

MINUTES – December 12, 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, December 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Steve Carr with Grace Reform Church 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, Finance Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, Grants Coordinator Jennifer Turner, Deputy Chief BJ Hyde, Police Chief Jonathan Best, Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Streets Superintendent Frankie Gyll, Parks & Recreation Director Quinton Harris, Human Resources Director Thomas Dunlap, Planning Commissioner Mandel Samuels, 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 November 28, 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.)

RES. R23-106 Scheduling A Public Hearing To Determine A Nuisance Structure On Certain Property Located In Rogers, Arkansas (415 N. 14th Street)

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 #2.)

RES. R23-107 Scheduling A Public Hearing To Determine A Nuisance Structure On Certain Property Located In Rogers, Arkansas (1300 N. D Street)

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 Hayes, second by Legere to adopt the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #3.)

NEW BUSINESS:

RES. R23-108 Amending The 2023 Budget To Appropriate \$1,300,000.00 From CMRS Fund Reserves Into Account #352-52-80100 Capital Expenditures For The Purchase Of A Geo Redundant Prime Site That Is Needed For The Rogers Police Department’s Radio System

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.

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 #4.)

RES. R23-109 Amending The 2023 Budget To Recognize Settlement Proceeds In The Amount Of \$16,512.58 Into Account #100-68-49195 Insurance Reimbursement; Appropriating That Same Amount Into Account #100-04-70165 Vehicle Maintenance

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 Surly to adopt the resolution.

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

adopted.

(Agenda Item #5.)

- RES. R23-110** Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Contract With NWA Entertainment, LLC In The Amount Of \$40,000.00 For The City's 2024 Fourth Of July Fireworks Display
- 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 Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.
- No questions from the council.
- Motion by Hayes, second by Brashear to adopt the resolution.
- Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #6.)

- ORD. #23-53** Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From RMF-8A And C-2 To RMF-8A-CU, And C2-CU, Accepting The Density Concept Plan
- 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.***

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Motion by Hayes, 2nd by Reithemeyer to break into executive session. Hayes, no action taken on the personnel discussion.

The reappointment of Brice Wagner to the Rogers Public Library Board of Trustees; term to expire December 31, 2028.

Motion by Reithemeyer, 2nd by Wolf to reappoint
Brice Wagner to the Library Board of Trustees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hines, wishes everyone a safe and happy
holiday season.

Hayes, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm
second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor