

MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:31 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines. The Invocation was given by Shawn Willis of First Christian Church. Those in attendance were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PUBLIC FORUM:

Jeff Hatley of Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) gave Council an opportunity to board the newest transportation bus which has 1 fixed bus Route 54 looping Downtown & Uptown. Overall ridership was up 10% 2019 vs. 2018 but Rogers specific ridership was down in 2019. New ORT On Demand App has been live for a week and is showing great potential for ridership growth.

Orion Waste representative Kevin notified Council a waste audit is in the works and will be back to present at a later date. Brad Avery, VP of Business Development, expressed interest in hearing from Council on what Orion can do to better their working relationship.

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, Clay Kendall, Jerry Carmichael, Barney Hayes, Marge Wolf and Mandy Brashear were present.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

City Attorney Andrew Hatfield, City Clerk-Treasurer Jessica Rush, Staff Attorney Bonnie Bridges, Police Chief Hayes Minor, Deputy Fire Chief BJ Hyde, Battalion Fire Chief Cliff Thompson, Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm, Parks and Recreation Director Jim White, Chamber of Commerce President Raymond Burns, Water Utilities Superintendent Brent Dobler, Water Utilities Shared Services

Manager Jené Huffman-Gilreath ,Community Development Director John McCurdy, City Planner Ethan Hunter, Community Development Project Manager Jamie Kemp, Planning Commissioner Mandel Samuels, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Carey Anderson, Public Relations Specialist Hanna Lairy, Records Administrator Jennifer Moore

ACTION ON MINUTES:

(January 14, 2020)

Approves the suspending of rules for the meeting.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1)

ORD. #20-15 Adopting Changes To The Schedule OF Uses Promulgated By The Rogers Planning Commission Since April Of 2018; Amending Certain Provisions Related To The Schedule Of Uses

Motion by Townzen, second by Kruger to approve the minutes of January 14, 2020 as submitted.

Voice vote: 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 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 City Planner Ethan Hunter.

No questions for follow up 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 #2)

RES. R20-04 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Contract With Natural State Streams, LLC Of Little Rock, Arkansas, For Restoration Work Associated With The Pinnacle Hills Open Space Project Accepting The Lowest Qualified Bid For \$164910.00.

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

Brashear, chair of the Community Services Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Community Development Project Manager Jamie Kemp.

No questions for follow up from the Council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #3)

RES. R20-05 Authorizing A Contract With NWA Entertainment LLC In The Amount Of \$35,000 For The City’s 2020 July Fourth Fireworks Display

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

Brashear, chair of the Community Services Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Staff Attorney Bonnie Bridges.

No questions for follow up from the Council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #4)

RES. R20-06 Accepting The Lowest Qualified Bid For Towing Services; Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Contract With Roadside Services, Or Rogers, Arkansas, For Towing Services

The resolution was introduced by 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 Police Chief Hayes Minor.

No questions for follow up from the Council.

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

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

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

Hayes, chair of the Resources & Policy Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Staff Attorney Bonnie Bridges.

No questions for follow up from the Council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #5)

RES. R20-07 Authorizing The Destruction Of Certain Records Of The Rogers Legal Department

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

APPOINTMENTS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Motion by Kruger to keep Committee assignments as is for the 2020 fiscal year; second by Reithemeyer to approve the motion.

There being no further business, motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor