

MINUTES – January 10, 2023

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, January 10, 2023 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.

Jim Woodruff, lifelong resident of Rogers. Here to talk about Laurel Lane. For many years we have been told the road Laurel Lane between 26th Street & Dixieland would be widened but I understand it has been delayed. Whether that is due to utilities, land acquisition, or other things, I'm asking for you all to get this road back on the agenda and look at a way to help Laurel Lane.

Mayor, a few comments. If we have somehow given you the idea this road has been on a bond project, I apologize because it has not warranted the traffic necessary to spend the money it would take to justify the millions it would cost. I am happy to take a look at the project to see what we might be able to do.

Kruger, publically thank all departments & Nabholz for getting Arkansas Street open.

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, RWU Superintendent Brent Dobler, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, Financial Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

December 13, 2022

Motion by Townzen, second by Kruger to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 as presented.

Voice vote: Yes, unanimous. **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.

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #23-01 Establishing An Entertainment District To Be Known As The Bellview Entertainment District

The ordinance 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 Justin Pounds.

Legere, how will we clearly mark the pedestrian boundaries?

Pounds, we will have to work on the best way to showcase the boundaries, possibly with posters/maps.

Brashear, have not heard any negative comments from the business owners on the district request.

Mayor, seeing that Bellview Rd. is included in the district, we will need to work on a good pedestrian precautions.

Brashear, making clear the ORD. includes an amendment with the hours starting at 11am.
Motion by Brashear, second by Legere. Mayor the ORD has been amended.

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. R23-01 Waiving Competitive Bidding For The Purchase Of A Dodge Ram Truck From Superior Dodge Of Siloam Springs, Arkansas For Use By The City Of Rogers Parks Department

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

adopted.

(Agenda Item #3.)

ORD. #23-02 Adopting Changes To The Schedule Of Uses Promulgated By The Rogers Planning Commission In 2022

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 Community Development Director John McCurdy.

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.)

ORD. #23-03 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From R-DP To NBT (Adame – E. Spring St.)

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 Community Development Director John McCurdy.

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. #23-04 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From R-SF To U-NBT (Coello – 1210 S. 45th St.)

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 Community Development Director John McCurdy.

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 #6.)

RES. R23-02 Waiving Competitive Bidding For The Purchase Of Thirteen Vehicles From Superior Chevrolet Of Siloam Springs, Arkansas For Use By The City Of Rogers Police Department

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 Rogers Police Chief Jonathan Best.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #7.)

RES. R23-03 Designating An Electronic Bidding Service Vendor And Website For Public Works Projects And Renovation Of Historic Sites For Calendar Year 2023

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

Townzen, chair of Public Works Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

No questions from the council.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #23-05 Accepting The Final Plat Of Pinnacle Village, Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas

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

Hayes, bonds have been posted and everything approved? Jobe, yes this is correct.

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. R23-04 Amending The 2023 Budget To Appropriate \$70,000.00 From Street Fund Reserves Into Account #200-25-70268 Professional Services For The

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

Reithemeyer, we’ve talked a long time about the bond money coming out of the Pleasant Grove Rd. project

Design, Materials, And Construction
Costs Of A Temporary Traffic Signal
At The Intersection Of Highway 112
And Pleasant Grove Road

and the difficulty of managing the city road which intersects with the county road 112.

McCurdy, started coordinating with ARDOT in 2015 and we have to receive approval from ARDOT for any changes. There was a roundabout we were approved for originally was then revoked and ARDOT said they would tear it down. We then said we could erect a signal and at that point ran into the bureaucratic issue of ARDOT saying no signal can be in an intersection without having evidence for the need. Therefore we did open the intersection and have received the go ahead from ARDOT it is necessary for a signal to be in this specific intersection.

Reithemeyer, really appreciate the quick follow up and work to make this a safer intersection.

Kruger, appreciate the work but is it possible to do the engineering work in house?

McCurdy, this has to go through a full ARDOT review and it must be designed by a traffic engineer within ARDOT. Grateful they have turned this around very quickly for us.

Legere, is this a temporary fix or long term?

McCurdy, this is a temporary fix but could be there for a long time until ARDOT gets the work done on 112 which could be years.

Legere, understand not wanting to put a timeframe on getting the signal up but do you have a rough idea?

McCurdy, Frankie has a lot of things in place already and we could have it up and working within a few weeks. Also this is a project the city is funding to take responsibility for making safety the top priority on a state road and we have received little to no assistance from the state.

Brashear, what is our street fund reserve?

Wilhelm, it is around \$7 million at the end of 2022.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kruger, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor