

MINUTES – August 22, 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, August 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Rev. Robert Haynes with The Joppa House of Prayer provided an invocation.

Samantha McClellan, Rogers resident. Landscape architect and small business owner. Spraying promethean the entire city from east to west from the spring to the first frost. Steven Hedges, with ARDOT and they make no recommendations to do so.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, Community Development Director John McCurdy, Police Chief Jonathan Best, Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Deputy Chief BJ Hyde, Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Financial Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, Engineering Administrator Jeff Williams, 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 Wolf to approve the minutes of the August 08, 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.
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #23-33 Declaring A Nuisance Structure On Certain Property Located In Rogers, Arkansas; Ordering The Razing And Removal Of Said Structure at 1108 W. Walnut

The ordinance 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 representative and Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek and Deputy Chief BJ Hyde.

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 #2.)

RES. R23-76 Scheduling A Public Hearing To Determine A Nuisance Structure On Certain Property Located In Rogers, Arkansas at 711 E. Hilltop Drive

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 Deputy Chief BJ Hyde.

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. R23-77 Authorizing The City Of Rogers IT Department To Dispose Of Certain Property

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

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 Brashear, second by Legere to adopt the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #4.)

RES. R23-78 Amending The 2023 Budget To Appropriate \$16,666.25 From General Fund Reserves Into Account #100-09-70258 Support Agreements For The Purchase Of ECIVIS Grant Management Software

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 Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Townzen to adopt

the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #5.)

RES. R23-79 Amending The 2023 Budget To Appropriate \$39,491.00 From General Fund Reserves Into Account #100-09-70258 Support Agreements For ESRI GIS Geospatial Strategy Study

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 Community Development Director John McCurdy.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #6.)

RES. R23-80 Amending The 2023 Budget To Recognize Funds From The U.S. Department Of Homeland Security Assistance To Firefighters Grant Program In An Amount Up To \$141,545.45 Into Account #100-04-45110 Federal Revenue; Appropriating That Same Amount Into Account #100-04-80201 Capital Grant Expense; Appropriating \$14,154.55 From General Fund Reserves Into Account #100-04-80201 Capital Grant Expense

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 Fire Chief Tom Jenkins.

No questions from the council.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brashear, request for Resource & Policy Committee to readdress the process for street closure notification to the public.

Surly, the Transportation Committee approved 3 street closure requests – Bikes, Blues, & BBQ (contingency for possible vendor & motor vehicle parking on Elm St. and motorcycle parking only to take affect after 5pm.), LPGA Race, and

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:49pm second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor