

MINUTES – October 24, 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, October 24, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC HEARING:

No comments.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Robert Haynes of The Joppa House provided an invocation.

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, City Engineer Lance Jobe, Finance Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, Grants Coordinator Jennifer Turner, Parks & Recreation Director Quinton Harris, Police Chief Jonathan Best, Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Human Resources Director Thomas Dunlap, Deputy BJ Hyde, 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 October 10, 2023 as presented.
Voice vote: Yes -unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Approves the suspending of rules for the meeting.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Brashear to suspend the rules to consider all items on the agenda on a single reading combining items #4 & #5.
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1.)

RES. R23-94 Scheduling A Public Hearing To Determine A Nuisance Structure On Certain Property Located In Rogers, Arkansas (1211 N. 2nd St.)

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 BJ Hyde.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #2.)

RES. R23-95 Scheduling A Public Hearing To Determine A Nuisance Structure On Certain Property Located In Rogers, Arkansas (1230 N. D St.)

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 BJ Hyde.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #3.)

ORD. #23-41 Authorizing The City Clerk To File A Clean-Up Lien For The Removal Of Overgrown Weeds And Debris On Property Located Within The City Of Rogers, Arkansas (803 N. 12th St.)

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 Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

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. #23-42 Vacating A Certain Portion Of East Chestnut Street

The ordinance 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 Community Development Director John McCurdy.

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 #5.)

ORD. #23-43 Vacating Of A Certain Portion Of East Chestnut Street

The ordinance 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 Community Development Director John McCurdy.

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 #6.)

RES. R23-96 Amending The 2023 Budget To Appropriate \$1,155,821.00 From American Rescue Fund Reserves Into Account #348-48-73321 Sewer Infrastructure For The Purchase Of A Portion Of Sludge Drying 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 Grants Coordinator Jennifer Turner and RWU Superintendent Brent Dobler.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #7.)

RES. R23-97 Certifying Local Government Endorsement Of Business To Participate In The Equity Investment Incentive (As Authorized By Ark. Code Ann. § 15-4-3303(A)(2)(B)(Iii) Of The Equity Investment Incentive Act Of 2007)

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 Rogers/Lowell Chamber of Commerce Steve Cox.

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 #8.)

ORD. #23-44 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From A-1 To C-2 (1101 & 1103 W. Hudson - Longman)

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 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 #9.)

ORD. #23-45 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From A-1 And C-2 To C-2 (E. Old Prairie Creek Rd – Williams)

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 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.***

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor, Upskill program updates are fantastic and happy to support such a great cause.

Uptown overpass to have a dedication on November

09, 2023.

Welcome the Mayor Youth Academy participants who have joined tonight for the council meeting.

Brashear, lots of street projects going on around town and appreciate the efforts to notify the public.

Legere, applaud the youth participants for getting involved in local government and engaging in the opportunity to work with and within the community.

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor