



## CITY OF WARD

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### Council Meeting Agenda – 11-16-20 Council Chambers

- I. **Call to Order:** was called to order by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30pm
  - a. Prayer
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance
  
- II. **Roll Call (COVID-19 Protocols):** by City Clerk Ruble. Council Members Barrentine – absent, Wier – present, Harbort – here, Hefner – here, McMinn – here, and Brooke – here. 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 October 19, 2020 Council Minutes:** Mr. Wier made a motion to approve the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes, second by Mr. Brook. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
  
- V. **Department Reports:** Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve the department reports as presented, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
  
- VI. **Planning Commission Report:** Mr. Lemons presented the final plat for Lilly Ann subdivision. This was presented and approved at the planning commission with the questions of the completion of water and an asphalt question. Mr. Lemons asked that this be approved tonight with the contingency saying no occupancy permit will be given until the water is completed. Mr. Jones (water/wastewater) presented that he approved this approval with the contingency that no occupancy will be given until the final water is in. Mr. Brooke makes a motion to approve this as presented, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a voice vote of 5-0.  
Mr. Robinson presented phase 2 of Oakland Grove subdivision. No open issues with the plan. Mr. Wier makes a motion to approve the final plat for Oakland Grove subdivision as presented, second by Mr. Harbort. Motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.
  
- VII. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. **ORDINANCE 2020-09: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS ANIMAL CONTROL CODE; REPEALING ORDINANCE O-2007-1; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (THIRD READING)** Mr. Wier made a motion to put O-2020-09 on its 3<sup>rd</sup> reading, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion from Mr. McMinn wanted to know why goats are not allowed in the city limits. Mayor said he had used Ordinances from surrounding

cities and they did not allow them. Mayor also pointed out that most of our housing area are in subdivision and not large lots and if a citizen wanted to have a goat they could bring that concern to the council and we could consider it based on their own situation. Mr. McMinn said we have dogs and chickens in all the neighborhood he did not see how goats were different. Mr. McMinn made a motion to allow up to 5 goats, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea and Brook-yea. Roll call vote to put O-2020-09 on its first reading. Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea and Brook-yea. Motion passed with a 5-0 roll call vote. Mr. McMinn made a motion to adopt O-2020-09, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Harbort- yeah, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Brooke-yea and Wier-yea.

#### **VIII. New Business**

- a. **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT PLAN FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS – ANNUAL RENEWAL:** Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve the renewal, second by Mr. Wier. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote
- b. **Resolution 2020-27: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE MULTIPLE WASTEWATER PUMPS:** Mr. McMinn made a motion to approve R-2020-27, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion by Mr. Jones letting the council know that this would give us 2 pumps in every hole allowing for a spare at each site. Motion approved with 5-0 roll call vote. Harbort-yeah, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Brooke-yea and Wier-yea.
- c. **RESOLUTION 2020-28 A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL WARD WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021:** Hefner makes a motion to table this resolution till December 2020 meeting, motion dies for a lack of a second. Mr. McMinn makes a motion to approve R-2020-28, second by Mr. Brook. Discussion was by Mrs. Hefner asking how the bonus were determined. Mayor replied saying this was put in an ordinance in 2016 and the bonuses are determined by how long the employee has been here. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Brooke-yea, Wier-yea and Harbort-yea.
- d. **RESOLUTION 2020-29: A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021:** Mr. Brook made a motion to approved R-2020-29, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. McMinn-yea, Brooke-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea and Hefner-yea.
- e. **RESOLUTION 2020-30: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO PARTNER WITH FIRST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY CONNECT 2 FIRST INTERNET TO CONSIDER DEPLOYING FIBER TO THE HOME BROADBAND NETWORK IN THE CITY LIMITS OF WARD:** Mrs. Hefner makes a motion to

approved R-2020-30, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Brooke-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea and McMinn-yea.

- f. **ORDINANCE 2020-12: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 0-2011-11, ORDINANCE O-2011-11-1 AND ORDINANCE O-2011-11-2; CLARIFYING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:** Mr. Brooke made a motion to put O-2020-12 on its first reading. Motion died for a lack of a second. Mr. McMinn made a motion to table this till next months meeting. Motion dies for lack of second. Mrs. Hefner made a motion to table this item till January 2021 meeting, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea and Brook-yea.
- g. **Executive Session:** Mr. Brooke made a motion to go into executive session, second by Mr. Harbort. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote  
**\*\* MAYOR CALLED MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 7:34PM**

IX. **Mayor's Report:** As presented by Mayor.

X. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

Courtney Massery spoke to the council about how high the water rates are here in Ward.

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

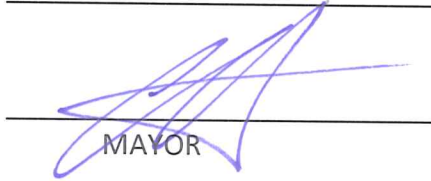
- Drive-Thru City-Wide Thanksgiving Feed at City Hall:
  - Sponsored by Cornerstone Church November 21, 2020, 11:00am-2:00pm
- Planning Commission Meeting: November 23, 2020 at 7 pm
- City Council Meeting: December 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting: December 28, 2020 at 7 pm
- Swearing-In Ceremony in the Council Room: January 1, 2020 at 10 am
- Special City Council Meeting following the Swearing-In Ceremony
- Planning Commission special meeting: November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm


XII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm with a motion by Mr. McMinn, second by Mr. Wier. 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 Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm.

APPROVED DATE: December 21, 2020

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
CITY CLERK

CITY SEAL