

MINUTES – February 22, 2022

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building and via ZOOM on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Vacating Of A Certain Portion Of West Capitol Avenue
2. Vacating A Platted But Unused Alley In The Revised Hillcrest Addition
3. Vacating Of A Certain Portion Of An Undeveloped Street Right-Of-Way Originally Platted As Linden Street On The West Side Of Monte Ne Road

No public comment.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Invocation provided by Steven Carr of the Grace Reformed Church of NW Arkansas.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Staff Attorney John Pesek, Community Development Director John McCurdy, City Engineer Lance Jobe, Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm, Director of Human Resources Thomas Dunlap, Rogers Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Rogers Police Chief Jonathan Best, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, Constituent Services Liaison Kay Ricker and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

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Motion by Townzen, second by Wolf to approve the minutes of the February 08, 2021 as presented.
Voice vote: Yes. **Motion carried.**

Approves the suspending of rules for the meeting.

Motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to suspend the rules to consider all items on the agenda on a single reading only bundling items 4 and 5.
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #22-13 Vacating Of A Certain Portion Of
West Capitol Avenue

The ordinance 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 City Engineer Lance Jobe.

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 #2.)

ORD. #22-14 Vacating A Platted But Unused Alley
In The Revised Hillcrest Addition

The ordinance 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 City Engineer Lance Jobe.

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 #3.)

ORD. #22-15 Vacating Of A Certain Portion Of An
Undeveloped Street Right-Of-Way
Originally Platted As Linden Street
On The West Side Of Monte Ne Road

The ordinance 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 City Engineer Lance Jobe.

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 #4.)

RES. R22-13 Waiving Competitive Bidding For
The Purchase And Installation Of A

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

Traffic Signal At The Intersection Of
West Hudson Road And North 2nd
Street

Kruger, chair of Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Staff Attorney John Pesek speaking on behalf of Street Department Superintendent Frankie Gyll.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #5.)

RES. R22-14 Amending The 2022 Budget To
Recognize \$51,909.75 Into Account
#200-16-49195 Insurance
Reimbursement

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 Staff Attorney John Pesek speaking on behalf of Street Department Superintendent Frankie Gyll.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #6.)

ORD. #22-16 Amending Chapter 2 Of The City Of
Rogers Code Of Ordinances

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

Hayes, chair of Resources & Policy Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Legere, doesn’t feel these updates are progressive for the future of the council.

Mayor, solution for a problem that doesn’t exist. Given we have seen work flow change and work productively, this is not taking into account the new work place and processes.

Reithemeyer, when taking the oath to serve the community feels as elected officials it is our duty to show up in person.

Brashear, the current statue is completely out dated and the intent was to update the attendance policy. Feels this is first step in the right direction.

Legere, elected to engage with constituents and work on their behalf. The mentality of being in person equals getting the work done is outdated.

Reithemeyer, disagrees. Calls to question.

The Mayor asked, "Shall the ordinance pass?"

Roll call: **Kruger, Reithemeyer, Wolf, Townzen, Hayes, Brashear – Yes. Legere, Kendall – No.**

The Mayor asked, "Shall the emergency clause pass?"

Roll call: **Kruger, Reithemeyer, Wolf, Townzen, Hayes, Brashear – Yes. Legere, Kendall – No.**

The ordinance is adopted.

(Agenda Item #7.)

ORD. #22-17 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From R-DP To NBT (Hickman - 514 W. Olive Street)

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 "Table" but representative Barry Williams was allowed to present at council.

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 #8.)

ORD. #22-18 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From C-2 To R-DP (Johnston - 110 W. Easy Street)

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 introduced representative Russell Johnston.

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.

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brashear, compliments the Mayor on State of the City presentation.

Hayes, compliments the Mayor on the State of the City presentation.

Reithemeyer, compliments the Mayor on the State of the City presentation.

Legere, suggests we take a look at the comprehensive growth map for the Uptown area.

Wolf, wonderful to hear all the great happenings in Rogers.

Kruger, concur to the greatness of the State of the City presentation and appreciates our public service officers and street department.

Kruger, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:54pm, second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor