

MINUTES – October 25, 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, October 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

James Browell, Student Pastor from New Hope Assembly.

Jason Peobles, resident of Rogers. Congratulating Mayor and Rogers Police Department on the lack of interaction with citizens of the city. Rogers School plan created by the Police Department has only been fulfilled 73% of the time to date. Also acknowledges the lack of citations being issued in crosswalks.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Community Development Director John McCurdy, Community Development Director Shawn Grindstaff, Parks & Recreation Director Jim White, Parks & Recreation Director Jim White, City Planner Lori Ericson, Rogers Police Chief Jonathan Best, Rogers Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Financial Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, 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 Hayes to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 as presented.
Voice vote: Yes. **Motion carried.**

Approves the suspending of rules for the meeting.

Motion by Reithemeyer, 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. R22-80 Amending The City Of Rogers 2022 Budget To Recognize Insurance Proceeds In The Amount Of \$21,169.00 Into Account #200-25-49195 Insurance Reimbursement; Appropriating That Same Amount Into Account #200-25-70154 Trails Maintenance; Appropriating \$17,600.00 From General Fund Reserves Into Account #100-08-70154 Trails Maintenance

(Agenda Item #2.)

RES. 22-81 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into An Agreement With Navigation Electronics, Inc. Of Lafayette, Louisiana For The Purchase Of Upgraded GPS Equipment; Amending The 2022 Budget To Appropriate \$15,000.00 From General Fund Reserves Into Account #100-18-80100 Capital Expenditures

(Agenda Item #3.)

ORD. #22-58 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From C-2 To U-COM – SJC Ventures,
S. Promenade Blvd & W. Seneca Rd.

(Agenda Item #4.)

ORD. #22-59 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From R-DP To NBT – Elkhead, 318 N. C Street

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 Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

No questions from the council.

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

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

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 Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

No questions from the council.

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

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

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 Director of Planning Department John McCurdy and representative.

No questions from 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.

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 Director of Planning Department John McCurdy and representative.

No questions from 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 #5.)

ORD. #22-60 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From C-2 And R-DP To I-1 – Montgomery Family Trust, East of N. 8th Street between W. Hudson Rd. & W. Roselawn Dr.

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 Director of Planning Department John McCurdy and representative.

No questions from 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #22-__ Amending The City Of Rogers’ Code Of Ordinances Section 52-4 – Emergency And Experimental Regulations

The ordinance was introduced by Mayor Hines.

Mayor, provides explanation of why the street closure request topic has come back to an administrative process.

Reithemeyer, when asked for it to be tabled it was assumed the item would be brought back to the committee for continued review. Mayor, it has to come up as a matter of old business procedurally.

Reithemeyer, as it is now being presented, I am not comfortable and would like to have questions answered. If it was voted “No” tonight, could it go make onto a new agenda and visited through the committee.

Pesek, the Ordinance cannot be tabled at this time. A vote must occur to go back and rework the Ordinance if it does not include the detailed information desired.

Brashear, isn't comfortable with the Ordinance as is and would like more conversation and clarity before being able to support. In favor of voting against the current Ordinance as presented.

Wolf, agrees the Ordinance doesn't lay out enough details for her to vote in favor at this time.

The Mayor asked, "Shall the ordinance pass?"
Roll call: Unanimous – No. The ordinance is defeated.

NEW BUSINESS:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #22-61 Accepting The Final Plat Of Cottonwood Place, Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas, The Dedication Of Utility Easements And Other Public Ways Therein

The ordinance was introduced by Mayor Hines.

No questions from 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:

Townzen, reminder the Goblin Candy Crawl will be held in downtown Rogers at 3:30pm on October 31st.

Legere, open forum comments regarding lack of response and communication from the council members and constituents is unwarranted and misdirected. We welcome open and honest conversation from all people of the city of Rogers and are here to represent the voice of the people.

Wolf, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm second by Reithemeyer.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor