



## 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 Mayors 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.
  - c. Robin Hefner: Ward 2 position2. New person here.
  - 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.
  - f. Art Brooke: First time on City Council. Lived in Ward 42 years.
  - 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 14<sup>th</sup> however the Winter conference is the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes with a 6-0, voice vote.

**IX. Announcements:**

Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting is January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. City Council Meeting is January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30. Planning Commission Meeting is January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

Municipal League is January 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**X. Adjournment: C Scott Motion, R Hefner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 10:42am**

APPROVED DATE: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

[Signature]  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Courtney Heuble  
CLERK

