



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes October 16, 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, 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. Council member Chapman made a motion to excuse the absence of Council member McMinn, seconded by council member Hefner. Motion passes unanimously.
- III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Council member Hefner made a motion to approve the September 18, 2023 council minutes, second by council member Ruble. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Chapman made a motion to approve the department reports with August and September financials, seconded by council member Hefner. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- V. **Planning Commission Report:**
Chairman Peters presented the Planning Commission report. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by council member Hall. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- VI. **Old Business:**
 - A. **ORDINANCE 2023-06: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF NON-OWNER-OCCUPIED SHORT-TERM RENTALS FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF WARD, PROVIDING FOR PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, RULES FOR OPERATING A SHORT-TERM RENTAL, AND FOR PENALTIES AND FINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (SECOND READING AFTER MODIFICATION)** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve O-2023-06, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Council member Hall made a motion to waive the 3rd reading, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Chapman-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. Vote was 3-2.

Mayor Gastineau voted in the affirmative. Motion passes with a 4-2 vote. Council member Hall made a motion to adopt O-2023-06, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. Vote was 3-2. Mayor Gastineau cast an affirmative vote. Motion passes with a 4-2 vote.

VII. New 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 (FIRST READING)

was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve O-2023-21 on its first reading, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, Hefner-yes. Motion passes with a 4-1 vote. O-2023-21 will be carried to next month's agenda for the second reading.

B. ORDINANCE 2023-22: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LONOKE COUNTY AND THE CITIES WITHIN LONOKE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSOLIDATING THE VARIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING SERVICES (PSAP) INTO ONE (1) PSAP WHICH WILL OPERATE UNDER THE LONOKE COUNTY 911 GOVERNING BOARD, TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve O-2023-22, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes. Motion passes with a 5-0 vote. Motion to suspend the second and third readings made by council member Hefner, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes. Motion passes with a 5-0 vote. Motion to adopt made by council member Hefner, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Chapman-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. Council member Chapman made a motion to enact the emergency clause, seconded by council member Hefner. Roll call: Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. Motion passes with a 5-0 vote.

C. ORDINANCE O-2023-23: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WARD ZONING REGULATIONS CLASSIFICATIONS AND BOUNDARIES REGARDING PROPERTY IDENTIFIED BELOW FROM AN R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2(HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL)

was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve O-2023-23, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Brooke-no, Ruble-no, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, Hefner-no. Motion failed with a 2-3 roll call vote. Council member Chapman made a motion to table this for next month, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: Ruble-no, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no. Motion fails.

D. RESOLUTION 2023-24: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (SIDE-BY-SIDE) FOR THE WARD POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Six quotes were provided. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.

E. RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-25: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A SEPARATE CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION GRANT FUND

Council member Hefner made a motion to approve R-2023-25, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: Chapman-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.

F. 2022 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT REPORT

Council member Ruble made a motion to accept the reading of the Legislative audit report with the lone finding, seconded by council member Hefner. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

VIII. Mayor's Report: No action taken.

IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

X. Announcements

- LRAFB Open House (Thunderbirds): October 21-22
- Planning Commission Meeting: October 23rd, 7 pm
- Harvest Fest: October 28th, 5-8 pm at the Ward Sports Complex
- City Council Meeting: **November 13th, 6:30 pm**
- Ward Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade/Tree Lighting: December 3, 4 pm
- Great American Eclipse Event: April 8th, 2024

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm pm with a motion by Council Member Hall, second by Council Member Brooke. Motion to adjourn passed with a 5-0 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 16, 2023 at 6:30PM.


APPROVED DATE: _____

11-13-23



MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL

CITY SEAL

