eligibility criteria.

- B. **APPROVAL OF COUNTY TAX MILLAGE RATE:** Certify that the 2022 taxes to be collected in the year 2023 for the City of Ward are collected at the rate of 0.0050 Mills.

Discussion. Motion made by Mr. Hefner, second by Mr. McMinn. Motion passes with 6-0 voice vote.

- VIII. **Mayor's Report:** see attachment listed.

Motion made by Mr. Harbort, second by Mr. Morris to proceed with plans for license plate cameras. Motion passes with 6-0 voice vote.

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

- X. **Announcements**

- Early Voting: October 24 – November 7, times vary
- Planning Commission: October 24, 7 pm
 - UDO
- General Election Day: November 8, 7:30am-7:30pm
- City offices closed in observance of Veteran's Day: November 11
- City Council Meeting: November 21, 6:30 pm
- Culpepper Circus: March 26, 2023, 2 pm & 4:30 pm

- XI. **Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn at 7:47 pm by Mrs. Hefner, second by Mr. Harbort. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned @ 7:47pm with a motion by Council Member Hefner, second by Council Member McMinn. 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 Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: November 21, 2022


MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:

Krystal Rumel
CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL

CITY SEAL