

**WARD CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 12, 2016  
MINUTES  
6:30 P. M.**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order. Reverend Mike Sipe led the council in prayer. Councilmember Ron Bissett led the council in the Pledge to the American Flag.

**Roll Call**

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

**Minutes**

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the November 14, 2016 regularly scheduled meeting minutes. Don Howard motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved.

**Department Reports**

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the November 14, 2016 department reports. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

**Commission Reports**

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing for the purpose of approving a Conditional Use Permit; followed by their regular meeting. The commission approved the Final Plat for Huntington Place Lots 80-106, 120-130, and 139-146 with the requirement that all department heads are in agreement. The mayor asked for approval of the final plot and also approval of the commission's report. Ron Bissett motioned; Bill Moon seconded. On voice vote all approved.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Brooke asked Mr. Tim Lemons of Lemons Engineering to come forward and update the council on the current projects for the city. Mr. Lemons told the council that everything is a go for the Wastewater project with a request for bids being published in the newspapers on December 10, 2016 and December 17, 2016 announcing that bids would be opened on December 22, 2016. Mr. Lemons also told the council that a revised plan for the highway intersection will be ready on December 23, 2016 and will be advertised by January 22, 2017 with bids to be opened on February 28, 2017 and a start date hopefully on April 3, 2017, see attachment. The representative from Aristotle came forward and told the council that the city's attorney was given a revised copy of the contract and that changes, if any, would be made and a resolution would be presented at the January 2017 council meeting.

FYI-Mr. Charles Gastineau was asked to come forward and share with the council any possible changes to the Emergency Notification System. He gave each member a handout which should answer any questions that you may have.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

Mayor Brooke introduced ordinance O-2016-09 (BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, LONOKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS: "AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT THE POSITION OF CITY ATTORNEY,") and asked that it be placed on its first reading. Gary Matheny motioned; Bill Moon 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. Ordinance O-2016-09 has passed its first reading. The mayor then asked that the rules be suspended and O-2016-09 be placed on its 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 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-2016-09 has passed its 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Next the mayor asked that the rules be suspended and that O-2016-09 be placed up for adoption. Jim Wier motioned; Ron Bissett 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-2016-09 has been adopted. Finally the mayor asked that the rules be suspended and that O-2016-09 be passed with an Emergency Clause. 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. Ordinance O-2016-09 has passed with an Emergency Clause.

Next the mayor introduced Resolution R-2016-12 (BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, LONOKE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS: A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:"A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017.") 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 Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. Resolution R-2016-12 has passed.

Next the mayor introduced Resolution R-2016-13 (BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, LONOKE COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS: A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:"A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL WARD WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017.") and asked that it be placed on its first and final reading. Jim Wier motioned; Ron Bissett 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-2016-13 has passed.

**Announcements**

- Next City Council meeting January 9, 2017
- Planning Commission meeting December 27, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.
- Seniors meet every Thursday at noon
- LWPWA meeting January 3, 2017
- Chamber of Commerce meeting January 10, 2017

**Adjournment**

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

APPROVED DATE: January 9, 2017

*Bill Moon*  
MAYOR

ATTEST: *John E Barclay*

