

MINUTES – December 10, 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, December 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor presented annual service awards by department.

Pastor Rachel Crest of Grace Oakley Chapel provided an invocation.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Fire Chief BJ Hyde, Human Resources Director Thomas Dunlap, Community Development Director McCurdy, City Planner Rexwinkle, RWU Superintendent Brent Dobler, Financial Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, Parks & Recreation Director Quinton Harris, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

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Motion by Townzen, second by Brashear to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2024 as presented. Voice vote: Yes -unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Approves the suspending of rules for the meeting.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Brashear 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-__ Amending The 2024 Budget To Appropriate \$330,000.00 From

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

Street Fund Reserves Into
Account #200-25-70308
Engineering Expense For
Roundabout Design

Townzen, chair of Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized City Engineer Lance Jobe.

Council concerned with abundant traffic at this particular intersection and asked to have more time to review.

Mayor, concerns being brought to the attention of the staff would be helpful prior to the council meetings.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Townzen to table the resolution indefinitely.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is tabled.***

RES. R24-96 Amending The 2024 Budget To Appropriate \$66,100.41 From General Fund Reserves Into Account #100-04-70015 Uniform Expense; Appropriating \$25,126.44 From General Fund Reserves Into Account #100-04-70610 Fire Hose For The Replacement Of Equipment Destroyed By The Marck Industries Fire

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 Hyde.

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 #3.)

RES. R24-97 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Contract For The Purchase Of An Autonomous Lawn Mower From Right Choice Outdoor Products, LLC Of Siloam Springs, Arkansas For Use By The

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 Director of Parks & Recreation

Rogers Parks Department; Waiving Competitive Bidding; Amending The 2024 Budget To Appropriate \$25,000.00 From Account #100-08-70155 Buildings And Grounds Into Account #100-08-80100.005 Capital Expenditures

Quinton Harris.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #4.)

RES. R24-98 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With The Arkansas Department Of Public Safety; Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into An Agreement With Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. Of Jefferson City, Missouri; Waiving Competitive Bidding For This Purchase; Amending The 2024 Budget To Recognize Grant Funds In The Amount Of \$75,000.00 Into Account #100-03-45305 State Revenue; Appropriating That Same Amount Into Account #100-03-70864 Public Safety Equipment Grant

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 Police Chief Best.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #5.)

ORD. #24-50 Amending The City Of Rogers Unified Development Code Section 1.4.3 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From T5.2 To HC

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 Nicholas Little.

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:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #24-__ Declaring A Nuisance Structure
And Ordering The Razing And
Removal Of Said Structure Within
The City Of Rogers, Arkansas,
Located At 718 N. 2nd Street
(Java Dudes)

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

Senior staff attorney John Pesek asks the council
to deny the Ordinance.

No questions from the council.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the Ordinance pass?”
Roll call: Unanimous- No. ***The ordinance is declined.***

APPOINTMENTS:

The appointment of Kevin Jensen to the Planning
Commission; term to expire December 10, 2030.

Motion by Hayes, second by Townzen to approve.

The appointment of Ezequiel Tovar to the Planning
Commission; term to expire December 10, 2030.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Kendall to
approve.

The appointment of Issac Stevens to the Planning
Commission; term to expire December 10, 2030.

Motion by Townzen, second by Reithemeyer to
approve.

The appointment of Ryan Neal to the Parks &
Recreation Commission; term to expire December 10,
2029.

Motion by Hayes, second by Reithemeyer to approve.

The appointment of Cyndall Hill to the Library Board
of Trustees; term to expire December 10, 2029.

Motion by Brashear, second by Reithemeyer to
approve.

The appointment of Paul Herrera to the Historic
District Commission; term to expire December 10,
2027.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Brashear to
approve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor, great attendance and participation in the Christmas parade. There was an opportunity seen for the suggestion of the closure for 1st Street parking to be in conjunction with the success of the parade next year.

Hayes, keeping Marge Wolf in our prayers.

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm second by Kendall.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor