

WARD CITY COUNCIL

January 19, 2018

Special Meeting Minutes

6:30 P. M.

Purpose of meeting: Resolution R-2018-01

A resolution recognizing the opioid epidemic in the United States of America and in Arkansas; and to engage in the litigation as a member of the Municipal League Defense Program (MLDP) against those entities and people responsible for this societal crisis.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order. Charles Gastineau led the council in prayer. Council member Ronald Bissett led the council in reciting the Pledge to the American Flag.

Roll Call

Mayor Brooke asked for council roll call, Bill Moon-absent, Jim Wier-present, Jeff Shaver-absent, Gary Matheny-present, Ron Bissett-present, Don Howard-present, Mayor Brooke-present, and Clerk Barclay-absent. A quorum was present.

Business

Mayor Brooke presented the business of the Resolution R 2018-01. This is the resolution that was tabled at the last regular council meeting. This is just so the City of Ward being a member of the Municipal League Legal Defense Program we will join the litigation along with the Municipal League and other cities against the entities and persons responsible for this crisis. James Wier stated that this has been a topic of the national, state and local news both in newspapers and television. Charles Gastineau stated that over 100 cases have been filed and a single judge in Ohio has been assigned the cases. By joining this litigation if there is ever a settlement the City of Ward would be one of its recipients.

James Wier motioned; Ronald Bissett seconded to pass Resolution R 2018-01. On roll call vote; James Wier – yes, Gary Matheny – yes, Ronald Bissett – yes and Donald Howard – yes. The resolution passed. Deborah Staley read the title to the resolution: “Resolution R-2018-01 - A resolution recognizing the opioid epidemic in the United States of America and in Arkansas; and to engage in the litigation as a member of the Municipal League Defense Program (MLDP) against those entities and people responsible for this societal crisis”.

Mayor Brooke stated that was the conclusion of the business.

Adjournment

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to adjourn. Ron Bissett motioned; James Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

APPROVED DATE: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK

CITY SEAL