

MINUTES – February 28, 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, February 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Rev. James Kjorlaug of the First Methodist Church provided an invocation.

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, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Andrea Brinton, Airport Supervisor David Krutsch, Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Police Chief Jonathan Best, Financial Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, Adult Wellness Center Director Lesli Ossenfort, Staff Attorney Bailey Crossett, RWU Supervisor Brent Dobler, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

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Motion by Townzen, second by Kendall to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 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.)

RES. R23-25 Amending The 2023 Budget To Appropriate General Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$171,780.00 Into Account #100-18-70268 Professional

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

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recognized Director of Planning Department John McCurdy.

Kruger, is the costing for planning or construction contracts?

McCurdy, following through on completed construction contracts.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution. One abstain – Kruger.

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

(Agenda Item #2.)

RES. R23-26 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Contract For The Purchase Of A Virtual Reality Training System From Govred Technology, Inc. Of Las Vegas, Nevada For Use By The Rogers Police Department; Waiving Competitive Bidding

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 Police Chief Jonathan Best.

Kruger, can you describe some of the scenarios available?

Best, the technology is so that you are capable of viewing over 35,000 virtually real world scenarios.

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

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

(Agenda Item #3.)

ORD. #23-09 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From N-R To NBT – 507, 509, and 613 S. 7th 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 recognized Director of Planning Shawn Grindstaff.

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.)

ORD. #23-10 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From R-O To RMF-12B; Accepting The Density Concept Plan – 1639 N.

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

Legere, chair of Community Environment & Welfare

Arkansas Street

Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Director of Planning Shawn Grindstaff.

Kruger, talk about the set backs.

Grindstaff, I’ll divert to McCurdy.

McCurdy, the rear set backs at the back of the building were built out of compliance but the development is using the current building footprint.

Reithemeyer, appreciate the developers vision to reuse an existing structure and revitalize the space for current functional use.

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:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brashear, applauds the Mayor on the State of the City address and all the great accomplishments all departments within the City of Rogers have completed this past year.

Reithemeyer, reiterate Brashear comments and grateful to live in the thriving city of Rogers.

Kruger, again reiterate comments made and appreciate all the departments heads.

Kruger, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor