

WARD CITY COUNCIL

March 12, 2018

MINUTES

6:30 P. M.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order and asked Clerk Barclay to open in prayer; he then asked Luke Griffin, Jackson Jolley, and Carson Shaver of Boy Scouts of America Troop 201 to lead the council in reciting the Pledge to the American Flag.

Roll Call

The mayor then asked for roll call which follows: Bill Moon-present, Jim Wier-present, Jeff Shaver-present, Gary Matheny-present, Ron Bissett-present, Don Howard-present, Mayor Brooke-present, and Clerk Barclay-present, There was a quorum.

Minutes

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the regularly scheduled council meeting minutes for February 12, 2018. Ron Bissett motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Department Reports

Then the mayor asked for a motion to approve the department reports for February 12, 2018. Don Howard motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Commission Report

Mayor Brooke asked Gary Meadows, chairperson for the Planning Commission, to come forward and tell the council about the changes approved in Guyot Addition. Because portions of all three lots were in Ward South Development and the remainder of the three lots were in R-1 zone the developer asked that every part of all three lots be placed in R-1 zone. The mayor asked for a motion to consider the recommendation and request. Jeff Shaver motioned; Bill Moon seconded. On voice vote all approved. The commission also accepted the resignation of Brad Staley effective immediately. Mayor Brooke asked that all council members be looking for a suitable replacement as soon as possible. Next the mayor asked for a motion to accept the commission's report. Jeff Shaver motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brooke asked David Stanley, representative for Lemon's Engineering, to come forward and update the council on the current projects in our city. David said that due to the rain there were several days that work could not be done, however, the contractors' are on or ahead of schedule. As far as the Safe Route to School project goes the paperwork is still being held up by the state. Next the mayor asked the council to pay for two tables for the Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held April 13. Ron Bissett motioned to pay for two tables; Jeff Shaver seconded. On voice vote all approved.

FYI – The mayor asked Officer Sneed to come forward and introduce the newest member of the Ward Police Department. That officer's name is Officer Canni and she is trained for the purpose of sniffing out four different narcotics. Officer Sneed is her handler and she is a welcome addition to the force.

Mayor Brooke asked Randy Taylor, Water Department Foreman, to come forward and tell the council his decision for choosing the Kubota KX040-4R3A price \$51,027.62 plus tax over the John Deere YANMAR

4TNV88C price \$62,584.30 plus tax. Randy said that over all the Kubota performed better for the jobs that need to be done here in the city. The other piece of equipment, which was being considered as a trade-in, though worn out will still be kept as a backup. It should also be noted that the city has the funds to purchase this piece of equipment. The mayor asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the Kubota KX040-4R3A. Jim Wier motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Old Business

New Business

Mayor Brooke introduced ordinance O-2018-01 (AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, AND MAKING SAME A PART OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, ASSIGNING SAME TO WARDS, AND ZONING SAID ANNEXED TERRITORY) and asked that it be placed on its first reading. Ron Bissett motioned; Gary Matheny seconded to have it placed on its first reading. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. Ordinance O-2018-01 has passed its first reading. Then the mayor asked that the rules be suspended and that O-2018-01 be placed up for its 2nd/3rd reading. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. O-2018-01 has passed its 2nd/3rd reading. Next the mayor asked that the rules be suspended and that O-2018-01 be placed up for adoption. Ron Bissett motioned; Jeff Shaver seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. O-2018-01 has been adopted. Mayor Brooke next introduced resolution R-2018-05 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN PARAMEDIC SERVICES, INC. AND CODE THREE LEASING, LLC TO ALLOW FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AMBULANCE SERVICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES) and asked that it be placed on its first and final reading. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Mon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. Resolution R-2018-05 has been adopted.

Announcements

Next City Council Meeting will be April 9, 2018
Planning Commission Meeting will be held March 26, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
Seniors meet ever Thursday at noon
LWPWA Meeting will be held April 3, 2018 at noon.
Chamber of Commerce Meeting will be held April 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held April 13, 2018.

Adjournment

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to adjourn. Jeff Shaver motioned; Bill Moon seconded. On voice vote all approved.

APPROVED DATE: April 9, 2018
Brooke
MAYOR

ATTEST: John E Baralay

