

MINUTES

The **Rogers City Council** met for a regular session on September 28, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 1. The Vacation Of An Alley In The Morris Subdivision On West Ash Between South 6th And South 8th Streets.

No comments.

2. The Vacation Of A Certain Portion Of West Sycamore Street

Steve Strasner, 803 S. 4th Street & Sycamore, opposed to closing alley.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Dr. Alan Johnson of First Nazarene Church provided an invocation.

Scott Swearingen, 601 S. 4th Street. Thank you to all city staff for hard work and dedication. As a Downtown Rogers resident and consumer, he & family are enjoying all the growth and new offerings in Downtown Rogers. Encouraged to see the best safety choices being made to ensure pedestrian walk-ability and bike-ability are a priority in finishing stages.

Mr. Condolora, 712 N. 3rd Street. Excited for the revitalization of Downtown Rogers and agrees he'd like to see safer walkways at intersections on Arkansas Street.

ROLL CALL:

ACTION ON MINUTES:

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Motion by Townzen, second by Wolf to approved the September 14, 2021 minutes.

Motion by Kruger, second by Hayes to suspend the rules to consider all items on the agenda on a single reading and by title only.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. RES. Re: Changing One Of The Airport Operations Technician Positions From Thirty To Forty Hours

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Human Resources Director Thomas Dunlap.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Hayes, second by Kruger to adopt the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

2. ORD. Re: Authorizing The Rate Of Property Tax For The City Of Rogers For The Year 2021 To Be Collected In 2022

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Brashear, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

- 3 RES. Re: Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into An Agreement With The Northwest Arkansas Council

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Mayor Greg Hines.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The resolution is adopted.

4. ORD. Re: Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From A-1 To U-COM, Amending The Comprehensive Growth Map (PHP Holdings)

The ordinance was introduced by Legere and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Legere, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met,

recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Bill Watkins.

Watkins, 15.78 acres east of Fox Trail Distillery, it has been in front of the council before as a multi-family request which was denied. We are asking to rezone as U-COM to expand the Uptown development. Near by zoning includes a wide variety of zones and U-COM fits in with these. The city has determined multi-family is not the way forward and my client feels that U-COM is the best rezone for this property.

McCurdy, as Legere brought up in committee, the concern this is expansion of the comprehensive growth map but it's not the planning commission or staff have any purview over the comprehensive growth map. This property is surrounded by quasi commercial space but understands the comprehensive growth map is meant to keep from sprawl into residential neighborhoods. If this is approved with the comprehensive growth map amendment, you can have multi family development without the council seeing plans. We don't and haven't seen any plans to make this seem like the path forward, but it is a possibility.

Reithemeyer, this conversation seems opposite of what was presented in committee. McCurdy, bringing to your attention the rezone request as it is would be permissible to multi-family home development without additional approval from the council.

Reithemeyer, motion to table, second by Kruger.
Unanimous – Yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Greg Hines, Mayor