



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Agenda November 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order:** was called to order by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30
 - Prayer
 - Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **Roll Call:** by City Clerk Rummel. Chapman-present, Morris-present, Harbort –absent, Hefner –present, McMinn -absent, and Shetron –present. We have a quorum.
- III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the October 17, 2022 council minutes, second by Mr. Chapman. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve the department reports, second by Mrs. Shetron. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.
- V. **Planning Commission Report:** Mr. Jerry Peters presented the commission report to council. He discussed the need for a permitting process for solar panels. They are also working to address short term rentals. The UDO is still being reviewed. An on-call engineer may need to be consulted regarding sidewalks and street lights. Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve the Planning Commission report, second by Mr. Morris. Discussion. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.
 - A. **Presentation to Wayne Knight:** Mayor Gastineau recognized Mr. Knight's years of service to the community while serving on the Planning Commission from November 2015 to October 2022 by presenting him with a Certificate of Appreciation and his Commission Name Plate.
 - B. **Introduction/Swearing-in of New Planning Commission Member:** Mayor Gastineau presented Ms. Erin Mixon to the council to fulfill the term vacated by Wayne Knight. Erin Mixon introduced herself to the council stating her family is new to the area and she wanted to get involved in the city. She was a Zoning Administrator in 2017 in Ohio and also in Virginia where she was also the Code

Compliance Officer. Mrs. Mixon was sworn in as a Planning Commission member by Mayor Gastineau.

VI. Unfinished Business:

A. ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF WARD ORDINANCE 2014-07, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (2ND READING)

Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve O 2022-09, second by Mr. Morris. Roll call vote Council members Chapman- yes, Morris=yes, Hefner=no, Shetron=no. Roll call vote was 2-2. Motion did not pass. Mr. Morris made a motion to table this until January, second by Mrs. Hefner. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.

VII. New Business:

A. R-2022-28: CLEAN UP LIEN A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT OF CLEAN UP LIEN TO BE FILED WITH THE LONOKE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 24 WEATHERWOOD LANE IN THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve R 2022-28, second by Mrs. Hefner. Roll call vote Council members Chapman- yes, Morris=yes, Hefner=yes, Shetron=yes. Motion passes.

B. R-2022-30: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WARD WATER OFFICE MANAGER TO DESTROY CERTAIN DOCUMENTS NOT OTHERWISE NEEDED

Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve R 2022-30, second by Mr. Chapman. Roll call vote Council members Chapman- yes, Morris=yes, Hefner=yes, Shetron=yes. Motion passes.

C. R-2022-31: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO REPLACE WATER METERS WITHIN THE WARD WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Bruce Jones explained his recommendation to accept the proposal from Core and Main, highlighting their warranty package. A representative from Core and Main was present to answer any questions. Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve R 2022-31, second by Mr. Morris. Roll call vote Council members Chapman- yes, Morris=yes, Hefner=yes, Shetron=yes. Motion passes.

D. R-2022-32: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERA

Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve R 2022-32, second by Mrs. Shetron. Roll call vote Council members Chapman- yes, Morris=yes, Hefner=yes, Shetron=yes. Motion passes.

E. R-2022-33: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL GREENWAYS PARKWAY INITIATIVE AS A WHOLE, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR CONTINUED ENGINEERING OF THE WARD TO AUSTIN TO CABOT SEGMENT

Discussion. John Waymack, citizen of Ward, spoke in support of this resolution and asked about the timeline projection. Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve R 2022-33, second by Mrs. Hefner. Roll call vote Council members Chapman- yes, Morris-yes, Hefner-yes, Shetron-no. The resolution needs 4 votes to pass. Mayor Gastineau exercised his right to vote in the affirmative to pass this resolution.

F. R-2022-34: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE OPENING OF SEPARATE INTEREST-BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS

Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve R 2022-34, second by Mr. Chapman. Roll call vote Council members Chapman- yes, Morris-yes, Hefner-yes, Shetron-yes. Motion passes.

G. MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT PLAN FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mrs. Hefner made a motion to approve the accidental death and dismemberment plan, second by Mr. Morris. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.

H. ADEQ STATE AGENCY FLEET EMISSION REDUCTION (SAFER PROGRAM)

- One-Time Grant Opportunity to repower or replace certain trucks with new low-emitting tech engines OR an EV
- Application taken Dec 1 – Dec 15
- 100% reimbursable, no cost-share
- Motion to Proceed made by Mrs. Hefner, second by Mr. Morris. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.

I. ADEQ “GO RED” (REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM DIESELS) PROGRAM

- \$800k available
- Replace old diesel engine with zero tailpipe emission engines
- Cost share (if any) depends on project
- Application taken Dec 1 until funds are exhausted
- Motion to Proceed made by Mrs. Hefner, second by Mr. Chapman. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.

VIII. Mayor’s Report: See attachment

IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

X. Announcements


- City offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday: November 24 & 25
- Planning Commission Meeting: November 28, 7 pm
- City Council Meeting: December 19, 6:30 pm
- NO January 1 Swearing-In Ceremony
- Initial 2023 City Council Meeting: January 16, 2023

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned @ 7:22pm with a motion by Council Member Morris, second by Council Member Hefner. Motion to adjourn passed with a 4-0 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, November 21, 2022 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: December 19, 2022


MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL

CITY SEAL