



Council Meeting Minutes – 5/18/2020
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 – present, Wier – present, Ketterman–present, Hefner – Present, McMinn – present, and Brooke – present. We have a quorum.

- III. **Confirmation of Public Access via Face book Live:** City Clerk Cell Phone is 501-259-1273

- IV. **Review/approval of March 2, 2020 Special Council Minutes and April 20, 2020 Council Minutes:** Mr. McMinn made a motion to approve the March 2nd, 2020 Council Minutes, second by Mr. Brooke. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
Mr. Wier made a motion to approve the April 20th, 2020 Council Minutes, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

- V. **Department Reports**
- VI. Mr. McMinn made a motion to approve the department reports as presented, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

- VII. **Commission Report:** No meeting and no report.

- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**

- IX. **New Business**
 - a. **National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program:**
Emily Zalfini, Utility Service Partners (USP) spoke to the council about the Warranty Program they offer through the NLC (National League of Cities) via web link. This is a voluntary program that helps educate home owners and provide a program that is available to them that supports them on any repairs that may have to be done. This company is endorsed by the Arkansas Municipal League as well.
Some of the programs they offer are: External Water Line, External Sewer Line and In home plumbing. If a customer enrolls in one of the external Line programs then they would have up to \$8,500.00 of coverage per incident and no service fees or deductible. No annual or life time limits.
In home plumbing package offers \$3,000.00 of coverage per incident. That's for any water sewer or water lines inside the home. This also has no service fees or deductibles. This is not a reimbursement program, they will call the company and they set it all up.

- b. **Resolution 2020-06** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WARD AND UTILITY SERVICE PARTNERS TO OFFER PROPERTY OWNERS - UTILIZING WARD WATER AND WASTEWATER (SEWER) – THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A SERVICE PLAN AND OTHER SIMILAR PRODUCTS OFFERED BY UTILITY SERVICE PARTNERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES: Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve R-2020-06, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion by Mr. Brooke he asked if there was any other companies available to the customers. Mrs. Barrentine asked how much the cost of these were and the Mayor replied that the External water cost \$6.49/month the External Sewer cost \$8.49/month and the Internal Water lines cost \$9.99/month roughly \$25.00 total per month. Terry Faught spoke about her having plumbing issues and said she would absolutely enroll in this program because of the loss she could have an how much it has cost her. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Mr. Ketterman-Yea, Mrs. Hefner-Yea, Mr. McMinn-Yea, Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Yea, Mr. Wier-Yea.
- c. **Resolution 2020-14:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE ONE 25-HORSEPOWER PUMP FOR WASTEWATER LIFT STATION: Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve R-2020-14, second by Mr. Ketterman. Discussion: Mr. Brooke asked what we will do with the old pump and Mr. Ketterman said that it has failed beyond repair and we will discard that pump and move to a new pump. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Mrs. Hefner-Yea, Mr. McMinn-Yea, Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Yea, Mr. Wier-Yea, Mr. Ketterman-Yea.
- d. **Resolution 2020-13:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ARISTOTLE UNIFIED COMMUNICATION, LLC FOR ANTENNA SPACE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES: Mr. Jonathan from Aristotle presented via web link the internet service available to Ward and what they would like to provide to the city and customers in the service area. Mr. McMinn made motion to accept R-2020-13, second by Mr. Ketterman. Discussion: Mr. Ketterman asked what the down time would be in switching over and the Mayor said his goal is to have no down time. Motion passes with 6-0 roll call vote. Mr. McMinn-Yea, Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Yea, Mr. Wier-Yea, Mr. Ketterman-Yea, Mrs. Hefner- Yea.
- e. **Legislative Joint Auditing Report – 2019:**
Motion to approve by Mr. Wier, second by Mr. Brook. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

X. **Mayor's Report:** As presented by the Mayor.

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

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

City Facilities Closed: May 25, 2020 for Memorial Day
Planning Commission Meeting: Monday, May 25th, 2020 (Cancelled)
Ward Chamber of Commerce Meeting: Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020 @ 6:30pm
City Council Meeting: Monday June 15th, 2020 @ 6:30 Council Chambers
City Facilities Closed: July 3, 2020 for 4th of July
Ward City Cleanup: Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 8:00am – 3:00pm
Ward Earth Day Cleanup: Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 8:00am

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm with a motion by Mr. McMinn, second by Mrs. Hefner. 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 Regular Meeting held on Monday, May 18th, 2020 at 6:30pm.

APPROVED DATE: June 15th 2020

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Courtney Fleible
CITY CLERK

