# CITY OF WARD



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# Council Meeting Minutes – 02/17/2020 Council Chambers

- I. <u>Call To Order:</u> Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30
  - a. Prayer
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. <u>Roll Call</u>: by City Clerk Ruble. Council Members Barrentine Present, Wier Present, Ketterman–present, Hefner Present, McMinn Present, and Brooke Present. We have a quorum
- III. Review/approval of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Minutes:

Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council Minutes, second by Mrs. Barrentine. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

## IV. <u>Department Reports:</u>

Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve the department reports as presented, second by Mr. Ketterman. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

# V. <u>Commission Report:</u>

Mr. Madding from the planning commission reported that Oakland Grove final plat was approved by the commission with the contingency that the compaction test being done once things dry up from all the rain. Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve the Oakland Grove final plat subject to the compaction test, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.

#### VI. Unfinished Business

a. Ordinance 2019-12: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES O-1595 AND O-2013-05, CITY OF WARD ZONING REGULATIONS AND CITY OF WARD ZONING, ADOPTED JULY 25, 1995, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (Third Reading): Mrs. Barrentine made a motion to put O-2019-12 on its third reading, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion by Mr. Brooke, we needed a pen and ink change to the last sentence to say Ordinance instead of Resolution. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Mr. McMinn-Yea, Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Yea, Mr. Wier-Yea, and Mrs. Ketterman-Yea, and Mrs. Hefner-Yea.

Mr. Ketterman makes a motion to adopt O-2019-12, second by Mr. Brooke. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Yea, Mr. Wier-Yea, Mr. Ketterman-Yea, Mrs. Hefner, and Mr. McMinn-Yea.

b. Ordinance 2020-01: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE O-0199; ESTABLISHING THE RULES AND PROCEDURES TO BE USED BY THE WARD CITY COUNCIL; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (Second Reading): Mr. Wier made a motion to put O-2020-01 on its first reading, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Mrs. Barrentine-Yea, Mr. Wier-Yea, Mr. Ketterman-Yea, Mrs. Hefner-Yea, Mr. McMinn-Yea, and Mr. Brooke-Yea.

Mr. Brooke made a motion to suspend the rules and put O-2020-01 on its third reading, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Mr. Wier-Yea, Mr. Ketterman-Yea, Mrs. Hefner-Yea, Mr. McMinn-Yea, Mr. Brooke-Yea and Mrs. Barrentine-Yea.

Mr. Brooke made a motion to adopt O-2020-01, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Mr. Ketterman-Yea, Mrs. Hefner-Yea, Mr. McMinn-Yea, Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Yea, and Mr. Wier-Yea.

Mr. Ketterman made a motion approve O-2020-01 with an emergency putting this ordinance into effect immediately, second by Mr. Wier. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. , Mrs. Hefner-Yea, Mr. McMinn-Yea, Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Yea, Mr. Wier-Yea, and Mr. Ketterman-Yea.

#### VII. New Business

- a. Resolution 2020-03: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A NEW VEHICLE FOR THE FIRE CHIEF: Mr. Wier made a motion to read R-2020-03 title, second by Mrs. Barrentine. Discussion was made by Mr. McMinn. He asked if we would want to look at purchasing an F-150 4 door because it is easier to move around and it is not be as heavy for traveling off the pavement. He also though that the F-150 would be much cheaper than the F-250. Mayor and the Chief Reeves expressed that they will be using the F-250 for more than just hauling the fire fighters. It would be used to haul equipment, along with fire fighters, have the 2,000 lb slide out for the command center, and have the capability of hauling a trailer if need be. The F-150 only has a max capacity of 2,311 lbs. and with the equipment and slide out we would max or supersede that weight. Mrs. Barrentine made a motion to approve R-2020-03, second by Mr. Wier. R-2020-03 was approved with a 6-0 roll call vote. Mr. McMinn-Yea, Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Yea, Mr. Wier-Yea, Mr. Ketterman-Yea, and Mrs. Hefner-Yea.
- b. **Resolution 2020-04:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A

COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SOFTWARE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ENTER INTO AN ANNUAL SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH SAME: Mr. Ketterman made a motion to approve R-2020-04, second by Mr. Brooke. Discussion. Motion approved with a 6-0 roll call vote. Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Yea, Mr. Wier-Yea, Mr. Ketterman-Yea, Mrs. Hefner-Yea, and Mr. McMinn-Yea.

c. Resolution 2020-05: A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SENIOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT (CID) DETECTIVE'S POSITION AS SERGEANT: Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve R-2020-05, second by Mr. Ketterman. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Mrs. Barrentine-Yea, Mr. Wier-Yea, Mr. Ketterman-Yea, Mrs. Hefner-Yea, Mr. McMinn-Yea, and Mr. Brooke-Yea.

#### d. CORRECTION: 2020 Election Information:

They Mayor shared that all Council Seats are available for re-election. He also explained that through many phone calls and researching several avenues it has been determined that the City Clerks position is up for re-election for the remaining 2 years of this term.

- All Council Seats and City Clerk position is available: Mayor.
- Filing began February 12, 2020 and ends at Noon on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020
- e. Reminder: 2020 Census Computer Lab Availability

  The Mayor shared the information regarding the 2020 Census Computer Lab availability and asked the Council Members to volunteer to sign up to help man the Computer Lab. He also asked that you encourage others to respond to the census because this is not just affecting the City of Ward, but the County and also the State.
  - Open M-F, March 12 April 3, 8 am 8 pm
  - Open Saturday March 14, 21,28, 8 am 1 pm
  - Anyone can use the PCs to input their Census data
  - Elected Officials will man the Computer Lab after hours and on Saturdays.
- VIII. Mayor's Report: As Presented and handed out by Mayor Gastineau.

# IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Jean Gilley made public comment regarding our Police Department. She asked what it would take to get more patrol on the streets; she has noticed we have less patrol on our streets. Mayor said that the funding is not there to hire more patrol then what we have. The Police department gets its funding from the sales tax received.

### X. Announcements

Planning Commission Meeting: Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 7:00pm Council Chambers

Ward Chamber of Commerce Meeting: Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 @ 6:30pm City Council Meeting: Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 6:30 Council Chambers ARDot Public Involvement Meeting: Tuesday March 17 2020, @ 4 – 7 pm Civic Room

# Census Day: April 1, 2020

Ward City Clean Up: Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 8:00a – 3:00pm Amnesty week March 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>: Get your warrants and fines taken care of and we won't take you to jail. Please spread the word.

Mr. Brooke asked if Mrs. Poole had given the mayor a package with the grants that the city can apply for or has applied for in the past. One of them being the Gymnasium grant done 15 years ago to have the gym heated and cooled. Another one was the Youth Center that we could apply GIF funds to, but those are no longer available. I would like it if Mrs. Poole could come to a council meeting and explain what grants Ward can apply for. The Mayor is going to ask what we can do to help improve our packets and maybe get some of these grants we have applied for in the past. We try to apply and be aware of as many grants that are available out there.

Mayor reminded the council that if they call a meeting or committee meeting that they have to notify the press and record the meeting.

#### XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm with a motion by Mr. Wier, 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, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm.

APPROVED DATE:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY SEAL

CITY CLERK