

## MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in regular session via virtual meeting space ZOOM on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Invocation was delivered by Dave Hadsell. Chaplain City Of Rogers PD FD And BCSO.

Sherri Holliday-Sklar, resident of Rogers, spoke of concerns regarding W. Oak Street Phase III and the negative impact the expansion would have on wildlife, disruption of bike trails, and pollution to the existing neighbors.

Hannah Cicioni, resident of Rogers, in favor of establishing an Entertainment District in Downtown Rogers and referenced the economic success it has provided to other cities within Arkansas.

Raymond Burns, President of the Rogers/Lowell Chamber of Commerce & resident of Rogers, in favor of establishing an Entertainment District in Downtown Rogers.

Julie Loose, resident of Rogers, concerns regarding the Entertainment District in Downtown Rogers; operating hours 7 days a week, business participation, stake holders received only 5 days to discuss.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Mark Kruger, Betsy Reithemeyer, Marge Wolf, Gary Townzen, Clay Kendall, Barney Hayes, Mandy Brashear, and April Legere were present.

### **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

1. April 13, 2021

Motion by Townzen, second by Wolf to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2021 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. The suspension of rules is approved.

### **REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. **RES. Re: Approving The 2021 Action Plan For The Use Of 2021 Community Development Block Grant Funds**

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

Hayes, chair of Resources & Policy Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Donna Johnston.

No questions from the council.

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

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

**2. ORD. Re: Establishing An Entertainment District To Be Known As The Railyard Entertainment District**

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

Brashear, chair of Community Services committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Director of Community Development John McCurdy.

No questions from the council.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”

Roll call: Kruger, Reithemeyer, Wolf, Kendall, Hayes, Brashear, Legere – Yes. Townznen - No.

The ordinance is adopted, 7-1.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”

Roll call: Kruger, Reithemeyer, Wolf, Kendall, Hayes, Brashear, Legere – Yes. Townznen - No.

The emergency clause is adopted, 7-1.

**3. ORD. Re: Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From A-1 To N-R (Cobblestone)**

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

Legere, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Representative Burke Larkin.

No questions from the council.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. The ordinance is adopted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor, continue to encourage the community to get your vaccine. Thank you to Chief Hayes Minor for all your service and participation to the City of Rogers. Congrats on a new milestone!

All council members express immense appreciation and gratefulness to Chief Minor and wish him all the best.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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City Clerk

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Mayor