

## MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines. 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, Buddy Wright, Betsy Reithemeyer, Gary Townzen, Marge Wolf, Clay Kendall, Jerry Carmichael, and Barney Hayes.

### **OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

City Clerk-Treasurer Peggy David, City Attorney Andrew Hatfield, Senior Staff Attorney Jennifer Waymack, Water Utilities Superintendent Earl Rausch, Water Utilities Operations Manager Brent Dobler, Water Utilities Shared Services Manager Jené Huffman, Parks Superintendent Stan Weaver, Director of Parks & Recreation Jim White, Main Street Director Shay Bland, Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Police Chief Hayes Minor, Community Development Director John McCurdy, Public Relations Specialist Ben Cline, Museum Director John Burroughs and Assistant to the Mayor Carey Anderson.

### **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

(December 12, 2017)

Motion by Wright, second by Townzen to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017 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 by title only and on a single reading.

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

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:**

(Agenda Item #1)

**ORD. #18-01** Authorizing An Amendment to the City of Rogers Franchise Agreement with Inland Waste Solutions; To Approve a Fee Increase for Solid Waste Disposal that is Proportional to Cost Increases

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

Townzen, chair of the Public Works Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Kevin Gardner, General Manager of Inland Waste Solutions.

Gardner presented the price increase request which would be 4.8% which equals to an amount of 70¢ for a 96-gallon cart and 67¢ for the 64-gallon cart.

Councilman Kruger, as the senior member of the council, said that solid waste disposal has been an issue in the past and a 70¢ increase is a bargain.

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. #R18-01** Authorizing Temporary Provision of Water Service to a Carroll Electric Line Services Center Located Outside the City of Rogers Water Service Area

The resolution was introduced by Townzen and read by title by Hatfield.

Townzen reported the Public Works Committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Water Utilities Superintendent Earl Rausch.

Rausch explained that the State of Arkansas is currently paying for the water line that this facility would connect to. Springdale Water has requested that this temporary service be approved until Springdale can connect to it.

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

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

(Agenda Item #3)

**RES. #R18-02** Authorizing a Contract with NWA Entertainment, LLC in the Amount of \$35,000 for the City’s 2018 July Fourth Fireworks Display

The resolution was introduced by Wright and read by title by Hatfield.

Wright, chair of the Community Service Committee reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Staff Attorney Jennifer Waymack.

Waymack explained this contract is for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display and is the same terms and contract price as last year.

Hines said the fireworks display is in conjunction with the AMP and Walton Arts Center.

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

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

(Agenda Item #4)

**RES. #R18-03** Authorizing Certain Agreements Concerning the Garrett Road Project; Authorizing an Agreement with Crafton, Tull and Associates, Inc. of Rogers, AR for Professional Design Services, An Interlocal Agreement with Rogers Public Schools, and the Necessary Agreements for Acquisition Purposes

The resolution was introduced by Kruger read by title by Hatfield.

Kruger, chair of the Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Director of Community Development John McCurdy.

McCurdy said that the city has been working with Rogers Public Schools (RPS) for the construction of a new school on Garrett Road with RPS contracting with a construction management firm for the project. When the bids were received for the project they were above what had been projected and the city offered to take over the construction of Garrett

Road with the school paying a fee in lieu of street construction. This resolution will allow for a contract with Crafton, Tull and Assoc. for design services, for an Interlocal agreement with RPS and for land acquisition to complete the project.

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

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

(Agenda Item #5)

**RES. #R18-04** Amending the 2018 Budget to Appropriate \$720,000 from General Fund Reserves to Acct. #100-10-80122 to be Used for the Continued Construction of the Museum Expansion

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

Reithemeyer, chair of the Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do Pass” and recognized Museum Director John Burroughs.

Burroughs said the grant funds for the construction was awarded from the Walton Family Foundation in 2015 and received at the end of 2017. These funds need to be brought over into the 2018 budget so that Museum construction can continue.

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

(Agenda Item #1)

**RES. #R18-05** Authorizing a Contract with Main Street Rogers, Inc. for Promotional Services for the Year 2018

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

Shay Bland, Main Street Rogers Director, presented the approval of the contract.

Bland said the Main Street Rogers contract lists the events and will be embellished with other activities such as movie night, music and educational opportunities that will be utilizing the Farmers Market site and downtown businesses. Bland offered to provide a calendar of events to the council showing all of the events not just the large events, but the smaller events also.

Councilmember Reithemeyer said during the budget process there were conversations about what city funds are being used for and agreed that the calendar would provide more information.

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

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

**ADDED TO THE AGENDA:**

(Agenda Item #2)

**ORD. #18-02** Accepting the Final Plat of the District P.U.D., Phase 2C

The ordinance, which was added to the agenda and signed off by the Mayor and three councilmembers. was introduced by Kruger and read by title only by Hatfield.

Jay Young, representing the developer, requested the approval of the final plat.

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:**

Mayor Hines recommended the appointment of Ben Kaufman to the Board of Adjustment to fill the unexpired term of Derek Eckelhoff whose term will expire on March 11, 2019.

**Approves** the appointment of *Ben Kaufman* to the **Board of Adjustment** to fill the unexpired term of Derek Eckelhoff, term will expire on March 11, 2019.

**Approves** the reappointment of *Aaron Jackson* to the **Civil Service Commission**, with a new term to expire on April 1, 2023

**Approves** the reappointment of *Jerry Hiett* to the **Museum Commission**, term to expire on December 31, 2020.

**Approves** the reappointment of *Dani Madison* to the **Museum Commission**, term to expire on December 31, 2020.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There being no further business, motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to approve the appointment of Ben Kaufman as recommended.

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

Hines also recommended the reappointment of Aaron Jackson to the Civil Service Commission, with a new term to expire on April 1, 2023.

Motion by Hayes, second by Kruger to approve the reappointment of Aaron Jackson as recommended.

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

Hines recommended the reappointment of Jerry Hiett to the Museum Commission, term to expire on December 31, 2020.

Motion by Townzen, second by Kruger to approve the reappointment of Jerry Hiett as recommended.

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

Hines recommended the reappointment of Dani Madison to the Museum Commission, term to expire on December 31, 2020.

Motion by Kruger, second by Wright to approve the reappointment of Dani Madison as recommended.

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

Councilmember Kruger announced the Transportation Committee approved two temporary street closings for events scheduled later in the year.

**APPROVED:**

