CITY OF WARD

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Ward City Council Special Meeting Minutes – 01-01-2019
10:20am Meeting called to order by Mayor Gastineau following Swearing in of elected/appointed Officials

I. Prayer: by Rev. Steele

II. Pledge of Allegiance: by Mayor's oldest grandson Troy

III. Roll call: by City Clerk, Ruble. JoAnn Barrentine – Present, James Wier – Present, Robin Hefner – Present, Chasity Scott – Present, Jimmy McMinn – Present, Art Brooke – Present. We have a Quorum

IV. Council Introductions:
   a. JoAnne Barrentine: I have lived in ward 15 years and retired from Entergy, I am ward 1 position 1. I am enjoying retirement and I think I am going to enjoy politics.
   b. James Wier: Moved here in 2007 and has been on city council for 4 years I enjoy working with the council member and am looking forward to it. Ward is on its way up.
   d. Chasity Scott: I have lived in Ward for 8 years, Mom of 2 and a nurse. I am really glad to be here to serve everyone and I know everybody has worked hard to make these changes in Ward and will continue to work hard making changes.
   e. Jimmy McMinn: Lived in Ward 16 years. I am very excited about this position learning more about the city. I am going to do my best to answer all of your questions and be available to you all the time.
   g. Courtney Ruble: I am your new City Clerk and have lived in Ward with my husband and kids for a year and a half. I look forward to serving the citizens of Ward.
   h. Charlie Gastineau: I am your new Mayor; I am very humbled by this opportunity. I look forward to working with you all and the things to come.

V. Assignment of Committees: Mayor Gastineau would like to table this item to give the council time to think about what committees they may want to have or want to be on. A. Brooke made motion to table assignment of committees and R. Hefner 2nd. No discussion. Motion passes with 6-0, voice vote. Assignment of committees will be postponed until the next meeting.
VI. Approval of regular City Council Meeting Agenda, Day, Time of Meetings:
Mayor explains that as he promised he wants to get citizens more involved. He
wants to allow citizens to speak at our meeting and we will work out a procedure for
them to sign up before the meeting. They can choose to talk about either certain
topics or what ever issue they may have. J. Wier made motion to approve regular
City Council meeting agenda and J. Barrentine 2nd. R. Hefner asked if we could
extend public comment to be more than three minutes because that was not very
long. Mayor Gastineau said we would stick to three minuets unless the city council
determines they want to extend it. The standard will be 3 minuets and council can
approve it to be longer. Motion passes with 6-0, voice vote.

VII. Reschedule of January City Council Meeting: The Mayor explained the
January meeting is the 14th however the Winter conference is the 16th, 17th and 18th
and most all of you are attending. It is a great opportunity for us to get great
information at the workshops and be prepared for our first meeting. He asked to
move our City Council meeting to January 21st to give us all time to learn and be
prepared for our first meeting. J. Wier made motion to reschedule the January
meeting to January 21, 2019. C. Scott 2nd. Motion passes with 6-0, voice vote.

VIII. Executive Session – Personnel:
Mayor explained that when the council needs to meet as a whole about certain
specific items and it is predetermined by the law. One of the items is personnel and
that is what we are going in to executive session.
Mayor gave report of executive session reporting that Finance/HR Director to be
Deborah Staley, Chief of Police to stay Steve Benton, Fire Chief is Interim with Tony
Reeves as acting Interim Chief. We have adds out for Fire Chief. The Street Dept.
Head will be Randy Staley, Parks and Rec. Head will stay Karen Dawson, and Waste
Water we have a vacancy. We do have ads out and have received some resumes and
we will make a decision shortly. A. Brooke makes a motion to accept the department
heads as read. J. Wier 2nd. Motion passes with a 6-0, voice vote.

IX. Announcements:
Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting is January 16th @ 7pm. City
Council Meeting is January 21st @ 6:30. Planning Commission Meeting is January
28th @ 7pm.
Municipal League is January 16th, 17th and 18th.

X. Adjournment: C Scott Motion, R Hefner 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 10:42am

APPROVED DATE: January 21st, 2019

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK

CITY SEAL