

MINUTES – March 26, 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, March 26, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Monseigneur David LeSieur of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church provided an invocation.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, Fire Chief BJ Hyde, RWU Superintendent Brent Dobler, RWU Amber Owen, Parks & Recreation Director Quentin Harris, Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Finance Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, , Human Resources Director Thomas Dunlap, 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 Surly to approve the minutes of the March 12, 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.

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #24-13 Amending Chapter 54, Utilities, Article VI, Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Rogers

The ordinance 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 Amber Owen with RWU.

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. R24-24 Accepting An Offer Of Settlement In Benton County Circuit Court Case Number 04cv-23-1298, City Of Rogers V. Arco Excavation, ET AL

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 Surly to adopt the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #3.)

ORD. #24-14 Authorizing The City Clerk To File A Clean-Up Lien For The Removal Of A Nuisance Structure At 1230 N. D Street Located Within The City Of Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas

The ordinance 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.

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 #4.)

ORD. #24-15 Calling For The Simultaneous Detachment And Annexation Of Land Currently Located In Cave Springs, Benton County, Arkansas

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 Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

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 Greg Jackson to the Rogers Museum Commission with a Term to Expire on March 26, 2027.

Motion by Hayes, second by Wolf. Unanimous approve. ***Appointed.***

Reappointment of Emery Davis to the Museum Commission with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2026.

Motion by Kendall, second by Wolf. Unanimous approve. ***Appointed.***

Reappointment of John Ford to the Rogers Museum Commission with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2026.

Motion by Townzen, second by Surly. Unanimous approve. ***Appointed.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor