

MINUTES –May 13, 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, May 13, 2025 at 6:30 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 506 N. 5th Street.

Mike Stolz, resident of property in question, asking the city for time to keep the process moving forward and actively working to get the debris removed.

An Ordinance Declaring A Nuisance Structure And Ordering The Razing And Removal Of Said Structure Within The City Of Rogers, Arkansas, Located At 419 W. Persimmon Street.

No comment.

An Ordinance Declaring A Nuisance Structure And Ordering The Razing And Removal Of Said Structure Within The City Of Rogers, Arkansas, Located At 910 W. Persimmon Street.

No comment.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Peggy Arend, Benton County Jail Chaplain, provided an invocation.

Ian Hansen, resident of Bloomfield neighborhood and POA President, opposing the Olympus rezone request.

Scott Bowman, resident of Bloomfield neighborhood, opposing the Olympus rezone request.

Matt Wibby, resident of Bloomfield neighborhood, opposing the Olympus rezone request.

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Senior Staff Attorney John Pesek, Community Development Director John McCurdy, Community Development Director Joe Rexwinkle, Parks & Recreation Director Quinton Harris, Police Chief Russ Allen, Fire Deputy John Vanetta, Public Relations Manager Peter Masonis, and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

April 22, 2025

Approves the suspending of rules for the meeting.

Motion by Townzen, second by Reithemeyer to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025 as presented.

Voice vote: Yes -Reithemeyer, Wolf, Townzen, Hayes, Kendall, Surly, Brashear. Abstain – Minor. **Motion carried.**

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. #25-20 Declaring A Nuisance Structure And Ordering The Razing And Removal Of Said Structure Within The City Of Rogers, Arkansas, Located At 506 N. 5th 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 Fire Deputy John Vanetta.

Vanetta, appreciate the owners willingness to work with the city to get the property cleared.

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-__ Declaring A Nuisance Structure And Ordering The Razing And Removal

The ordinance was introduced by Wolf and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Of Said Structure Within The City Of Rogers, Arkansas, Located At 419 W. Persimmon Street

Wolf, chair of Public Safety Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Deny” and recognized Fire Deputy John Vanetta.

No questions from the council.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the Ordinance pass?” Roll call: Townzen, Hayes, Kendall - Yes. Brashear, Surly, Minor, Reithemeyer, Wolf – No. ***The ordinance is denied.***

(Agenda Item #3.)

ORD. #25-21 Declaring A Nuisance Structure And Ordering The Razing And Removal Of Said Structure Within The City Of Rogers, Arkansas, Located At 910 W. Persimmon 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 Fire Deputy John Vanetta.

No question 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. R25-46 Amending The 2025 Budget To Appropriate \$40,000.00 From CMRS Fund Reserves Into Account #352-52-70210 Furnishings For The Purchase Of Items To Be Used By The Rogers Police Department

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 questions from council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #5.)

RES. R25-47 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into An Encroachment And Usage Agreement With C. White's Jewelry, LLC And HBIC, LLC Both Of Rogers, Arkansas For The Property Located At 316 South 1st Street In Rogers, Arkansas

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

Kendall, chair of Transportation 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 Surly to approve the resolution.

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

(Agenda Item #6.)

RES. R25-47 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Contract With All Service Electric Inc. Of Hot Springs, Arkansas For The Installation Of A New Pedestrian Crossing Signal At The Intersection Of 5th Street And Walnut Street In An Amount Not To Exceed \$91,940.25; Waiving Competitive Bidding

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

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

No question from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #7.)

RES. R25-48 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Contract Amendment With WFTR Productions Of Tulsa, Oklahoma For Event Programming At The Mt. Hebron Prairie View Center In An Amount Not To Exceed \$45,100.00; Waiving Bidding

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 Parks & Recreation Director Quinton Harris.

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 #8.)

RES. R25-49 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With The Walton Family Foundation To Receive \$187,020.00; Amending The 2025 Budget To Recognize Grant Funds In The Amount Of \$187,020.00 Into Account #100-10-45203 Historic Preservation WFF 00112821; Appropriating The Same Amount From Account #100-10-45203 Historic Preservation WFF 00112821 Into Various Expense Accounts

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 Museum Director Serena Barnett.

Wolf, is there a dollar match? Barnett, no match from the city.

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

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

(Agenda Item #9.)

ORD. #25-22 Amending The City Of Rogers Unified Development Code Section 1.4.3 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From T4.1 To T4.2 (La Creperie)

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 Rexwinkle.

No questions from 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 #10.)

ORD. #25-23 Amending The City Of Rogers Unified Development Code Section 1.4.3 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From T4.1 To T4.2 (Reyes)

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 Rexwinkle.

No questions from 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:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #25-__ Amending The City Of Rogers
Unified Development Code Section
1.4.3 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands
From T4.2 To T5.2 (Olympus)

The ordinance was introduced by Mayor Hines and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Representative Will Kellstrom addressed the council and provided a slideshow explanation of the development proposal.

Brashear, asked if the Bill of Assurance has been provided to the city by the developer? Pesek, yes it was delivered today.

Reithemeyer, calls to question.

Kellstrom, provides the council with a copy of the Bill of Assurance.

The Mayor asked, "Shall the Ordinance pass?" Roll call: Unanimous- No. ***The ordinance is denied.***

NEW BUSINESS:

(Agenda Item #1.)

ORD. #25-24 Accepting The Final Plat Of 1021 W.
Poplar Place, Rogers, Benton County,
Arkansas And The Dedication Of
Public Ways Therein

The ordinance was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

No questions from 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. #25-25 Accepting The Final Plat Of 3210 S. Blue Hill Road, 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 City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

No questions from 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. #25-25 Accepting The Final Plat Of Meadow Brooke Subdivision Phase 2, Rogers, Benton County, Arkansas; The Dedication Of Utility Easements And Other Public Ways Therein

The ordinance was introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

No questions from 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:

1. The appointment of Nigel Cossey to the A&P Commission; term expiring 11/01/2026.

Motion by Hayes to approve, second by Reithemeyer. Unanimous- Yes. ***The appointment is approved.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reithemeyer, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm second by Wolf.

ATTEST:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

C. Greg Hines, Mayor