



Council Meeting Minutes – 11/18/19
Council Chambers

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

- II. **Roll Call:** by City Clerk Ruble. Council Members Barrentine – Here, Wier – Here, Ketterman –Here, Hefner – Here, McMinn – Here, Brooke – Here. We have a quorum.

- III. **Review/approval of October 21st, 2019 Council Minutes:**
Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve October 21st, 2019 Council Minutes, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

- IV. **Department Reports**
Chief Benton requested to put a 2008 Dodge Durango on the state auction site. Mr. Wier made a motion to do so, second by Mr. Brooke. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote
Police report will be corrected for a typo and turned into the Clerk along with the Animal Control Report.
Mr. Brooke makes a motion to approve the department reports, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

- V. **Commission Report:**
Mr. Meadows presented the commission report. The Final Plat for Deerfield Estates, Lots 20-31, 72-83, 90-95, 97, 118-119 and 147 is ready and requires the approval of the City Council. Mrs. Barrentine makes a motion to approve the final plat contingent on Mr. Bruce Jones approval, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.

Mr. Meadows reminded the council and public of a Hearing for the property owned by Gabe and Crystal Beatty to be rezoned from R-1 to PUD on November 25th, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Mr. Brooke made a motion to approve the commission report, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

- VI. **Engineer Report:** Read by City Clerk Ruble
Mr. Brooke made a motion to proceed with Grant Application #1 Sidewalk Grant (Phase IV of the City's sidewalk Master Plan) in Lemons Engineering Report, second by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

Mr. Wier made a motion to proceed tomorrow with Grant Application #2 Street Improvement Grant (Markham Street, from Highway 367, South to Brewer) in the Lemons Engineering Report, Second by Mrs. Barrentine. Discussion. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.

VII. Unfinished Business:

- a. Ordinance O-2019-10: **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, AND MAKING SAME A PART OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, ASSIGNING SAME TO WARDS, AND ZONING SAID ANNEXED TERRITORY** Mr. Brooke makes a motion to put O-2019-10 on its third reading, second Mr. Wier. Discussion. Motion carries 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 makes a motion to adopt, 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, Mrs. Barrentine-Yea.

- b. Ordinance 2019-11 (**AN ORDINANCE REPLACING CITY OF WARD ORDINANCE WF 7-93, PROHIBITING THE SALE AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF WARD, ARKANSAS, WITH AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMIT AND ALLOWING FOR LIMITED IGNITING (SETTING OFF OR SHOOTING) FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF WARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**) Mr. McMinn makes a motion to put O-2019-11 on its second reading, seconded by Mrs. Hefner. Discussion. Mr. McMinn suggested that we change the times for the 4th of July to be celebrated on the Friday and Saturday before the 4th and the Friday and Saturday after the 4th along with the 4th of July from 12 noon to 10:30 pm on those days. Public discussion was brought forward by Mrs. Deborah Staley. She expressed her concern for having fireworks going off for several days when you have children, adults who have to work, animals and/or those with health issues. She asked the council to think about the minority first instead of the majority in this situation. Mr. McMinn made a motion to amend O-2019-11 to have fireworks ignited and set off on the 4th along with both the Friday and Saturday before and after from the hours of 12 noon to 10:30pm, second by Mrs. Hefner. Motion passed with a 5-1 Roll Call vote. Mr. Ketterman-Yea, Mrs. Hefner-Yea, Mr. McMinn-Yea, Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Nay, Mr. Wier-Yea. Motion passed with 5-1 roll call vote to put O-2019-11 on its second reading as amended. Mrs. Hefner-Yea, Mr. McMinn-Yea, Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Nay, Mr. Wier-Yea, Mr. Ketterman-Yea.

VIII. New Business

- a. 2020 Municipal Officials Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan for Elected Officials and Department Heads: Mr. Brooke made a motion to accept the plan as presented, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
- b. Resolution 2019-38: **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WARD SUPPORTING THE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1018 OF 2019 (HJR 1018 OF 2019), PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CONTINUE A LEVY OF A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR STATE HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES; COUNTY ROADS, BRIDGES AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION; AND CITY STREET, BRIDGES, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AFTER THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 91, AS SPECIAL REVENUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION LAW. :**

Mrs. Barrentine makes a motion to approve R-2019-38, second by Mr. McMinn. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Mr. McMinn-Yea, Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Yea, Mr. Wier-Yea, Mr. Ketterman-Yea, Mrs. Hefner-Yea.

- c. **Resolution 2019-39: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF WARD TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS (SRTS IV):**
Mr. Brooke makes a motion to approve R-2019-39, second by Mrs. Barrentine. Discussion. Motion passes with 6-0 roll call vote. Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Yea, Mr. Wier-Yea, Mr. Ketterman-Yea, Mrs. Hefner-Yea, Mr. McMinn-Yea.
- d. **Resolution 2019-40: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF WARD TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS (MARKHAM STREET IMPROVEMENT):**
Mr. Wier makes a motion to approve R-2019-40, second by Mr. Brooke. 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, Mr. Brooke-Yea.
- e. **Resolution 2019-41: A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL WARD WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020:**
Mr. Brooke makes a motion to approve R-2019-41, second by Mr. Wier. Discussion. Mr. Ketterman asked when our contract for the ward water and Sewer System for Uniforms would be up. He wanted to know why they had a 17,000 budget for workshops. The Mayor was not sure when our uniform contract was up with Cintas and explained that there are several employees in this department that needs to be certified or recertified each year. Motion passes with a 6-0 roll call vote. Mr. Wier-Yea, Mr. Ketterman-Yea, Mrs. Hefner-Yea, Mr. McMinn-Yea, Mr. Brooke-Yea, Mrs. Barrentine-Yea.
- f. **Resolution 2019-42: A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020:**
Mr. McMinn makes a motion to approve R-2019-42, second by Mr. Brooke. 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, Mr. Wier-Yea.

IX. **Mayor's Report:** As presented and handed out by Mayor Gastineau.

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

XI. **Announcements:**

ARDot Public Hearing re Hwy 38 Bridge: Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 4 – 7 pm in the Old Austin Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Public Hearing to rezone from R-1 to PUD: Monday, November 25th, 2019 @ 6pm in Council Chambers/Court Room

Planning Commission Meeting: Monday, November 25th, 2019 @ 7pm Council Chambers

Christmas Parade: December 15 @ 2 pm

POC: Darren Stribling

City Council Meeting: Monday December 16th, 2019 @ 6:30 Council Chambers/Court Room

Census Day: April 1, 2020

Mrs. Hefner made a motion to establish a committee to look at the feasibility in building a Community Center for the city of Ward, second by Mr. Ketterman. Discussion. Motion passes with a 6-0. Mrs. Hefner volunteered to be chairperson along with Mr. Ketterman and Mrs. Barrentine as committee members.

Mr. Brooke announced that there will be a thanksgiving dinner here at the city on Saturday Nov. 23rd from 11am -2pm.

XII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm with a motion by Mrs. Hefner, second by Mr. McMinn. 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, November 18th, 2019 at 6:30pm.

APPROVED DATE: December 11, 2019



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

