

MINUTES – February 13, 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, February 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC HEARING:

No comments.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, Community Development Director John McCurdy, Finance Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, Fire Chief BJ Hyde, Police Chief Jonathan Best, RWU Superintendent Brent Dobler, Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Airport Manager David Krutsch, Parks & Recreation Director Quinton Harris, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

January 23, 2024

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024 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, bundling items #2-8. Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #24-04 Authorizing The Construction Of Betterments And Improvements To The Sewer System Of The City Of Rogers, Arkansas; Authorizing The Issuance Of A Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2024 For The Purpose Of Financing All Or A Portion Of The

The ordinance was introduced by Brashear and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Brashear, acting chair of Public Works Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “No Recommendation” and recognized RWU Superintendent and Attorney Taylor Marshall.

Cost Thereof-; Providing For The Payment Of The Principal And Interest On The Bond; Prescribing Other Matters Relating Thereto

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.***

(Agenda Item #2.)

RES. R24-11 Amending The 2024 Budget To Recognize Grant Proceeds In The Amount Of \$2,653,299.00; Appropriating Said Grant Proceeds And Airport Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$3,008,219.00 Into Various Accounts

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 Hayes, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #3.)

RES. R24-12 Amending The 2024 Budget To Appropriate American Rescue Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$1,446,711.00 Into Various Accounts

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 Hayes, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #4.)

RES. R24-13 Amending The 2024 Budget To Recognize Grant Proceeds In The Amount Of \$364,693.00; Appropriating Said Grant Proceeds And CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$364,693.00 Into Various Accounts

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 Hayes, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #5.)

RES. R24-14 Amending The 2024 Budget To Appropriate CMRS 911 Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$1,347,361.00 Into Various Accounts

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 Hayes, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #6.)

RES. R24-15 Amending The 2024 Budget To Appropriate Court Automation Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$81,807.00 Into Account #338-38-70251 Court Automation 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 Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

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 #7.)

RES. R24-16 Amending The 2024 Budget To Recognize Grant Proceeds In The Amount Of \$58,564.00; Appropriating Said Grant Proceeds And General Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$23,825,722.00 Into Various Accounts

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 Hayes, second by Wolf to adopt the

resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #8.)

RES. R24-17 Amending The 2024 Budget To Appropriate Street Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$3,325,861.00 Into Various Accounts

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 Hayes, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #9.)

RES. R24-18 Amending The City Of Rogers 2023 Budget To Appropriate General Fund Reserves, Street Fund Reserves, And Health Insurance Fund Reserves To Various Accounts

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 Hayes, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #10.)

ORD. #24-05 Amending Chapter 14, Article V - Subdivisions, Section 14-554 - Lot, Tract Or Parcel Size Of The Rogers City Code

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 “Do Pass” and recognized Community Development Director Joe Rexwinkle.

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.***

(Agenda Item #11.)

ORD. #24-06 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From I-1 To IA (Johnson - 1203 S. 3rd St)

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 "Do Pass" and recognized Community Development Director Joe Rexwinkle.

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.***

(Agenda Item #12.)

ORD. #24-07 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From RMF-6.5A To RMF-6.5A-CU; Accepting The Density Concept Plan (Bellview - 4030 W. West 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 "Do Pass" and recognized Community Development Director Joe Rexwinkle.

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.***

(Agenda Item #13.)

ORD. #24-08 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From A-1 To N-R; Accepting The Density Concept Plan (Taylor - 2460 S. 26th Street)

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 "Do Pass" and recognized Community Development Director Joe Rexwinkle.

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.***

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

Appointment of Brahm Driver to The Rogers Airport Commission with a Term to Expire on February 13, 2029.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf. All in favor – approved.

Appointment of Christian Saavedra to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a Term to Expire on February 13, 2029.

Motion by Hayes, second by Reithemeyer. All in favor – approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brashear, thanks to LRS for providing a quarterly report and launching the interactive text platform to the citizens of Rogers.

Mayor, congratulations to Chief BJ Hyde for accepting the position of Rogers Fire Department Chief.

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

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor