



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes – 5/16/2022 Council Chambers

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

- II. **Roll Call:** by City Clerk Ruble. Council Members Rummel- present at 6:34 after the department reports, Morris- present, Harbort– present, Hefner– absent, McMinn- present, and Shetron– absent. We had a quorum.

- III. **Review/approval of April 18 2022 Council Minutes and the May 2, 2022 Council Minutes**

Council Member Harbor made a motion to approve the April 18th, 2022 Council Minutes, second by Council Member Morris. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote. Council Member McMinn made a motion to approve the May 2nd, 2022 Special Council Minutes, second by Council Member Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.

- I. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council Member Harbort made a motion to approve the department reports, second by Council Member McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.

- II. **Planning Commission Report:** Council Member McMinn made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Minutes as presented by Mr. Peters, second by Council Member Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.

- III. **Unfinished Business:** Chief Reaves reported that Beebe’s old Fire Truck that the council approved to accept as a donation is in the process of being approved by their council. Once it is approved we will do the paperwork to have it transferred. The new Fire Truck that we are purchasing should be delivered soon.

- VII **New Business:**
 - a. Attorney Lacy reported that the house on 24 Weatherwood is closing in 2 days.

- b. **Introduction/Swearing-in of New Planning Commission Member:** Mr. Mike Kindall was introduced to the council and was sworn in by the Mayor.
- c. **R-2022-12: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CHANGE IN THE WARD TO AUSTIN SEGMENT OF THE REGIONAL GREENWAYS:** Council Member Rummel made a motion to approve R-2022-12, second by Council Member Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 roll call vote. Harbort-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Morris-yea
- d. **R-2022-13: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF WARD TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDS:** Council Member Harbort made a motion to approve R-2022-13, second by Council Member McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 roll call vote. McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Morris-yea, Harbort-yea
- e. **O-2022-08: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF WARD ZONING REGULATIONS ADOPTED IN JULY 1995 BY ORDINANCE O-1595 TO ALLOW FOR THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF SOLAR PANEL AND SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEM, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (FIRST READING):** Discussion was made by Several Citizen Stacey McMinn, Rob Ruble, Courtney Ruble and the Council Members. Council Member McMinn made a motion to table O-2022-08, second by Council member Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.
- d. **CITY CLERK RESIGNATION AND DECLARING VACANCY:** Council Member McMinn makes a motion to accept Clerk Rubles resignation and declare the City Clerk position vacant, second by Council Member Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.
- e. **Discussion of Water Bill Due Date:** Council Member McMinn made a motion to table this discussion till next month, second by Council Member Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.
- f. **ANNEXATION ISSUE – SHAMSIE DR AND FARRAH DR:** The Mayor wanted to inform the council about the 28 Parcels NOT in City Limits but are receiving city services. There will be letters to be sent to each home owner advising of the situation asking each to sign a petition to formally annex into the city. Ms. Tara Chandler of 36 Shamsie has volunteered to assist with the process.

VIII. **Mayor's Report:** presented by Mayor Gastineau. Mayor Gastineau discussed replacing vehicles with used vehicles has become more difficult with the market. Council Member Harbort made a motion to approve the mayor to spend up to \$20,000.00 on a vehicle for code enforcement and \$20,000.00 on a vehicle for the building inspector, second by Council Member Morris. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.

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

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

- Early Voting in Progress, Austin, Cabot, Carlisle, England, Lonoke City
- Planning Commission: May 23, 7 pm
- Primary Election Day: May 24, 7:30 am – 7:30 pm
- City Offices Closed June 20 – Juneteenth Celebration
- City Council: June 20, 6 pm

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Council Member Harbort, second by Council Member Rummel. Motion to adjourn passed with a 4-0 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, May 16, 2022 at 6:00PM.

APPROVED DATE: 6/20/22



MAYOR

ATTEST:



Deborah Staley, Interim City Clerk

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CITY SEAL