

## MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building and via virtual meeting space ZOOM on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines. Invocation by Steven Carr of Grace Reform Church NWA.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

Notice Of The Razing And Removal Of A Nuisance Structure Located At 1801 West Wood Street. No comments.

### PUBLIC FORUM:

None

### 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 Bonnie Bridges, City Attorney Andrew Hatfield, Director of Community Development John McCurdy, Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Water Utilities Superintendent Brent Dobler, Director of Finance Casey Wilhelm, Judge Griffin, Director of Parks & Recreation Jim White, Police Chief Hayes Minor, City Planner Ethan Hunter, Planning Commissioner Mandel Samuels, Public Relations Shanda Hunter, Assistant to the Mayor Carey Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator Peter Masonis, and Records Administrator Jennifer Moore.

### ACTION ON MINUTES:

(September 22, 2020)

Mayor, motion to correct the September 22, minutes the public hearing for the vacation of alley way at Walnut & Maple will actually be October 27, 2020.

Motion by Townzen, second by Reithemeyer to approve the minutes of September 22, 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.

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

## **REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING**

### **COMMITTEES:**

(Agenda Item #1)

**ORD. #20-85.** Ordering The Razing And Removal Of A Nuisance Structure Located Within The City Of Rogers, Arkansas, At 1801 West Wood 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 to “Do pass” and recognized Chief BJ Hyde.

Hyde, comments the property owner has 30 days to right the property and has been notified.

No questions from the council.

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

(Agenda Item #2)

**RES. R20-79.** Authorizing The Redemption Prior To Maturity Of The City Of Rogers, Arkansas Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2010

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

Townzen, chair of Public Works Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Brent Dobler.

Dobler, 2010 RWU issued \$3.3 million sewer revenue bonds with 20 year maturity and are eligible optional early redemption in 2020. Early redemption was planned and approved by the commission.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #3)

**ORD. #20-86.** Waiving Competitive Bidding For The Repair Of The Rogers Aquatic Center’s Filtration System By Walden Chemical D/B/A Blue Water Pools Of Little Rock, Arkansas

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 Jim White.

White, budgeted item and have delayed the work from spring until now.

No questions from the council.

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

(Agenda Item #4)

**RES. R20-80.** Amending The 2020 Budget To Recognize Funds From The Edward Byrne Grant In The Amount Of \$22,210.00 Into Account #100-03-45629 Edward Byrne Grant Revenue 2020

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

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Chief Hayes Minor.

Minor, as in years past this is from the Department of Justice and al \$22, 210 reimbursement grant will go towards training.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #5)

**RES. R20-81.** . Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement With The Arkansas Department Of Finance And Administration Concerning The Coronavirus Relief Fund Program Sub-Recipient Agreement For Municipalities And Counties

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

Reithemeyer, chair of Finance Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Casey Wilhelm.

Wilhelm, gives the Mayor access to be reimbursed with money from the CARES Act.

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #6)

**RES. R20-82.** Authorizing The Mayor And City Clerk To Enter Into A Lease Extension Agreement With The Recon Group, Inc. Of Rogers, Arkansas, For Certain Space Located At The Rogers Street Department Building

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

Kruger, chair of Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Casey Wilhelm .

No questions from the council.

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

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

(Agenda Item #7)

**ORD. #20-87.** Waiving Competitive Bidding For The Purchase Of Scanners, Software, And A Training Package From Preferred Office Technologies Of Fort Smith, Arkansas For Use By The City Of Rogers District Court

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

Kendall, chair of Internal Affairs Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Judge Griffin.

Griffin, moving towards all digital filing system.

No questions from the council.

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

(Agenda Item #8)

**ORD. #20-88.** Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675, By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From RSF-5 To NR, Accepting The Density Concept Plan

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

Carmichael, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized City Planner Ethan Hunter.

No questions from the council.

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

(Agenda Item #9)

**ORD. #20-\_\_.** Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675, By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From RSF-5 To NR, Accepting The Density Concept Plan (Joseph & Scott Properties)

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

Carmichael, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to table until the next council meeting.

Motion by Carmichael, second by Kruger to table this ordinance until the next council meeting.

(Agenda Item #10)

**ORD. #20-89.** Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From C-2 To COM (Stitt Group)

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

Carmichael, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Bill Watkins.

No questions from the council.

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

(Agenda Item #11)

**ORD. #20-90.** Amending Rogers Code Section 14-675 By Re-Zoning Certain Lands From A-1 To N-R (Miller)

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

Carmichael, chair of Community Environment & Welfare Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended to “Do pass” and recognized Bill Watkins.

No questions from the council.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Appointment of Barry Cobbs to the Museum Commission; to fill the vacant term of Kathleen Dickerson which is to expire December 31, 2021.

Motion by Kendall, second by Wolf to approve the appointment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Condolences to the Dickerson family in the loss of Kathleen.

Public Works Committee discussed the trash contract. AG opinion requested and received last week. The Mayor will look to the council for forward direction.

Reithemeyer, kudos to the amazing Rogers Fire Department from Mr. Larson.

Wolf & Kruger, second Kathleen Dickerson excellence.

There being no further business, motion by Kruger, second by Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Jessica Rush, City Clerk-Treasurer

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C. Greg Hines, Mayor