



## CITY OF WARD

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### Council Meeting Minutes September 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order:** by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30pm. Prayer was offered by council member Steven Hall followed by the pledge of allegiance.
- II. **Roll Call:** The following council members were present: Steven Hall, Charles Chapman, Stacey McMinn, Robin Hefner, Casey Brooke, and Rob Ruble. We have a quorum. Mayor Charles Gastineau, City Attorney Chris Lacy, and City Clerk Krystal Rummel were also in attendance.
- III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the August 21, 2023 council minutes, second by council member Brooke. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.  
Council member Brooke made a motion to approve the August 29, 2023 council minutes, second by council member Ruble. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Brooke made a motion to approve the department reports minus August's financials which will be tabled until next month as they were just received, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
- V. **Planning Commission Report:**  
Chairman Peters presented the Planning Commission report. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
- VI. **Old Business:**
  - A. **ORDINANCE 2023-14: AN ORDINANCE TO DEFINE LOUD AND UNNECESSARY NOISE THAT CONSTITUTES A PUBLIC NUISANCE TO THE CITIZEN OF WARD, ARKANSAS; ESTABLISHING PROHIBITION AND PENALTIES WITH RESPECT THERETO; REPEALING AND REPLACING WARD ORDINANCE 2001-04; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (THIRD READING/APPROVAL)** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to change the start time to official sunrise under article 2, section 2, item B. Council member Hall seconded the motion. Motion passes with a 6-0

voice vote. Motion to adopt made by council member Hall, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- B. ORDINANCE 2023-06: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF NON-OWNER-OCCUPIED SHORT-TERM RENTALS FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF WARD, PROVIDING FOR PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, RULES FOR OPERATING A SHORT-TERM RENTAL, AND FOR PENALTIES AND FINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (SECOND READING)** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. After discussion, council member Ruble made a motion to table O-2023-06 to next month's agenda, seconded by council member Hall. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

**VII. New Business:**

- A. ORDINANCE 2023- 19: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-02 (FIRST READING)** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve O-2023-19 on its first reading, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll Call vote: McMinn-no, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Chapman-yes. Mayor Gastineau voted in the affirmative to break the tie. Motion passes with a 4-3 vote. Council member Hall made a motion to suspend the second and third readings, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll Call: Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-no. Mayor Gastineau voted in the affirmative to break the tie. Motion passes with a 4-3 vote. Council member Hall made a motion to approve O-2023-19, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-no, Hefner-no. Mayor Gastineau voted in the affirmative to break the tie. Motion passes with a 4-3 vote.
- B. ORDINANCE 2023-20: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) AND CAMPING AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF WARD SPORTS COMPLEX; TO ESTABLISH PERMITTING AND RESERVATION PROCESS; TO ESTABLISH A FEE STRUCTURE; WAIVING THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE 2009-01; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve O-2023-20, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no. Motion passes with a 4-2 vote. Motion to suspend the second and third readings made by council member Ruble, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes. Motion passes with a 4-2 vote. Motion to adopt made by council member Hall, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. Council member Hall made a motion to enact the emergency clause, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. Motion passes with a 4-2 vote.

**C. RESOLUTION 2023-23: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A SEPARATE CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR WARD DISTRICT COURT AUTOMATION FUND** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve R-2023-23, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion passes with a unanimous roll call vote.

**D. 2024 MILLAGE BREAKDOWN**

Council member Brooke made a motion to approve, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

**E. 2022 WATER AUDIT**

Council member Hefner made a motion to approve receiving the financial reports with no findings, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

**F. DISCUSSION ON CREATION OF A YOUTH COUNCIL DISCUSSION (COUNCIL MEMBER MCMINN)**

Council member McMinn requested to move this to a later date. Council member Hefner made a motion to table, seconded by council member Hall. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

**VIII. Mayor's Report:** No action taken.

**IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None

**X. Announcements**

- Public Hearing – Rezone Request: September 25, 6:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting: September 25, 7 pm
- City Council Meeting: October 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm
- LRAFB Open House (Thunderbirds): October 21-22
- Harvest Fest: October 28<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 pm at the Ward Sports Complex
- Ward Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade/Tree Lighting: December 3, 4 pm
- Great American Eclipse Event: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Council member Ruble made a motion to move November's city council meeting from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>, seconded by council member Hefner. Motion passes with a 5-1 voice vote.

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm pm with a motion by Council Member Hefner, second by Council Member Chapman. 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 Council Meeting held on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: October 16, 2023

  
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MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL

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