

# WARD CITY COUNCIL

October 10, 2016

MINUTES

6:30 P. M.

## Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order. Charles Gastineau led the council in prayer. Eric Sims 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-excused, Mayor Brooke-present, and Clerk Barclay-present. A quorum was present.

## Minutes

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the September 12, 2016 Public Hearing minutes. Ron Bissett motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved. Next the mayor asked for a motion to approve the September 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Bill Moon motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

## Department Reports

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the September 12, 2016 department reports. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

## Commission Reports

Mayor Brooke asked Police Chief Benton to come forward and let the council know of his revised requirement. The chief has two vehicles, a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria VIN # 2FAF71W13X208093 and a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria VIN # 2FAHP71W87X107776, to be disposed of which have already been approved, however he has no paperwork with a date to back this; therefore he is asking for this to be rectified. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion for official disposal. Jeff Shaver motioned; Bill Moon seconded. On voice vote all approved.

The Planning Commission report covered three (3) items. Item number 1 was the recommendation of acceptance of the Plat for Oakland Park. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to table recommendation number 1 because of a conflict with zoning regulations. Ron Bissett motioned; Bill Moon seconded. On voice vote all approved. Item number 2 is the Replat for Lot 10RR of Churchill Downs. Mr. Howard from Howard Properties misfigured and built the house two inches into the easement and he is now asking that we let them replat the easement from 12 feet down to 10 feet there being no hindrance to any other buildable property. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve this change. Jeff Shaver motioned; Bill Moon seconded. On voice vote all approved. Item number 3 covers the proposed billboard for Big Red. The city has no zoning regulations covering billboards therefore the city must conduct a Public Hearing. You were given copy of an addition covering what must be added to our regulations in order for the city to be in line with what Big Red proposes. However nothing can go forward until after the Public Hearing which will be held on October 24, 2016. No action is required at this time. The mayor asked for a motion to accept the Planning Commission report. Jeff Shaver motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved.

## Mayor's Report

Next item on the agenda is the passage of the annual millage. This is at .0050 to be put into the General Fund Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the .0050 millage. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Our next item was to recognize Corporal Smith for his assistance in apprehending four armed robbery suspects. His aide to the Searcy Police department and the White County Sheriff's Office was of the highest standards regarding safety and professionalism. Congratulations!

Mayor Brooke announced to the council another Letter of Appreciation to Karen Dawson, Parks Director, from the Onsite Wastewater Designated Representative Testing Committee for her assistance with the Designated Representative test at the Ward Park Complex. Congratulations!

Another award of a patrol vehicle goes to the Ward Police Department based on fulfilled requirements of enhanced Click It or Ticket participation. Congratulations!

Lemons Engineering forwarded a project report update to the city which covers the following projects: Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, Safe Route to School-Phase III, Highway 319/367 Intersection Improvements, and Recreational Trails Program/Transportation Alternative Program. If you have any questions please consult your handout.

Aristotle has just contacted the city and we are to meet with their representative next week to discuss the possibility of allowing them to place their service in our city. The city met with them a year or so ago however there was a conflict about where they wanted to place their antennas. They have now come back with a new proposal.

Chief Benton was asked to come forward and tell the council about the results of a meeting held earlier last month. The information provided to each of you applies to the possibility, with your approval, of the mayor and the chief looking into and pursuing a lease/purchase through Ford Motor Company on some brand new police cars. The value of the three cars will be approximately \$100,000.00 to \$110,000.00. The city can do a five year lease/purchase depending on the final price but we are looking at approximately a \$2,000.00 a month lease payment, then at the end of five years there is a balloon payment on each vehicle which will be \$1.00 and the city then owns the vehicles and if they are still fit for duty, the city can do with them as they desire. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to pursue this venture. Jeff Shaver motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

### Old Business

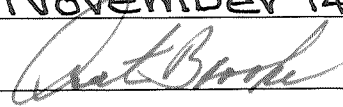
### New Business

### Announcements

Next city council meeting November 14, 2016  
Planning Commission meeting October 24, 2016  
Seniors meet every Thursday at noon  
LWPWA meeting November 1, 2016  
Chamber of Commerce meeting November 1, 2016  
Reminder Harvest Fest October 29, 2016

### Adjournment

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

APPROVED DATE: November 14, 2016  


MAYOR

ATTEST:

John E. Barclay  
CLERK

CITY SEAL

