

MINUTES – October 22, 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, October 22, 2024 at 6:32 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Pastor Eddie Davis with Freewill Baptist Church & Benton County Chaplain provided an invocation.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Deputy Chief Vanetta, Community Development Director McCurdy, City Planner Rexwinkle, Fire Chief Hyde, Parks & Recreation Director Harris, RWU Superintendent Brant Dobler, RWU Controller Sigmon, Finance Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, Finance Administrator Jennifer Turner, Constituent Services Liaison Kay Ricker, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

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Motion by Townzen, second by Surly to approve the minutes of the October 08, 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. R24-80 Scheduling A Public Hearing To Determine A Nuisance Structure On Certain Property Located In Rogers, Arkansas – 718 DN. 2nd Street

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 Fire Deputy Chief Vanetta.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #2.)

RES. R24-81 Scheduling A Public Hearing To Determine A Nuisance Structure On Certain Property Located In Rogers, Arkansas – 2325 W. Walnut

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 Fire Deputy Chief Vanetta.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #3.)

RES. R24-82 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Great Southern Bank Of Springfield, Missouri, For Certain Space Located At 2522 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Suite 100, Rogers, Arkansas For Use By The Arts And Culture Department

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 Parks & Recreation Director Harris.

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. R24-83 Authorizing The Mayor And City

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and

Clerk To Enter Into An Agreement With Superior Automotive Group Of Siloam Springs, Arkansas For The Purchase Of A 2024 Chevrolet Crew Cab Truck For Use By The Rogers Fire Department; Amending The 2024 Budget To Appropriate \$35,035.00 From General Fund Reserves Into Account #100-02-80100 Capital Expenditures; Waiving Competitive Bidding

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 Deputy Chief Vanetta.

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 #5.)

ORD. #24-37 Amending The Uniform Development Code Found In The City Of Rogers Code Of Ordinances

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

Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized City Planner 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 #6.)

RES. R24-84 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into An Agreement With Pattern Zones Co. Of Fayetteville, Arkansas For Services Related To A Pre-Approved Building Program; Waiving

The resolution 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 McCurdy.

Competitive Bidding

Brashear, will these home plans be available to all Rogers residents? McCurdy, yes.

Reithemeyer, who pays for the services? McCurdy, the city of Rogers.

Surly, is this in the budget? McCurdy, yes. It is a 3 year contract for \$50,000.

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

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

(Agenda Item #7.)

ORD. #24-38 Amending The City Of Rogers Uniform Development Code Section 1.4.3 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From T4.1 To T4.2 (321 E. Locust Street, Nola's Pantry)

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 City Planner 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 #8.)

ORD. #24-39 Amending The City Of Rogers Uniform Development Code Section 1.4.3 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From T4.1 To

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

T4.2 (1203 W. New Hope
Road, Variety Insurance)

Hayes, acting chair of Community Environment
& Welfare Committee, reported the committee
had met, recommended to “Do pass” and
recognized City Planner 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.***

APPOINTMENTS:

The appointment of Jene Huffman-Gilreath to the
water utilities commission; term expires April 08,
2030. Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Brashear.
Confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor, introduces the Mayor Youth Academy and
welcomes them to the opportunity to learn more about
their community.

Brashear, commends the Fire department & RWU for
the positive and swift response at the Marck Recycling
fire. Other council members echo the gratitude.

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm
second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor