

MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines. The Invocation was given by James Brownell of New Hope Assembly of God. Those in attendance were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Dave Hadsell, Chaplain for Rogers Police and Fire Departments, spoke in regard to storm damage, power and gas outages, clean up and the need for the City to inform citizens of the dangers and hazards associated with heating homes. He requested any information or print outs be sent to him for forwarding to the Rogers Ministerial Alliance for information sharing with the local churches. Hadsell thanked the city and council members.

There were no other 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 Clerk-Treasurer Peggy David, City Attorney Andrew Hatfield, Staff Attorney Bonnie Bridges, Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Battalion Fire Chief Cliff Thompson, Police Chief Hayes Minor, Water Utilities Superintendent Brent Dobler, Water Utilities Shared Services Manager Jene Huffman, Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm, Finance Administrator Jennifer Slingsby, Facilities Manager David Hook, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Andrea Brinton, City Planner Ethan Hunter, Airport Manager David Krutsch, Planning Commissioner Mandel Samuels, Mayor's Assistant Carey Hollis and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

(October 08, 2019)

Approves the suspending of rules for the meeting.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1)

ORD. #19-65 Waiving Competitive Bidding for the Purchase of an Omni-Alert Siren System for Use by the Rogers Police Department- Public Safety Committee

Motion by Townzen, second by Hayes to approve the minutes of October 8, 2019 as submitted. Kendall abstained.

Voice vote: 7 - Yes. ***Motion carried.***

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. ***Motion carried.***

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

Wolf, chair of the Public Safety Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Chief of Police Hayes Minor.

Chief Minor reported that the current storm warning system is nearing 25 years old, with some parts being older. Due to the age of the system, parts needed to repair the system are no longer available. Research began in February for repairs to the system and it was identified that SafetyCom will be able to keep with the same manufacturer while providing a more updated and robust system. SafetyCom will be able to utilize many components of the current system, most notably the poles and power supplies, which will result in cost savings.

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)

RES. #R19-82 Authorizing a Contract with SafetyCom, Inc., of Little Rock, AR to Purchase an Omni-Alert Siren System; Amending the 2019 Budget to Appropriate \$405,063 from General Fund Reserves into Acct. # 100-01-80100

The resolution was introduced by Councilmember Reithemeyer and read by title only by Hatfield.

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

Chief Minor explained that this request is for authorization for the funding of the siren system, from parts to installation, with an anticipated 90 day turnaround time once ordered. Hayes commented on importance of informing and educating the public to utilize advanced technology sources, such as Smart911, a free app that follows the user and their geographic location to provide relevant warnings, and citizens should also use the weather radios available. The storm siren systems are meant as an outdoor daytime warning and not designed to awaken someone in the middle of the night. Chief Minor and Chief Jenkins are preparing additional educational information to provide to the public.

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

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

(Agenda Item #3)

RES. #R19-83 Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for a Grant From the Arkansas Rural Development Commission for Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements at Rogers City Hall

The resolution was introduced by Councilmember Reithemeyer and read by title only by Hatfield.

Reithemeyer, reported the Finance Committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Facilities Manager David Hook.

Hook explained the need for sewer line repairs at City Hall. The grant would provide \$27,500 which is 100% of the cost required for the

replacement of the lining needed in the cast iron lines.

Mayor Hines noted that should the grant not be awarded, the matter will be brought before council for the necessary action and appropriation so that the City can make the repairs needed.

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

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

(Agenda Item #4)

RES. #R19-84 Authorizing the Purchase of Runway Deicing Equipment for the Rogers Executive Airport; Amending the 2019 Budget to Appropriate Airport Fund Reserves in the amount of \$63,267 to Acct. # 315-15-80100

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Kruger and read by title only by Hatfield.

Kruger, chair of the Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Airport Manager David Krutsch.

Krutsch reported that the matter has been discussed at the Airport Commission meetings over the past year. This would allow for adding liquid deicer capabilities to the current solid deicer. Currently the solid deicer is not always effective with light icing, freezing rain, or freezing drizzle. Having both products available in the winter will help with safety and keeping the airport operational.

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

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

(Agenda Item #5)

RES. #R19-85 Authorizing the Purchase of a Storage Tank for the Rogers Executive Airport to Hold Liquid Deicer; Amending the 2019 Budget to Appropriate Airport Fund Reserves in the amount of \$10,000 to Acct. # 315-15-80100.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Kruger and read by title only by Hatfield.

Kruger, chair of the Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended

a “Do pass” and again recognized Airport Manager David Krutsch.

Krutsch reported the tank is needed to hold the liquid deicer previously discussed.

The Mayor commented that this has been considered and discussed during the current budget process, and determined that the liquid deicer and tank are needed to be in place before 2020 budgeted funds would be available.

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

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

(Agenda Item #6)

ORD. #19-66 Rezone from R-SF and C-2 to R-SF, 1.65 ± Acres at 107 N. 30th Street (Benjamin Ryder) – Represented by Peter and Lan Vu

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Carmichael and read by title only by Hatfield.

Carmichael reported the Community Environment & Welfare Committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized the property owner’s representatives Peter and Lan Vu.

Vu stated that they are seeking to rezone from commercial to residential.

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:

(Agenda Item #1)

ORD. #19-67 Accepting the Final Plat of Savannah Estates

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Kruger and read by title only by Hatfield.

The Mayor reported that the Final Plat has been provided and staff has confirmed that all conditions have been met and have recommended acceptance. Mayor asked for any questions or comments.

Carmichael and the Mayor discussed concerns received regarding drainage issues in the nearby area. These concerns were provided to city staff for evaluation and monitoring. The Mayor reported that evaluation has been done and mitigation measures have been taken and will continue to be monitored.

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:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Mayor recognized City Clerk-Treasurer Peggy David for 35 years of service to the City and informed that a Retirement Reception will be held on November 7th at 4pm, at City Hall.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for first responders and city departments for their service and response during the storm event on 10/21/19.

There being no further business, motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Peggy David, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor