



Council Meeting Minutes – 04/19/2021
Council Chambers

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

- II. **Roll Call (COVID-19 Protocols):** by City Clerk Ruble. Council Members Rummel – here, Wier – here, Harbort – here, Hefner – here, McMinn – here, and Shetron – absent. We have a quorum

- III. **Confirmation of Public Access via Facebook Live:** City Clerk Ruble announced to any one following the meeting on Facebook Live that they can text any comments or questions to 501-259-1273

- IV. **Review/approval of February 23, 2021 Special Council Minutes and March 15, 2021 Council Minutes:** Mr. McMinn made a motion to approve the February 23, 2021 Special Council Minutes, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote. Mr. Harbort made a motion to approve the March 15, 2021 Council Minutes, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

- V. **Department Reports and Financials:** Mr. McMinn made a motion to approve the department reports as presented, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

- VI. **Planning Commission Report:** Mr. Meadows was present and reported that the request for rezoning was withdrawn and there was no public hearing to report. Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve the commission report as presented, second by Mr. Rummel. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

- VII. **Unfinished Business:**

- VIII. **New Business:**
 - a. **Appointment of Planning Commission Member:** Mayor Gastineau call Mr. Jerry Peters to the front to introduce himself. Mr. Peters was sworn in by Mayor Gastineau.

- b. **Hazmat Collection During Cleanup Day:** Mr. Harbort made a motion approving the Mayor to pay for Hazmat cleanup during the City-Wide Cleanup on April 24th 2021, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- c. **County Sales Tax Initiative:** Sheriff John Staley spoke to the council and citizens of Ward letting them know that there will be a ½ of a sales tax increase during a special election on June 8th 2021 with Early voting starting June 2nd.
- d. **ORDINANCE 2021-04: AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE C-1-87, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:** Mr. Wier made a motion to put O-2021-04 on its first reading, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea.
Mrs. Hefner made a motion to suspend the rules and put O-2021-04 on its second and third reading, Second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea.
Mr. Wier made a motion to approve O-2021-04, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea.
Mr. Wier made a motion to impose an emergency clause in O-2021-04, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea.
- e. **ORDINANCE 2021-05: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CHANGE TO THE CITY OF WARD PERSONNEL HANDBOOK, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LONGEVITY PAY PROGRAM FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:** Mr. Wier made a motion to put O-2021-05 on its first reading, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea.
Mr. McMinn made a motion to suspend the rules and put O-2021-05 on its 2nd and 3rd reading, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea.
Mr. Harbort made a motion to approve O-2021-05, second by Mr. Rummel. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea.
- f. **RESOLUTION 2021-09: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MINIMUM HOURLY RATES AND SALARY FOR MEMBERS OF THE WARD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS:** Mr. Wier made a motion to approve R-2021-09, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea.
- g. **RESOLUTION 2021-10: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WHITE RIVER CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETE ACEDP GRANT #790-09046 AND TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS:** Mr. Wier made a motion to approve R-2021-10, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea.

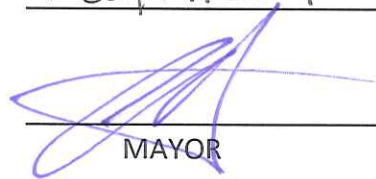
- h. **RESOLUTION 2021-11: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR NEW UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE PROGRAM:** Mr. Wier made a motion to approve R-2021-11, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea
- i. **RESOLUTION 2021-12: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BOND CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGINEERING THE BALDING STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:** Mr. Harbort made a motion to approve R-2021-12, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea.
- j. **Legislative Joint Auditing Committee Report of the City of Ward Financial and Compliance as of December 31, 2020:** Mr. McMinn made a motion to approve the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee Report, second by Mr. Rummel. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- e. **Mayor's Report:** Presented by Mayor Gastineau. Mr. Wier made a motion to approve Bond Engineer to begin a study on radio-read meters, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- f. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None
- g. **Announcements – (COVID-19 Protocols Apply, as needed)**
 - City-Wide Clean Up: April 24 from 8 am to 3 pm
 - Planning Commission Meeting: April 26 at 7 pm
 - Annual Fishing Derby: May 15, Busby Lake, Time TBA
 - Circus: June 1st, Ward Park, more to come.

h. **Adjournment**

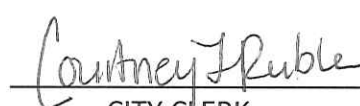
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm with a motion by Mrs. Hefner, second by Mr. Wier. Motion to adjourn passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

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 Special Meeting held on Monday, January 18th, 2021 at 6:30pm.

APPROVED DATE: May 17, 2021



 MAYOR

ATTEST:


 CITY CLERK

