

MINUTES – June 11, 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, June 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Sandy Warmack of the Ministerial Alliance and Nicole's House provided an invocation.

Rachel Chapko, resident at 1901 S. 15th Street. Proud citizen of Rogers and grateful for all the city has done to start recovery after the disaster of the tornado. Thankful for the leadership and community.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, RWU Superintendent Brent Dobler, Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Finance Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, Human Resources Director Thomas Dunlap, Police Chief Jonathan Best, Community Development Director John McCurdy, Parks & Recreation Wendy Jones, Community Development Director Joe Rexwinkle, Parks & Recreation Director Quinton Harris, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

May 28, 2024

Motion by Townzen, second by Wolf to approve the minutes of the May 28, 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.)

RES. R24-40 Amending The 2024 Budget To Appropriate Funds In The Amount Of \$8,500,000.00 From General Fund Reserves 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 Reithemeyer, second by Wolf to adopt the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #2.)

RES. R24-41 Amending The 2024 Budget To Appropriate General Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$50,000.00 Into Account #100-18-70335 Planning 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 Wolf, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #3.)

RES. R24-42 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Contract For The Purchase Of Accutab Blue Water Solution From Walden Chemical, Inc. Of Little Rock, Arkansas For Use By The Rogers Parks Department; Waiving Competitive Bidding

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

Hayes, acting chair of Community Services Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended “no recommendation” due to a lack of quorum and recognized Parks & Recreation Director Quinton Harris and Wendy Jones.

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 #4.)

ORD. #24-26 Authorizing The Mayor To Issue Temporary Use Permits To Businesses Needing To Relocate To A Temporary Facility As A Result Of The Memorial Day Tornado

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 Community Development Director John McCurdy.

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 #5.)

ORD. #24-26 Amending Rogers Code
Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning
Certain Lands From C2-Cu
And Ro-Cu To Rmf-32.5b;
Accepting The Density Concept
Plan (Hamilton)

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

Hayes, acting 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 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:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor, FEMA will be present at City Hall on Saturday
06/15 for community members to get help on tornado
recovery.

Townzen, a huge thanks to SWEPCO for all their hard
work getting power back to residents.

Hayes, great work for all parties helping in the tornado recovery process.

Wolf, big thanks for being Rogers!

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor