

MINUTES – February 25, 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 25, 2025 at 6:38 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC HEARING:

An Ordinance Declaring A Nuisance Structure And Ordering The Razing And Removal Of Said Structure Within The City Of Rogers, Arkansas, Located At 1233 W. Walnut Street.

No comments.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Carol Morales with Upskill NWA presented enrollee updates and accomplishments to the council.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, Finance Director Casey Wilhelm, Police Chief Jonathon Best, Fire Chief BJ Hyde, Airport Manager David Krutsch, Deputy Chief John Vanetta, Human Resources Director Thomas Dunlap, 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 Surly to approve the minutes of the February 11, 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. #25-05 Declaring A Nuisance Structure And Ordering The Razing And Removal Of Said Structure Within The City Of Rogers, Arkansas, Located At 1233 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.)

RES. R25-28 Amending The 2025 Budget; Appropriating \$235,750.00 From Airport Fund Reserves Into Account #315-15-81148 Westside Taxilane Phase 1; Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Contract Amendment With Garver, LLC, Of North Little Rock, Arkansas, For Design And Bid Phase Engineering Services For Construction Of An Aircraft Taxilane At The Rogers Executive Airport - FI004E

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

Surly, acting chair of Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Airport Manager David Krutsch.

No questions from council.

Motion by Hayes, second by Minor to adopt the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #3.)

RES. R25-29 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Right-Of-Way And Utility Easement Agreement With Black Hills Energy Arkansas, Inc.

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

Minor, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do Pass” and recognized Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

No questions from council.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #25-__ Accepting The Final Plat For The Gaffigan Family Trust Property, Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas; The Dedication Of Utility Easements And Other Public Ways Therein

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek requested to table the Ordinance.

No questions from the council.

Motion by Hayes, second by Minor to table the Ordinance.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The ordinance is tabled.***

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reithemeyer, big thanks to the street department and first responders for their incredible work during the snow storm. Great efforts by David Krutsch and the airport to be open at 8am on Wednesday.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor