

MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in regular session via virtual meeting space ZOOM on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:31 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Robert Haynes of The Joppa House provided an invocation.

Bruce Skylar, resident of Rogers echoes concerns over the Oak Street Expansion after his wife addressed the council at the previous meeting. Issues include concerns regarding wildlife, school zones, and property values.

ROLL CALL:

Mark Kruger, Betsy Reithemeyer, Marge Wolf, Gary Townzen, Clay Kendall, Barney Hayes, Mandy Brashear, and April Legere were present.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

1. April 27, 2021

Motion by Townzen, second by Kruger to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to suspend the rules to consider all items on the agenda on a single reading and by title only.

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. The suspension of rules is approved.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. ORD. Re: Waiving Competitive Bidding For The Purchase Of Tasers And Associated Equipment And Warranties From Axon Enterprise, Inc. Of Scottsdale, Arizona

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 Representative Interim Rogers Police Chief Best.

No questions from the council.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. The ordinance is adopted.

2. RES. Re: Amending The City Of Rogers' 2021 Budget To Appropriate \$47,000.00 From General Fund Reserves Into Account #100-18-70494 Arts And Culture - Butterfield Stage Operations

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 Community Development Director John McCurdy.

No questions from the council.

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

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

3. RES. Re: Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With The Walton Family Foundation To Receive Up To \$4,850,000.00; Amending The 2021 Budget To Recognize Grant Funds In The Amount Of \$4,850,000.00 Into Account #200-16-45600 Grants And Donations; Appropriating That Same Amount Into Expense Account #200-16-85051 Poplar/13th Street Improvement-Construction

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 Community Development Director John McCurdy.

Kruger, has concerns regarding traffic flow on 13th Street. McCurdy responds, connection to Greenway a positive and better drainage options.

Motion to table by Kruger, no second.

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

Voice vote: 7 – Yes, Kruger, Reithemeyer, Wolf, Kendall, Hayes, Brashear, Legere. 1- No, Townzen. The resolution is adopted.

4. RES. Re: Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Lease Extension Agreement With The Recon Group, Inc. Of Rogers, Arkansas, For Certain Space Located At The Rogers Street Department Building

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

Kruger, chair of Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to "Do pass" and recognized Staff Attorney John Pesek.

No questions from the council.

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

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

5. Re: Appeal of Conditional Use Permit Denial – Cross Development/ Caliber Collision
The appeal was introduced by Legere and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Legere, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “No recommendation” and recognized Representative Bill Watkins.

Watkins, discusses and describes to the council the developers plan with building and property images for the Caliber Collision Center.

Wolf, concerned this isn't the same information the Planning Commission reviewed.

Reithemeyer, motion to send back to Planning Commission. Kendall, seconds the motion.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. Send the request back to the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kruger, the Transportation Committee approved a street closure request on Elm Street for May 16th.

Mayor, there will be an ordinance on the next city council agenda to address the mask expiration.

No comment from council.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Mayor