

MINUTES – May 23, 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, May 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Msgr. David LeSieur, Pastor of the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church provided an invocation.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Financial Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, Community Development Director Shawn Grindstaff, Parks & Recreation Director Jim White, Streets Superintendent Frankie Gyll, City Engineer Lance Jobe, HR Director Thomas Dunlap, Recycling Center Superintendent Jarold Haley, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

May 09, 2023

Motion by Townzen, second by Wolf to approve the minutes of the May 09, 2023 as presented.
Voice vote: Yes, unanimous. **Motion carried.**

May 15, 2023

Motion by Townzen, second by Wolf to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 as presented.
Voice vote: Yes, unanimous. **Motion carried.**

May 16, 2023

Motion by Hayes, second by Wolf to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 as presented.
Voice vote: Yes, unanimous. **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 and bundling items #2-4.
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1.)

RES. R23-45 Amending The 2023 Budget To

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

Appropriate \$131,400.00 From Street Fund Reserves Into Account #200-16-70935 Drainage Construction For The Purchase Of Box Culverts

Townzen, acting chair of Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Streets Superintendent Frankie Gyll.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #2.)

RES. R23-46 Authorizing The City Of Rogers To Utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program Funds For Highway 94 Sidewalk Improvements Phase II (Addition Of Sidewalks On The East Side Of North 8th Street Between West Walnut Street And West Easy Street, Rogers, Arkansas)

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

Townzen, acting chair of Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized City Engineer Lance Jobe.

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 #3.)

RES. R23-47 Authorizing The City Of Rogers To Utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program Funds For Highway 12 Sidewalk Improvements (Addition Of Sidewalks On The West Side Of North 2nd Street Between West Olive Street And West Hudson Road, Rogers, Arkansas)

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

Townzen, acting chair of Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized City Engineer Lance Jobe.

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 #4.)

RES. R23-48 Authorizing The City Of Rogers To Utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program Funds For Hudson Road Sidewalk Improvements Phase II (Addition Of Sidewalks On The North Side Of West Hudson Road Between North 26th Street And North Water Tower Road, Rogers, Arkansas)

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

Townzen, acting chair of Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized City Engineer Lance Jobe.

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 #5.)

RES. R23-49 Amending The 2023 Budget To Recognize Settlement Proceeds In The Amount Of \$2,921.28 Into Account #100-68-49195 Insurance Reimbursement

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 Recycling Center Superintendent Jarold Haley.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #6.)

RES. R23-50 Amending The 2023 Budget To Appropriate \$37,500.00 From General Fund Reserves Into Account #100-68-70160 Equipment Maintenance For The Repair, Shipping, And Installation Of The Rogers Recycling Center’s Baler Equipment

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 Recycling Center Superintendent Jarold Haley.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #7.)

ORD. #23-16 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From C-2 To I-1 (Northbridge Realty; NE corner of N. 8th Street and W. Roselawn Drive)

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 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.***

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

(Agenda Item #1.)

Declaration of vacancy in Ward IV, Position II

Motion by Hayes, second by Wolf to approve.

All in favor; vacancy is declared.

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Legere, appreciate the staff and Mayor for the transparency and availability of notifying the public of the updated ward maps and open position.

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 6.43pm second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor