

MINUTES – January 09, 2024

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, January 09, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Chris Deitsch with Cross Church provided an invocation.

Kory Reed, resident at 520 W. Pecan Street. Not in support of the Downtown Rogers comprehensive growth map overlay for NBT.

Bob Meean, resident of Rogers. Concerned with the ballards at 1st Street & Poplar.

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, Interim Fire Chief BJ Hyde, Parks & Recreation Director Quinton Harris, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

December 12, 2023

Motion by Townzen, second by Wolf to approve the minutes of the December 12, 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. R24-01 Expressing The Willingness Of The City Of Rogers To Utilize State Aid Street Monies For The New Hope Road Overlay

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

Surly, chair of Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass”

and recognized Community Development Director John McCurdy.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #2.)

RES. R24-02 Designating An Electronic Bidding Service Vendor And Website For Public Works Projects And Renovation Of Historic Sites For Calendar Year 2024

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

Townzen, chair of Public Works Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #3.)

RES. R24-03 Waiving Competitive Bidding For The Purchase Of Three Chevrolet Vehicles For Use By The Rogers Fire Department

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 Interim Fire 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 #4.)

RES. R24-04 Committing \$3,189,970.00 From General Fund Unrestricted Reserves To General Fund Local Fire Pension Committed Reserves

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 Wolf to adopt the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #5.)

ORD. #24-01 Amending Chapter 14, Section 715
– Downtown Rogers Development
Code Of The City Of Rogers Code
Of Ordinances

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 “No Recommendation” and recognized Community Development Director John McCurdy.

No questions from the council.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”
Roll call: Wolf, Kendall, Brashear, Legere, Surly, Reithemeyer – Yes. Townzen, Hayes – No. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”
Roll call: Wolf, Kendall, Brashear, Legere, Surly, Reithemeyer – Yes. Townzen, Hayes – No. ***The emergency clause is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #6.)

ORD. #24-02 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-
675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands
From N-R To NBT (511 W Pecan –
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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 “No Recommendation” and recognized Community Development Director John McCurdy.

Reithemeyer to recuse from this item.

No questions from the council.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”
Roll call: Wolf, Kendall, Brashear, Legere, Surly– Yes. Townzen, Hayes – No. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”
Roll call: Wolf, Kendall, Brashear, Legere, Surly– Yes. Townzen, Hayes – No. ***The***

emergency clause is adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #24-03 Accepting The Final Plat Of The Village At Pinnacle Hills, Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas, The Dedication Of Utility Easements And Other Public Ways Therein (The Village at Pinnacle Hills)

The ordinance was introduced by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

No questions from the council.

The Mayor asked, "Shall the ordinance pass?"
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

The Mayor asked, "Shall the emergency clause pass?"

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The emergency clause is adopted.***

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor