



**Special Council Meeting Minutes – 01/01/2021
Council Chambers**

- I. **Call to Order:** was called to order by Mayor Gastineau @ 10:30am
 - a. Prayer
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance

- II. **Roll Call (COVID-19 Protocols):** by City Clerk Ruble. Council Members Rummel – present, Wier – present, Harbort – here, Hefner – here, McMinn – here, and Shetron – 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. **Special Business:**
 - a. **Introduction of Council Members, City Clerk and Mayor:** Each council Member and City clerk introduced themselves to the community.

 - b. **Ordinance 2021-01:** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE O-2020-01, O-2020-05; O-2020-06; ESTABLISHING THE RULES AND PROCEDURES TO BE USED BY THE WARD CITY COUNCIL; DECLARING AN EMEGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES: Mr. McMinn made a motion to put O-2021-01, second by Mr. Wier. Title Read by City Clerk. Mrs. Hefner made a motion to strike section 8, second by Mr. Harbort. Robin Commented that she feels that she was elected by the people and not the city and she does not work for the city. Mr. Harbort feels that it is his constitutional right to say what he wants to say on Facebook and feels it is his right. Mayor explained that this is simply an acknowledgment that you read the attachment. Judge McGue was asked to reflect to the council his interpretation of this action. Employee, Jamee B, spoke in favor of Council signing and acknowledging the policy that the employees are to sign and abide by. Citizen, Stacy M., spoke in support of signing and acknowledging our social media policy. She expressed how important it is that the city conducts themselves on social media professionally as this is how our city is perceived. Motion to strike section 8 failed with a 2-4 roll call vote. Rummel-nay, Wier-nay, Harbort-nay, Hefner-yea, McMinn-nay, and Shetron-yea. Mr. McMinn makes a motion to suspend the rules and put O-2021-01 on its second and third reading, second by Mr. Rummel. Discussion. Motion

carries with a 4-2 roll call vote. Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-nay, McMinn-yea, Shetron-nay, Rummel-yea. Mr. Wier makes a motion to adopt O-2021-01, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion carries with a 4-2 roll call vote. Harbort-yea, Hefner-nay, McMinn-yea, Shetron-nay, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea. Mr. Harbort makes a motion to enact the emergency clause, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with 4-2 roll call vote. Hefner-nay, McMinn-yea, Shetron-nay, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea. Ordinance 2021-01 will become effective immediately. City Clerk Ruble asked the council members to sign the Conflict of Interest and Social Media packets and turn them back in to her.

- c. **State Holidays and Council Meeting Conflict:** Mr. Wier Makes a motion to leave council meeting as is on January 18, 2021 and February 15, 2021, second by Mrs. Hefner. Motion carries with a 6-0 roll call vote. McMinn-yea, Shetron-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea.

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

- o City Council Meeting: January 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm
- o Planning Committee Meeting: January 25 at 7:00 pm

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48am with a motion by Mrs. Hefner, second by Mr. Harbor. 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 Friday, January 1st, 2021 at 10:30am.

APPROVED DATE: March 15, 2021



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

