MINUTES –June 24, 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, June 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek presented FOIA updates & review.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, Police Chief Jonathan Best, RWU Superintendent Brent Dobler, CDBG Coordinator Donna Johnston, Community Development Director Joe Rexwinkle, Grant Coordinator Jennifer Turner, and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

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Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 as presented. Voice vote: Reithemeyer, Wolf, Towznen, Hayes, Kendall, Surly, and Minor – Yes. Brashear – Abstain. ***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.)

RES. R25-54 Scheduling A Public Hearing Concerning A Proposed Sewer Rate Increase

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

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

No question from the council.

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

(Agenda Item #2.)

RES. R25-55 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into An Agreement With Axon Enterprise, Inc. Of Scottsdale, Arizona For The Purchase Of Body Worn Cameras And Associated Services

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 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 #3.)

RES. R25-56 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With The Kelly And Steuart Walton Fund To Receive $28,000.00 For The City's Annual Tree Giveaway

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

Brashear, chair of Community Services Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to "Do Pass" and recognized Assistant Director of Arts, Nature, and Culture Shawn Grindstaff.

No question from the council.

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

(Agenda Item #4.)

RES. R25-57 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With Black Hills Energy To Receive $20,000.00 For The Planting Of Trees

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

Brashear, chair of Community Services Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to "Do Pass" and recognized Assistant Director of Arts, Nature, and Culture Shawn Grindstaff.

No question from the council.

Motion by Brashear, second by Surly to approve the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #5.)

RES. R25-58 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Accept A 2025 Community Development Block Grant In The Amount Of $529,688.00

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 CDBG Coordinator Donna Johnston.

No question from the council.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf to approve the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #6.)

RES. R25-59 Expressing The Willingness Of The City Of Rogers To Apply For The Safer Grant Program To Utilize Federal Aid Funds From The Department Of Homeland Security For The Purpose Of Providing Additional Personnel To 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 question from the council.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Wolf to approve the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #7.)

RES. R25-60 Scheduling A Public Hearing Concerning The Vacation Of A Portion Of South B Street; Directing Notice Of The Hearing

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 question from the council.

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

(Agenda Item #8.)

ORD. #25-31 Amending The City Of Rogers Unified Development Code Section 1.4.3 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From T4.1 To T4.2 (Maple Grove)

The ordinance 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 Community Development Director Joe Rewinkle.

Surly, are there lift station issues? Rexwinkle, don't have an exact answer but RWU is reviewing.

Reithemeyer, concerned with the density and the dangerous round about in the area.

The Mayor asked, "Shall the Ordinance pass?" Roll call: Wolf, Towznen, Hayes, Kendall, Surly, Brashear, and Minor - Yes. Reithemeyer – No. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

The Mayor asked, "Shall the emergency clause pass?" Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The emergency clause is adopted.***

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u>

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #25-32 Accepting An Easement Plat Of Walnut Commons, Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas; The Dedication Of Easements And Other Public Ways Therein

The ordinance was introduced by Minor and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield and recognized Community Development Director Joe Rewinkle.

Reithemeyer, first time seeing this and questioned if it had been through Planning Commission. Rexwinkle, not required – multi use development.

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. #25-33 Accepting An Easement Plat Of Assembled Products Corporation, Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas

The ordinance was introduced by Minor and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield and recognized Community Development Director Joe Rewinkle.

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. #25-34 Accepting An Easement Plat Of Dodson Pointe, Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas

The ordinance was introduced by Minor and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield and recognized Community Development Director Joe Rewinkle.

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.***

APPOINTMENTS:

The reappointment of Kathy McClure to the Water Utilities Commission; term to expire June 24, 2033.

Motion by Hayes, second by Wolf to approve the appointment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ATTEST: **APPROVED:**

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor