

MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines. The Invocation was given by Melissa Erhardt of Peace Lutheran Church. Those in attendance were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: To a Vacate a Portion of a Certain Alley

There were no comments from anyone in the audience.

The Public Hearing was declared closed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Matt Brooker, 409 S. 6th Street, commented that his property shares the alley access with Arkansas Arts Academy, which is the only way onto my property.

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 John Pesek, Battalion Fire Chief Cliff Thompson, Police Chief Hayes Minor, Water Utilities Superintendent Brent Dobler, Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm, City Planner Ethan Hunter, Recycling Manager Jerrold Haley and PR Specialist Ben Cline.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

(August 13, 2019)

Motion by Townzen, second by Brashear to approve the minutes of August 13, 2019 as submitted.

Voice vote: Unanimous - 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.

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

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1)

ORD. #19-55 Vacating an Alley

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

Kruger, chair of the Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized attorney Bill Watkins.

Watkins, representing Arkansas Arts Academy, stated this is a small utility easement that is under an existing building.

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. #R19-67 Amending the 2019 Budget to Recognize Funds from SWEPCO’s Arkansas Energy Efficiency Program in the Amount of \$8,889 into Acct. #100-68-49710; Appropriating \$11,113 to Acct. #100-68-70155

The resolution was introduced by 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 Recycling Manager Jerrold Haley.

Haley reported SWEPCO’S rebate for replacement to LED lighting at the Recycling Center was received. Installation was expected to be done by the city’s electrician, but due to his retirement, the installation was had to be hired out.

Motion by Reithemeyer, second by Kruger to adopt the resolution.
Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. *Motion carried.*

(Agenda Item #3)

RES. #R19-68 Amending the 2019 Budget to Appropriate General Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$30,000 to Acct. #100-01-70290; Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Amend the Existing Contract with the Rogers-Lowell Chamber Of Commerce Economic Development Corporation

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

Reithemeyer, reported the Finance Committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Rogers-Lowell Chamber of Commerce CEO Raymond Burns.

Burns explained this resolution will amend the existing contract with the city and create a position that will be dedicated to a complete count program for the 2020 Census which will affect turnback and future federal funds for the city.

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

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

(Agenda Item #4)

ORD. #19-56 Rezone from N-R to NBT, 0.32± Acres located at 1207 S. 4th Street (Ezra Phillips)

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

Carmichael, chair of the Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and again recognized attorney Bill Watkins, representing the rezoning applicant.

Watkins reported the rezoning would bring the property into compliance with the downtown redevelopment plan.

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.

There being no further business, motion by Kruger, second by Brashear to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Peggy David, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor