

MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building on Tuesday, November 09, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Casey Wilhelm, Director of Finance 2020 Audit provided by Landmark CPA for all of The City of Rogers & Rogers Water Utilities. Food report.

Ashley Pledger, 110 ½ W. Walnut Street, resident downtown spoke during the committee meeting not in favor of the parklet program and asks the rest of the council do not approve the parklet program.

Invocation provided by Monsieur Le Sueur of St. Vincent Catholic Church.

ROLL CALL:

Mark Kruger, Betsy Reithemeyer, Marge Wolf, Gary Townzen, Clay Kendall, Barney Hayes, Mandy Brashear, and April Legere were present.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Staff Attorney John Pesek, City Attorney Andrew Hatfield, Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm, Director of Human Resources Thomas Dunlap, Director of Parks & Recreation Jim White, Water Utilities Director Brent Dobler, City Engineer Lance Jobe, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation Andrea VonBrinton, Deputy Chief BJ Hyde, Director of Hospitality Fran Free, Library Director Hannah Milligan, Streets Department Superintendent Frankie Guyll, Financial Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, Volunteer Coordinator Peter Masonis, and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

October 26, 2021

Motion by Townzen, second by Kruger to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021 as presented. Voice vote: Yes. **Motion carried.**

Approves the suspending of rules for the meeting.

Motion by Kruger, second by Wolf. Motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to suspend the rules to consider all items on the agenda on a single reading. Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1.)

RES. R21-64 Amending The 2021 Budget To Provide For Additional Compensation To City And RWU Employees; Transferring Funds From The American Rescue Plan Fund To The General Fund, Street Fund, And Airport Fund

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 Director of Human Resources Thomas Dunlap and Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: **Kruger, Reithemeyer, Wolf, Townzen, Kendall, Hayes, Legere – Yes. Brashear – No.**
The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #2.)

ORD. #21-__ Amending The 2021 Budget To Provide For Additional Compensation To Elected Officials From The American Rescue Plan

The ordinance 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 Rogers-Lowell Chamber of Commerce President Raymond Burns.

Council unanimous in the feeling their election to the seat was a duty and no need for additional compensation.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”
Roll call: **Unanimous – No.**
The ordinance does not pass.

(Agenda Item #3.)

RES. R21-65 Authorizing The Rogers Police Department To Sell Approximately Fifty-Four Obsolete Tasers To Accredited Security, LLC Of Naples, Florida

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

Wolf, chair of Public Safety Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Chief Jonathan Best.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: **Unanimous – Yes.** The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #4.)

RES. R21-66 Authorizing The Rogers Public Library To Dispose Of Certain Property In The Landfill

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

Brashear, chair of Community Services Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Library Director Hannah Milligan.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Hayes, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: **Unanimous – Yes.** The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #5.)

RES. R21-67 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With The Walton Family Foundation To Receive Up To \$22,000.00

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

Brashear, chair of Community Services Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Parks & Recreation Director Jim White.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Brashear, second by Kruger to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: **Unanimous – Yes.** The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #6.)

RES. R21-68 Accepting The Lowest Qualified Bid For The Purchase Of Box Culverts

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

Kruger, chair of Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Streets Superintendent Frankie Gyll.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Brashear, second by Kruger to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: **Unanimous – Yes.** The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #7.)

RES. R21-69 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A One Year Contract With Garver, LLC Of North Little Rock, Arkansas, For The Professional Services Of Planning Review And Contract Staff Support

The resolution 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 City Engineer Lance Jobe.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: **Reithemeyer, Wolf, Townzen, Hayes, Kendall, Brashear, Legere – Yes. Kruger – Abstain.**
The resolution is adopted.

(Agenda Item #8.)

ORD. #21-73 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From I-1 To NBT (Scott Capital)

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 Developer Hannah Cicioni.

No questions from the council.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”
Roll call: **Unanimous – Yes.**

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”
Roll call: **Unanimous – Yes.** The ordinance is adopted.

(Agenda Item #9.)

RES. R21-70 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into An Agreement To Grant A Utility Easement To Carroll Electric Cooperative Corporation

The resolution 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 City Engineer Lance Jobe.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Hayes, second by Kruger to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: **Unanimous – Yes.** The resolution is

adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORD. #21-__ Amending Chapter 38 Of The City
Of Rogers Code Of Ordinances;
Adding Section 38-62. – Parklet
Program

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 Fran Free.

Council members collectively feel there is more work
to do before a program of this matter will fit the needs
for the downtown as a whole.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”
Roll call: ***Unanimous*** – ***No***. The ordinance is not
adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Reappointment of Laura Orr to the A&P Commission;
term to expire November, 01 2024.

Motion by Kruger, second by Wolf. The
reappointment is confirmed.

Reappointment of Kasey Bare to the A&P
Commission; term to expire November, 01, 2024.

Motion by Hayes, second by Reithemeyer. The
reappointment is confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor