

MINUTES –July 22, 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, July 22, 2025 at 6:33 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A Public Hearing Concerning A Proposed Sewer Rate Increase
No comments.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Rogers resident concerns regarding Risk Reduction and Community Development obstacles which hold residents from resolving concerns/issues.

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, RWU Superintendent Brent Dobler, RWU Controller Jered Sigmon, Police Chief Jonathan Best, Fire Chief BJ Hyde, Community Development Director John McCurdy, Community Development Director Joe Rexwinkle, Facilities Superintendent David Hook, Grants Coordinator Jennifer Turner, 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 July 08, 2025 as presented.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. **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, tabling ORD. #6 till the next council meeting on August 12, 2025. Roll call: Unanimous – Yes.
Motion carried.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #25-36 Amending Section 54-108, Section 54-109, And Section 54-111 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Rogers, Arkansas; Establishing A New Water Rate Schedule; Repealing Section 54-113 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Rogers, Arkansas

The ordinance was introduced by Townzen and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Townzen, chair of Public Works Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do Pass” and recognized RWU Superintendent Brent Dobler.

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. #25-37 Amending Section 54-205 And Section 54-206 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Rogers, Arkansas; Establishing A New Sewer Rate Schedule; Repealing Section 54-212 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Rogers, Arkansas

The ordinance was introduced by Townzen and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Townzen, chair of Public Works Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do Pass” and recognized RWU Superintendent Brent Dobler.

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.)

ORD. #25-38 Amending Section 54-112 And Section 54-211 Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Rogers, Arkansas; Adjusting The Schedule Of Development Impact Fees For Water Service; Adjusting The Schedule Of Development Impact Fees For Sewer Service

The ordinance was introduced by Townzen and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Townzen, chair of Public Works Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do Pass” and recognized RWU Superintendent Brent Dobler.

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 #4.)

RES. R25-70 Amending The 2025 Budget To Appropriate Funds In The Amount Of \$4,780,258.00 From General Fund Reserves Into Fund 349 FEMA Grant Fund And Various Accounts

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do Pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm and Facilities Superintendent David Hook.

FEMA & insurance update – total loss to the city from the 2024 tornado is \$40 million. The assistance from FEMA & insurance will cover roughly \$30 million, costing the city \$10 million.

Reithemeyer, what is expected to be put into reserves? Wilhelm, we are expecting \$50 million in 2025.

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

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

(Agenda Item #5.)

RES. R25-71 Amending The 2025 Budget To Appropriate \$16,575,000.00 From General Fund Reserves Into Various Accounts For Various Capital Improvement Projects

The resolution was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do Pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm and Facilities Superintendent David Hook.

No question from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #6.)

ORD. #25-__ Creating A Restricted Reserves Fund For The City Of Rogers; Codifying The Restrictive Reserve Fund Under Chapter 2, Division 4 Of The Code Of Ordinances

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(Agenda Item #7.)

RES. R25-72 Amending The 2025 Budget To Recognize A Donation From The David H. Stiegler Revocable Trust To The Rogers Police Department In The Amount Of \$10,000.00 Into Account #100-03-45600 Grants And Donations; Appropriating That Same Amount Into Account #100-03-70715 K-9 Expense

The resolution was introduced by Wolf and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Wolf, chair of Public Safety Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do Pass” and recognized Police Chief Jonathan Best.

No question from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #8.)

ORD. #25-39 Repealing Chapter 14, Section 715 Of The City Of Rogers Code Of Ordinances; Repealing The Downtown Neighborhood Transition Zoning Designation

The ordinance was introduced by Minor and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Minor, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do Pass” and recognized Community Development Director Joe Rexwinkle.

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:

NEW BUSINESS:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #25-40 Accepting An Easement Plat Of Honeysuckle Lane Trailer Maintenance Shop, Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas; The Dedication Of Easements And Other Public Ways Therein

The ordinance was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Recognized Community Development Director Joe Rexwinkle.

Council members would like to receive the final plat for review prior to council meetings.

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.***

APPOINTMENTS:

The appointment of Derek Burnett, Hannah Cicioni, Ed McClure, Ezequiel Tovar, and Jorge Andrade to the Historic District Commission; replacing all current members. Terms to expire July 22, 2028.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf to approve the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The appointments are approved.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm second by Minor.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor