



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes – 2/21/22 Council Chambers

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

- II. **Roll Call:** by City Clerk Ruble. Council Members Rummel- absent, Morris-present, Harbort –present, Hefner –present, McMinn -present, and Shetron –present. We have a quorum.

- III. **Review/approval of January 17th, 2022 Council Minutes and January 24th, 2022 Special Council Minutes:** Mr. McMinn made a motion to approve the January 17th, 2022 council minutes, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote. Mr. Harbort made a motion to approve the January 24th, 2022 special council meeting minutes, second by Mr. Morris. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:**

Mr. McMinn made a motion to approve the department reports, second by Mr. Morris. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

- V. **Planning Commission Report:**

The commission presented the council with the final plat of Deerfield Estates, phase IV and explained the planning commission approved them with the contingencies of completing a compaction test and asphaltting a road as soon as the weather will permit along with providing us with the as-built. Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the final plat with those contingencies as well, second by Mrs. Rummel. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote. Mr. Harbort made a motion to approve the Planning Commission report, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

- VI. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **ORDINANCE 2022-02: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 0-198; AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR THE PURCHASING, SALE OR EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WARD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:**

Mrs. Hefner made a motion to put O-2022-02 on its second reading, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Rummel - yea, Morris-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea

VIII New Business:

- a. **ORDINANCE 2022-03: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1973-1, PROVIDING FOR THE COMPUTATION OF THE OCCUPATION (LICENSE) TAX THAT THE ARKANSAS LOUISIANA GAS COMPANY SHALL PAY TO THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS DURING THE YEAR 1973 AND FUTURE YEARS; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Mr. McMinn made a motion to put O-2022-03 on its first Reading, second by Mrs. Rummel. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.

Morris-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea

Mrs. Hefner made a motion to suspend the rules and put O-2022-03 on its second and third reading, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.

Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Morris-yea

Mr. Morris made a motion to adopt O-2022-03, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion.

Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Morris-yea, Harbort-yea

- b. **ORDINANCE 2022-04: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE E-1-1981, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FRANCHISE TAX FOR ELECTRICAL REVENUES WITHIN THE CORPORATE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Mr. McMinn made a motion to Put O-2022-04 on its first Reading, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.

McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Morris-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea

Mr. Harbort made a motion to suspend the rules and put O-2022-04 on its second and third reading, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.

Rummel-yea, Morris-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea,

Mr. McMinn made a motion to adopt O-2022-03, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion.

Morris-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea

Mr. Harbort made a motion to enact an emergency clause and make O-2022-04 effective March 1, 2022, second by Mrs. Rummel. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.

Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Morris-yea

- c. **RESOLUTION 2022-07: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A USED POLICE VEHICLE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Mr. Harbort made a motion to approve R-2022-07 with the purchase amount not to exceed \$30,000.00, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Morris-yea, Harbort-yea

- d. **RESOLUTION 2022-08: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A COMBINATION BODY-CAMERA/IN-CAR CAMERA (BODY-CAM/DASH-CAM) SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Harbort made a motion to approve R-2022-08, second by Mr. Morris. Discussion.

Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote. McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Morris-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea

- e. **STACEY MCMINN – WATER DEPARTMENT:** Mrs. Stacey Spence McMinn addressed the council tonight about some of her concerns with the water department and the perception in the city. Stacey shared several situations over several years where she had interactions with the city and the city water department. She knows that she is not the only citizen and/or customer of the water department that has had concerns. She felt that a solution to the growing concerns in the community would be to form a task force that looked at some of the cities policies when they are handling repairs and maintenance around the city and some of the procedures we have in place for dealing with customers who have a high usage bill.
- IX. **Mayor's Report:** presented by Mayor Gastineau.
- X. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None
- XI. **Announcements – (COVID-19 Protocols Apply, as needed)**
- Planning Commission: February 28, 2022 7:00 pm
 - City Council: March 21, 2022 6:30 pm
- XII. **Adjournment:**
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Mr. Harbort, second by Mrs. Rummel. 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 Council Meeting held on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:00PM.

APPROVED DATE: March 21, 2022



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

CITY SEAL