

MINUTES – August 27, 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, August 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Brian Cook, resident at 5903 W. Willow. Not in favor of the Barrington Place rezone before council tonight. Expressed concerns the planning commission did not address the locally affected residents requests for more information.

Chris Latimer, resident at 2053 W. Garrett. Stated the Northwest Arkansas journal reported a lack of residents feelings of being heard by the city leadership.

Rachel Westlake, resident in Rocky Creek neighborhood. Unfavorable of the rezone before council this evening. Concerned with the logistics for cars, bikes, and walkability in this area. Feels the planning commission failed to serve the people.

Bill Caulfield, resident in Rocky Creek neighborhood. Against the rezone before the council tonight, bad image for the city.

Paul Yates, guy on Dotson Road with all the people walking through his yard due to the lack of sidewalks on Dotson Road. Unfavorable words towards the leadership in the city of Rogers.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, RWU Superintendent Brent Dobler, Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Finance Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, Facilities Manager David Hook, 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 August 13, 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. R24-67 Authorizing The City Of Rogers To Declare Certain Real Property As Surplus; Authorizing The City To Dispose Of Surplus Property Through A Public Auction

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

Hayes, chair of Resources & Policy Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Brashear , second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #2.)

RES. R24-68 Authorizing The Rate Of Property Tax For The City Of Rogers For The Year 2024 To Be Collected In 2025

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 Mayor Greg Hines.

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 #3.)

RES. R24-69 Amending The 2024 Budget To Recognize State Trauma System Grant Funds In The Amount Of \$16,633.00 Into Account #100-04-45305 State Revenue; Appropriating \$6,633.00 From Account #100-04-45305 State Revenue Into Account #100-04-70105 Medical Supplies; Appropriating \$10,000.00 From Account #100-04-45305 State Revenue Into Account #100-04-70005 Continuing Education

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 BJ Hyde.

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.)

ORD. #24-36 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From A-1 To RMF Accepting The Density Concept Plan (Barrington)

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.

McCurdy, apologies to the residents of the city if they have not received a response due to being of commission for the last 2 weeks with a severe illness.

Oak Street improvements are to help with the congestion on Dotson Road. The last bond was intended to progress logistical needs on Dotson Road. Working with the developer on this rezone request to make the safety and walkability of this area a top priority and will move quickly if the rezone is approved and work can begin.

No questions from the council.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reithemeyer, Dotson Road is a tough project and expressing up most respect for McCurdy and this team.

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm second by Brashear.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor