

MINUTES – November 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, November 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Robert Haynes, of Joppa House of Prayer, provided an invocation.

Brashear, asks to address the public regarding her stand on issues regarding the Rogers Police Department. Being married to an affiliate of the department, she feels it is the right thing to do to abstain her vote on issues pertaining to the police department. Primary message is to ensure constituents her vote is for the entire population of the city.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Community Development Director John McCurdy, Community Development Director Shawn Grindstaff, Parks & Recreation Director Jim White, Rogers Police Chief Jonathan Best, Rogers Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, Financial Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

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Motion by Townzen, second by Reithemeyer to approve the minutes of the November 08, 2022 as presented.

Voice vote: Yes, unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Approves the suspending of rules for the meeting.

Motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer 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.)

ORD. #22-62 Approving A Private Club
Application For The Black Crown
Social House

The ordinance was introduced by Hayes and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

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

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 #2.)

RES. R22-85 Adopting The City Of Rogers’ 2023
Budget

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Rogers Fire Chief Tom Jenkins.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #3.)

ORD. #22-63 Authorizing The Adoption Of Certain
Provisions Of The City Of Rogers’
2023 Budget

The ordinance was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek and representative Whitney Yoder.

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 #4.)

RES. 22-86 Amending The 2022 Budget To
Provide For A Temporary Police
Market Adjustment To The City Of

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Rogers Police Department

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Police Chief Jonathan Best.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #5.)

RES. 22-87 Amending The 2022 Budget To Appropriate \$150,000.00 From General Fund Reserves Into Account #100-01-80121 Victory Theater Renovation

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Community Development Director John McCurdy.

Statement from Walton Family Foundation regarding the opportunity to continue growing the arts in Downtown Rogers and the potential for building of an orchestra pit in the theater.

Reithemeyer, appreciate the partnership and work with the Arkansas Public Theater.

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. 22-88 Amending The 2022 Budget To Appropriate \$10,000,000.00 From General Fund Reserves Into Account #100-08-84513 Northwest Park

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Facilities Manager David Hook.

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 #7.)

RES. 22-89 Authorizing The Mayor And City

The resolution was introduced by Brashear and read by

Clerk To Enter Into A Contract With Nabholz Construction Of Rogers, Arkansas, For Construction Management Services

title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Brashear, chair of Community Services Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Facilities Manager David Hook.

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 #8.)

RES. 22-90 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With The Walton Family Foundation To Receive \$980,000.00 Management Services

The resolution was introduced by Brashear and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Brashear, chair of Community Services Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Community Development Director John McCurdy.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #9.)

RES. 22-91 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into An Agreement To Grant A Utility Easement On City Property To Carroll Electric Cooperative Corporation

The resolution was introduced by Legere and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Legere, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Facilities Manager David Hook.

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 #10.)

ORD. #22-64 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From R-SF To C-2, 1604 & 1608 W. Walnut St. (Max Alley)

The ordinance was introduced by Legere and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Legere, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized by Community Development Director Shawn Grindstaff

and representative Chris Tilley.

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. #22-65 Accepting The Final Plat Of Sky Valley Estates, Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas, The Dedication Of Utility Easements And Other Public Ways Therein

Mayor, old business is already on the table.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Appointment of Holly VanWinkle to the Museum Commission; term to expire December 31, 2025.

Motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer to approve.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor, updates from UpTown is enlightening and grateful for the councils support.

Kruger, move to only have one meeting in December, to occur on 12/13/22. Motion by Townzen, second by Reithemeyer.

Reithemeyer, appreciate the leadership of Council member Brashear and shows the importance of public safety and her message earlier in the evening.

Legere, apologize for the technical difficulties and supports all the decisions made this evening.

Wolf, happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Appreciates all the work done on the budget this year.

Kruger, agrees in statements made by Reithemeyer.

Kruger, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm second
by Wolf.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor