

MINUTES – January 28, 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, January 28, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

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

Luke Hafrone, resident of Rogers. Question regarding immigration procedures in the City of Rogers. The Rogers Police department shared there are currently no active/open cases regarding immigration status.

Mayor, in response to questions. We are a partner with state and local law enforcement agencies. We have always had the working policy to provide resources for safety with working agencies.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Fire Chief BJ Hyde, Human Resources Director Thomas Dunlap, City Engineer Lance Jobe, Community Development Director McCurdy, City Planner Rexwinkle, RWU Superintendent Brent Dobler, Financial Administrator Jennifer Slingsby and Jennifer Turner, Parks & Recreation Direction Quinton Harris, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, Records Administrator Jennifer Moore, and Mayor's Executive Assistant Lesley Fry.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

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Motion by Townzen, second by Wolf to approve the minutes of the January 14, 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 bundling items #5 through #13. Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. **Motion carried.**

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING
COMMITTEES:**

(Agenda Item #1.)

RES. R25-10 Adopting A Conflict Of Interest
Policy For The City Of Rogers,
Arkansas

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 council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #2.)

RES. R25-11 Scheduling A Public Hearing To
Determine A Nuisance Structure
On Certain Property Located In
Rogers, Arkansas

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 Deputy Chief John Vanetta.

No questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #3.)

RES. R25-__ Scheduling A Public Hearing To
Determine A Nuisance Structure On
Certain Property Located In Rogers,
Arkansas

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 “Deny” and
recognized Deputy Chief John Vanetta.

No questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #4.)

RES. R25-12 Amending The 2025 Budget To Recognize Funds From The Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant In The Amount Of \$29,736.00 Into Account #100-03-45633 Edward Byrne Federal Grant Revenue 2024; Appropriating That Same Amount Into Account #100-03-71207 Edward Byrne Grant Federal Expense 2024

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 Jonathan Best.

No questions from council.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf 5to adopt the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #5.)

RES. R25-13 Amending The 2025 Budget To Recognize Grant Proceeds In The Amount Of \$2,171,379.00; Appropriating Said Grant Proceeds And Airport Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$2,740,842.00 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 Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #6.)

RES. R25-14 Amending The 2025 Budget To

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer

Appropriate American Rescue
Fund Reserves In The Amount Of
\$1,349,656.00 Into Various
Accounts

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 Finance
Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #7.)

RES. R25-15 Amending The 2025 Budget To
Recognize CDBG (Community
Development Block Grant)
Proceeds In The Amount Of
\$483,887.00; Appropriating Said
Grant Proceeds 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 Director of Finance
Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #8.)

RES. R25-16 Amending The 2025 Budget To
Appropriate CMRS 911 Fund
Reserves In The Amount Of
\$191,451.00 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 Director of Finance

Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #9.)

RES. R25-17 Amending The 2025 Budget To Appropriate Court Automation Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$47,250.00 Into Account #338-38-70251 Court Automation 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 Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #10.)

RES. R25-18 Amending The 2025 Budget To Recognize Grant Proceeds In The Amount Of \$118,589.00; Appropriating Said Grant Proceeds And General Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$15,696,588.00 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 Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #11.)

RES. R25-19 Amending The 2025 Budget To Appropriate FEMA Grant Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$16,200,680.00 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 Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #12.)

RES. R25-20 Amending The 2025 Budget To Appropriate Street Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$4,669,426.00 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 Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #13.)

RES. R25-21 Amending The City Of Rogers' 2024 Budget To Appropriate General Fund Reserves To 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 Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm.

No questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #14.)

RES. R25-22 Amending The 2025 Budget To Recognize Funds From The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant ("CPRG") In The Amount Of \$7,077,292.00 Into Account #100-18-45201 Federal CPRG Grant Revenue; Appropriating That Same Amount Into Account #100-18-75201 Federal CPRG Grant 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 City Engineer Lance Jobe.

No questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #15.)

RES. R25-23 Amending The 2025 Budget To Recognize Insurance Reimbursements In The Amount Of \$35,671.14 Into Account #100-04-49195 Insurance Reimbursement; Appropriating That Same Amount From Account #100-04-49195 Insurance Reimbursement Into Account

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.

#100-04-70165 Vehicle
Maintenance

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hayes, pray for the county and come together as a
nation to move forward.

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm
second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor