

MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:36 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines. The Invocation was given by Monsignor David Lesieur of St. Vincent de Paul.

PUBLIC HEARING:

512 S. Second Street – no comment
1115 W. Persimmon Street – no comment

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:

Staff Attorney John Pesek, City Attorney Andrew Hatfield, Director of Community Development John McCurdy, Water Utilities Superintendent Brent Dobler, Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm, Police Chief Hayes Minor, City Planner Ethan Hunter, Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, RFD Battalion Chief BJ Hyde, Planning Administrator Lori Ericson, Planning Commissioner Mandel Samuels, RWU Attorney Robert Frazier, Assistant to the Mayor Carey Anderson and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

(April 28, 2020)

Motion by Kendall, second by Wolf to approve the minutes of April 28, 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, excluding Item #3.

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

**REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING
COMMITTEES:**

(Agenda Item #1)

ORD. #20-40 Ordering The Razing And Removal Of A Certain Structure Within The City Of Rogers, Arkansas, Located At 512 South 2nd Street

The ordinance 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 Chief Hyde.

No questions 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)

ORD. #20-41 Ordering The Razing And Removal Of A Certain Structure Within The City Of Rogers, Arkansas, Located At 1115 West Persimmon Street

The ordinance 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 Chief Hyde.

No questions 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 #3)

ORD. #20- Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From C-2 To R-O

The ordinance is tabled.

(Agenda Item #4)

ORD. #20-42 Accepting The Annexation Of Certain Territory To The City Of Rogers; Approving The Schedule Of Services To Be Extended To Said Area; Assigning Such To Wards

The resolution 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 calls out in Section 4 of the ORD to zone as RDP as it comes in.

Kruger mentions the normal procedure for accepting in new property is to zone as is. He has no problem with this particular piece of property coming in as the requested zone.

Reithemeyer echoes the concern with setting a precedent that annexing property into a desired zone will eliminate the opportunity to notify neighboring properties of the requested zone.

Bill Watkins, representing the ordinance, commented the zoning requested RDP is aligned with adjacent properties. Open to suggestions in order to get the property annexed and then go to the Planning Commission for the desired zoning.

Mayor Hines comments on the City accepting county land is a process and will continue to change for better processing.

Kruger motions to amend the ordinance with the change of zone to R-SF, Reithemeyer second.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the amendment pass?”
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. *The amendment is adopted.*

No questions or comments regarding the remaining consideration of the ordinance.

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 #5)

RES.R20-38 Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With The Office Of Justice Programs At The United States Department Of Justice To Receive Up To \$75,500.00; Amending The 2020 Budget To Recognize Grant Funds In That Amount Into Account #100-03-45620 Federal Grant CESF; Appropriating The Same To Expense Account #100-03-70998 CESF Grant Expenses

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 Chief Minor.

No questions from the council.

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

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

None

None

None

Mayor provided Covid-19 updates and will not be opening the Rogers Aquatic Center at this time in line with the "Re-Opening Arkansas" program put forth by Governor Asa Hutchinson.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There being no further business, motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor