

MINUTES – February 11, 2025

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, February 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Deputy Chief Vanetta, property is in the process of submitting plans for rebuilding.

Bryon Copeland, 425 W. Walnut representative in favor of continuing in on reparation of the building.

Deputy Chief Vanetta, property is in the process of being demolished and debris removed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor, honoring the service of John Schmelze on the Rogers Planning Commission and Mandel Samuels on the Rogers Board of Adjusters and Planning Commission provided to the city over the years.

Monsignor LeSeur of the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church provided an invocation.

Stephanie Funk, resident of Rogers. Thank you to the Rogers city administration and Police & Fire Chiefs for their assistance in getting negative rhetoric removed from Rogers residents personal property.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Fire Chief BJ Hyde, Human Resources Director Thomas Dunlap, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, Records Administrator Jennifer Moore, and Mayor's Executive Assistant Lesley Fry.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

January 28, 2025

Motion by Townzen, second by Wolf to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025 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. #25-03 Declaring A Nuisance Structure And Ordering The Razing And Removal Of Said Structure Within The City Of Rogers, Arkansas, Located At 425 W. Walnut Street

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 Deputy Chief John Vanetta.

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.)

ORD. #25-04 Declaring A Nuisance Structure And Ordering The Razing And Removal Of Said Structure Within The City Of Rogers, Arkansas, Located At 1231 W. Walnut Street

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 Deputy Chief John Vanetta.

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 #3.)

RES. R25-24 Amending The 2025 Budget To Appropriate \$14,169,056.00 From Street Infrastructure Reserves Into Various Accounts For Capital Improvements Street Projects

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

Kendall, chair of Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do Pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from council.

Motion by Hayes, second by Minor to approve the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #4.)

RES. R25-25 Authorizing The Use Of Funds From The 2022 Bond General Account For Street Improvements

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 council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #5.)

RES. R25-26 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into An Agreement With McLarty Daniel Ford Of Bentonville, Arkansas; Waiving Competitive Bidding For 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”

Purchase Of A 2024 Ford Explorer
For Use By The City's
Administration; Authorizing The
Disposal Of A 2009 Toyota Camry

and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #6.)

RES. R25-27 Authorizing The Mayor And City
Clerk To Enter Into An Agreement
With Superior Automotive Group
Of Siloam Springs, Arkansas;
Waiving Competitive Bidding For
The Purchase Of Two Chevrolet
Vehicles For Use By The Rogers
Fire 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 Fire Chief BJ Hyde.

No questions from council.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reithemeyer, big thanks to Stephanie Funk for
peacefully resolving a residential issue revolving
around a political indifference.

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm
second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor