



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023 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 Hall made a motion to approve the October 16, 2023 council minutes, second by council member Ruble. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Chapman made a motion to approve the department reports minus October's financials, seconded by council member Ruble. Financials were not available because the council meeting was moved up a week. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
- V. **Planning Commission Report:**
Chairman Peters presented the Planning Commission report. Council member McMinn made a motion to approve the Stagecoach Meadows Stage 2 final plat, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve the Planning Commission report as presented, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
- VI. **Old Business:**
 - A. **ORDINANCE 2023-21: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2021-03 WHICH AMENDED W-1-93, CREATING A CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; SETTING TERMS OF MEMBERS; ELECTION OF OFFICERS; RULES; EMPLOYMENT OF ASSISTANCE; EXPENDITURES; POWERS AND DUTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (SECOND READING)** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve O-2023-21 on its second reading, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Council member Brooke made a

motion to suspend the 3rd reading, seconded by council member Hefner. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve O-2023-21, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote.

VII. New Business:

- A. RESOLUTION 2023-26: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WARD AND THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, ARKANSAS FOR REPAYMENT OF FUNDS EXPENDED BY THE CITY OF WARD FOR ALETA TRAINING FOR CHRISTOPHER CURTIS** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve R-2023-26, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: McMinn- yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote.
- B. RESOLUTION 2023-27: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (SIDE-BY-SIDE) FOR THE WARD POLICE DEPARTMENT; REPEALING AND REPLACING CITY OF WARD RESOLUTION 2023-24** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve R-2023-27, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion passes with a unanimous roll call vote of 6-0.
- C. RESOLUTION 2023-28: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE A BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR SYSTEM FOR THE WARD FIRE DEPARTMENT** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve R-2023-28, seconded by council member Hefner. Motion passes with a unanimous roll call vote of 6-0.
- D. RESOLUTION 2023-29: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A TERMINATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM, A PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, LONOKE/WHITE PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve R-2023-29, seconded by council member Hefner. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes. Motion passes with a 5-1 roll call vote.

VIII. Mayor's Report: No action taken. Mayor Gastineau scheduled a TAP workshop for 11/21/23 at 6:30pm.

IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Council member McMinn made a motion to discuss the failed rezoning ordinance O-2023-23, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, and Ruble-no. 3-3 tie. Mayor Gastineau cast an affirmative vote making the final vote 4-3. Council member McMinn made a motion to bring O-2023-23 for reconsideration and vote, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-no, Hall-yes. 3-3 tie. Mayor Gastineau cast a vote in the affirmative making the final vote 4-3. Motion passes. Council member McMinn made a motion to approve O-2023-23 on its first reading, seconded by council member Hall. Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-no, Hall-yes. 3-3 tie. Mayor Gastineau cast a vote in the affirmative making the final vote 4-3. Motion passes. Council member Hall made a motion to suspend the rules and waive the 2nd and 3rd readings, seconded by Council member Chapman. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-no, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. Mayor Gastineau cast

a vote in the affirmative making the final vote 4-3. Motion passes. Council member Chapman made a motion to adopt O-2023-23, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-no, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes. Mayor Gastineau cast a vote in the affirmative making the final vote 4-3. Motion passes. Also, discussion of creating a water advisory committee after the first of the year was mentioned.

X. **Announcements**

- November 18 – Community Thanksgiving Meal. 11 am – 1 pm
Hosted by Cornerstone Community Church
- November 23-24 – City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 27 – Planning Commission Meeting, 7 pm
- December 3 – Christmas Parade/Tree Lighting, 4 pm
- December 18 - City Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
- December 21 – Planning Commission Meeting, 7 pm
- April 8, 2024 – Great American Eclipse

XI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm with a motion by Council Member Brooke, second by Council Member Hall. Motion to adjourn passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

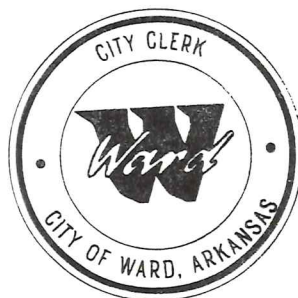
We, the undersigned Mayor and City Clerk for the City of Ward, do hereby verify the foregoing to be true and correct record of proceedings of the City of Ward Council Meeting held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: December 18, 2023


MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL



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