



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes – 6/21/21 Council Chambers

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

- II. **Roll Call (COVID-19 Protocols):** by City Clerk Ruble. Council Members Rummel –here, Wier –here, Harbort –here, Hefner –here, McMinn –here, and Shetron –absent. We have a quorum.

- III. **Review/approval of May 17, 2021 Council Minutes:** Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve the May 17, 2021 Council Minutes, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Mr. McMinn made a motion to approve the department reports as presented, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

- V. **Planning Commission Report:** Nothing to report, did not meet.

- VI. **Unfinished Business:**

- VII. **New Business:**
 - a. **ORDINANCE 2021-06:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CHANGE TO THE CITY OF WARD PERSONNEL HANDBOOK CATASTROPHIC SICK LEAVE BANK PROGRAM AND ADDING JUNETEENTH AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES: Mr. McMinn makes a motion to put O-2021-06 on its first reading, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.
Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea
Mr. McMinn makes a motion to suspend the rules and put O-2021-06 on its second and third reading, second by Rummel. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.
Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea

Mr. Wier makes a motion to adopt O-2021-06, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a ye a roll call vote.

McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea

Mr. Harbort makes a motion to declare O-2021-06 and emergency and make it effective immediately, second by Mr. Rummel. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.

Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea

Mr. Wier makes a motion for the mayor to allow the employees to take a Juneteenth holiday this year 2021 by taking any day by the end of the year 2021, second by Mr. Harbor. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

- b. **ORDINANCE 2021-07:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 2014-01, AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; REQUIRING CANDIDATES TO FILE FOR OFFICE ON DATES/TIMES PRESCRIBED BY THE ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES: Mr. McMinn makes a motion to put O-2021-07 on its first reading, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.
Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea
- c. **RESOLUTION 2021-14:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BMD BUILDERS TO COMPLETE THE NANS PLACE DRAINAGE PROJECT: Mrs. Hefner makes a motion to accept R-2021-14, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Mrs. Hefner asked how this situation happened and how can we avoid this to begin with. Mayor said that there was an engineer who did draw this up and if went in front of the Planning commission. Over time this area just became a problem. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.
Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea
- d. **RESOLUTION 2021-15:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO USE ONE OF MORE OF THE BELOW LISTED ENGINEERING FIRMS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
Mr. Wier makes a motion to accept R-2021-15, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion fails with a 2-3 roll call vote.
Harbort-nay, Hefner-nay, McMinn-yea, Rummel-nay, Wier-yea
- e. **RESOLUTION 2021-16:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO PURSUE THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL (AS NEEDED) BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL WATER METERS ATTACHED THE WARD WATER SYSTEM WITH RADIO-READ METERS; TO REQUEST PROPOSALS FOR SAME.
Mr. McMinn makes a motion to accept R-2021-16, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.
Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea
- f. **RESOLUTION 2021-17:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF INTEREST-BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS
Mr. Wier makes a motion to accept R-2021-17, second by Mr. Harbort. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.
McMinn-yea, Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea

- g. **RESOLUTION 2021-18:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK THROUGH THE POLICE CHIEF AND/OR FIRE CHIEF TO DISPOSE OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE(S) VIA PUBLIC AUCTION ON WWW.GOVDEALS.NET, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES Mr. Wier makes a motion to approve R-2021-18, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 roll call vote.
Rummel-yea, Wier-yea, Harbort-yea, Hefner-yea, McMinn-yea

IX. **Mayor's Report:** Presented by Mayor Gastineau.

X. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** No Public comment

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

- Planning Commission: June 28, 2021 7:00pm
- 4th of July Celebration: July 4, City Park 5:00pm
- City Council: July 19, 6:30 pm

IX. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm with a motion by Mr. McMinn, second by Mrs. Hefner. 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, June 21st, 2021 at 6:30pm.

APPROVED DATE:

July 19th, 2021


MAYOR

ATTEST:

Courtney Rubie
CITY CLERK

CITY SEAL