

MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines. The Invocation was given by Jeremy Foster, Calvary Chapel of the Ozarks. Those in attendance were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no comments from anyone in the audience.

The Public Forum was declared closed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

City Attorney Andrew Hatfield, Staff Attorney John Pesek, Police Chief Hayes Minor, Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm, Parks and Recreation Director Jim White, Water Utilities Superintendent Brent Dobler, Water Utilities Shared Services Manager Jene Huffman, City Planner Ethan Hunter, Planning Commissioners: Eriks Zvers, Mandel Samuels, Assistant to the Mayor Carey Anderson, Lesli Ossenfort, and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

(February 11, 2020)

Motion by Townzen, second by Kruger to approve the minutes of February 25, 2020 as submitted.

Voice vote: Yes. ***Motion carried.***

Approves the suspending of rules for the 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. Also bundling items 6-10.

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***Motion carried.***

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1)

RES. R20-15 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Contract With JDHQ Hotels, LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company, For The Naming Rights To The Convention Center Located At 3303 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, Arkansas

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

Wolf, chair of Internal Affairs Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Mayor Greg Hines.

Mayor Hines communicated the collaboration between the City of Rogers and Mr. Cooper, General Manager of Embassy Suites and the Convention Center. The hotel management group reached out to the City of Rogers with the opportunity to the naming rights. Our research with Neilsen shows the return on investment and justification for moving forward with a contract.

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

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

(Agenda Item #2)

RES. R20-16 Adopting Updated Policies And Procedures Of 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 a “Do pass” and recognized Police Chief Minor.

Chief Minor addressed the council to convey this is the annual policy review required for accreditation. Updated some language and only procedure change was to missing persons investigation.

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

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

(Agenda Item #3)

ORD. #20-23 Amending Various Sections Of Chapter 2 Of The City Of Rogers Code Of Ordinances

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

Hayes, chair of the Resource & Policy Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Staff Attorney John Pesek.

Pesek stated that this Ordinance is for Chapter 2-171 to allow City Clerk duties to be deputized if the City Clerk is unavailable.

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. R20-17 Amending The 2020 Budget To Recognize Funds From The State Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant In The Amount Of \$23,000 In Account #100-03-45624 Project Safe Neighborhoods Revenue; Appropriating That Same Amount To Account #100-03-70996 Project Safe Neighborhoods Expense

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

Reithemeyer, chair of the Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Police Chief Minor.

Minor reported the grant is provided to cover overtime.

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

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

(Agenda Item #5)

RES. R20-18 Amending The 2020 Budget To Recognize Funds From The Bureau Of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant In The Amount Of \$23,433 In Account #100-03-45628 Edward Byrne Grant Revenue 2019; Appropriating That Same Amount To Expense Account #100-03-71202 Edward Byrne Grant Expense

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

Reithemeyer, chair of the Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Police Chief Minor.

Minor reported the annual grant this year will be used to cover training supplies.

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

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

(Agenda Item #6)

RES. R20-19 Amending The 2020 Budget To Appropriate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$387,244.00 To Various Accounts

(Agenda Item #7)

RES. R20-20 Amending The 2020 Budget To Appropriate Airport Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$322,473.00 To Various Accounts

(Agenda Item #8)

RES. R20-21 Amending The 2020 Budget To Recognize Grant Proceeds In The Amount Of \$1,956.00; Appropriating Said Grant Proceeds And General Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$1,921,159.00 To Various Accounts

(Agenda Item #9)

RES. R20-22 Amending The 2020 Budget To Recognize Grant Proceeds In The Amount Of \$340,000.00; Appropriating Said Grant Proceeds And Street Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$4,013,543.00 To Various Accounts

(Agenda Item #10)

RES. R20-23 Amending The 2020 Budget To Appropriate Court Automation Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$89,525.00 To Account #338-38-70251 Court Automation Expense

The resolutions were bundled and introduced by Reithemeyer and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, chair of the Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Finance Director Casey Wilhelm.

Wilhelm reported they evaluate each year projects that were started in the previous year and need appropriations to be carried over.

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

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

(Agenda Item #11)

ORD. #20-24 Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From R-DP To RMF-12B, Accepting The Density Concept Plan – Represented by Jason Ingalls

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

Carmichael, chair of the Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Jason Ingalls.

Ingalls, stated they are looking to build 12 units of townhomes on the property and opened it up to council for questions. Carmichael mentioned the staff recommended and Planning Commission approved and Community Development did approve the rezone.

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:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

APPOINTMENTS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

Kruger, the Transportation Committee meet and approved one street closing and one long term alley closing each of which will be made public.

There being no further business, motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor