

MINUTES – March 14, 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, March 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Brenda Wideman of the First Methodist Church provided an invocation.

Melcenia Sojka, resident at 1002 N. Cardinal Ave. Concerns regarding the constant and long term use of a generator at a neighboring home and the sound nuisance is has been creating.

Rachel Chapko, resident at 1918 S. 15th Street. Appreciates the council listening and connecting with departments to assist in acting on concerns regarding food insecurities and local gardening. New concern regarding online prowling and awareness being the first step in the process of knowledge and looking for opportunities to help locals not be directly affected.

ROLL CALL:

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

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, 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:

February 28, 2023

Motion by Townzen, second by Reithemeyer to approve the minutes of the February 28, 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, bundling items #2-4.

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

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1.)

RES. R23-27 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into An Agreement With Local Food Strategies, LLC Of Fayetteville, Arkansas For Planning And Promotional Services For The Rogers Local Food Market

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 Music & Events Coordinator Justin Pounds.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #2.)

RES. R23-28 Authorizing The City Of Rogers IT Department To Dispose Of Certain Property

The resolution 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 Director of IT Ryan Breese.

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.)

RES. R23-29 Authorizing The Destruction Of Certain Records Of The City Of Rogers’ Legal Department

The resolution 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 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.

(Agenda Item #4.)

RES. R23-30 Authorizing The Destruction Of
Certain Records Of The City Of
Rogers' Finance Department

The resolution 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 Director of Finance Casey
Wilhelm.

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 #5.)

RES. R23-31 Amending The 2023 Budget To
Appropriate \$250,000.00 From Street
Fund Reserves Into Account #200-16-
70935 Drainage Construction To
Purchase Box Culverts

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

Kruger, chair of Transportation Committee, reported
the committee had met, recommended to "Do pass"
and recognized Street Superintendent Frankie Gyll.

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 #6.)

ORD. #23-11 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-
675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands
From I-1 To I-A – 600 S. 1st Street

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 Director of
Planning John McCurdy and project representative.

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.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Appointment of Kraig Pomrenke to the A & P Commission; term to expire November 01, 2026.

Motion by Kruger, second by Hayes to approve.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. The appointment is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor