

WARD CITY COUNCIL

April 11, 2016

MINUTES

6:30 P. M.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order. Mr. Tim Lemon's led the council in prayer. Mr. Barry Weathers led the council in the Pledge to the American Flag.

Roll call

Mayor Brooke asked for roll call. William Moon-present, Jim Wier-present, Jeff Shaver-present, Gary Matheny-present, Ron Bissett-present, Don Howard-present, Mayor Brooke-present, and Clerk Barclay-present; a quorum was present.

Minutes

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the March 14, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Ron Bissett motioned; James Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved

Department Reports

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to accept the March 14, 2016 regular meeting department reports. Don Howard motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Commission Reports

Mayor Brooke asked Mr. Gary Meadows, chairperson for the Planning Commission, to come forward and address the council. Mr. Meadows said that a request for replat of Lot 76 of Huntington Place to change the building line to 20 feet was presented and that the commission allowed the change with the approval of the city council. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to allow the change. Jeff Shaver motioned to allow the change; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved. Then the mayor asked for a motion to approve the Planning Commission report. Bill Moon motioned; Don Howard seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brooke introduced two proclamations to the council. The first for April 2016 was for Autism Awareness and he asked the Weathers' Family to come forward whereby he emphasized the importance of autism and brought to the attention of the council the fact that this family deals every day with the disease. This is not to say that they are the only family who faces this problem because several other families in this city have the same problem. This is just to make the entire community aware of the problem and to ask everyone to try to find out more about the disease and try to help in any way possible. The Weathers' Family was deeply appreciative of the concern which the city shows continually to all families.

The next proclamation to be introduced was that of National Preservation Month and Arkansas Heritage Month to be recognized in May 2016."This Place Matters!" is the theme for National Preservation and "ARKANSAS ARTS: CELEBRATING OUR CREATIVE CULTURE" is the theme for Arkansas Heritage month. Mayor Brooke is calling on all citizens across the United States to recognize and participate in this special observance.

Mayor Brooke then asked Mr. Tim Lemon's of Lemon's Engineering to come forward and update the council on the projects currently being performed in our city. Those projects addressed were Wastwater Treatment Plant where the plans are 70% completed and moving forward ahead of schedule, Safe Sidewalks to School the ground quite possibly will begin being torn up in a week to ten days and Phase III has completed the survey work and should be sent to the highway department within the week which means the project may be going out for bids in the very near future, and the last project is the Highway 367/319 improvement and the revised plans have been sent to the highway department but nothing has been heard from them in a couple of weeks. Mr. Lemon's will be contacting the department for a status upgrade. Mr. Lemon's did admit to making two errors on his report and will try to do better in the future.

Old Business

New Business

Mayor Brooke introduced resolution R-2016-06 (A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO SERVE.) and asked that it be placed on its first and final reading. Ron Bissett motioned; Gary Matheny 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. Resolution R-2016-06 has passed.

Announcements

Next council meeting May 9, 2016
Planning Commission meeting April 25, 2016
Seniors meet every Thursday at noon
LWPWA meeting May13, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at Cove Creek Water Plant
Chamber of Commerce meeting May 3, 2016

Adjournment

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

APPROVED DATE: May 9, 2016
City Brooke
MAYOR

ATTEST:
John E Barclay
CLERK

CITY SEAL