

MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in *special session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building and via virtual meeting space ZOOM on Monday July 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines.

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, Staff Attorney Bonnie Bridges, City Attorney Andrew Hatfield, Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Police Chief Hayes Minor, Assistant to the Mayor Carey Anderson and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

(Agenda Item #1)

ORD. #20-54. By The City Of Rogers, Arkansas Regarding The Use Of Masks In Relation To The Covid-19 Pandemic

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

Pesek, mirrored the Ordinance provided by the municipal league.

Brashear, related to Section 2 of the Ordinance; law enforcement acting as a supportive role only. Mayor, agreed this is the correct interpretation of the Ordinance.

Further explanation from the Mayor includes educating the public the wearing of mask is a decision of each business owner.

Reithemeyer, asks of the Mayor if there is cooperation and work with Walmart Inc. Mayor said he had been in contact with both store and upper level management regarding the wearing of masks in their facilities. Confirming there is compliance on the business level.

Carmichael, notes the Ordinance states following ADH guidelines and those have been communicated as recommendations. Is the intent to require masks and all businesses are held to that standard? Mayor, yes that is the

intent. Pesek, the Ordinance is intended to move the mask wearing to retail environments and comply with the guidelines and recommendations from the ADH.

Mayor, businesses are looking for some coverage and guidance displayed for customers to comply. Carmichael, we are taking away the individual's right to make the choice to wear a mask. Mayor, we are in a position where people are assaulting others and their rights to move through life in a healthy environment.

Brashear, asks about schools. Mayor, the Department of Health and Department of Education will present those guidelines.

Wolf, how does this affect outdoor labor force? Mayor, expect businesses to handle as the City of Rogers Arkansas has; if workers are outdoors, fine to not wear a mask. If all piled in a work truck, expected to wear a mask.

Kruger, hesitates to pass an Ordinance with so many questions but this is an Ordinance to encourage people to make good decisions. Supports it and will call to question.

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*.

There being no further business, motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor