

WARD CITY COUNCIL

June 13, 2016

MINUTES

6:30 P. M.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order. Mike Sipe led the council in prayer. Charles Gastineau 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 approval of the regular meeting minutes for May 9, 2016. Don Howard motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Department Reports

The mayor asked for approval of the regular department reports for May 9, 2016. Bill Moon motioned; Jeff Shaver seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Water
Office
Fire
Police
Street
Parks and Recreation

Commission Reports

The Planning Commission had no business to conduct, therefore no meeting. Next meeting will be June 27, 2016.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brooke informed the council of the absence of Mr. Lemons however he did send an updated project list to each council member. The mayor introduced Mr. Tommy Hignight, a bank official from Centennial Bank who will play an integral part in our \$4,860,000.00 bond for water and sewer improvements. Mr. Hignight has been kind enough to find interim finances for this project. The funds have been offered at 2.85% with periodic withdrawals which will save interest for the city. This interest will be lower than the USDA rate. Mr. Lemons furnished a report for the ongoing projects for the city; he is however out of the country. Mayor Brooke asked our Asst Ops Director to explain the Safe Routes to School – Phase II. He told the council that that Phase is approximately 75% complete and that it should be finished before scheduled. If you have any other questions please consult your handout.

FYI – In talking with Mr. Lemons, Mayor Brooke found that there is some action going on at the junction of 319/367 and that we can see some very positive action by the end of the month and can put this out on bids to get it completed.

FYI – The mayor told the council members that the Headstart Program for Cabot has no place to meet this coming year so he met with Michelle French and offered our facility to them. Michelle told the mayor that she will meet with her counterpart in Conway to let them know of our offer. This has all come about because of the growth in Ward Central and there is no place for them to meet. This offer will cost the city nothing and will give the children shelter, food and training as well as education. The mayor is waiting for an answer to the offer and can then further advise the council as to its outcome.

FYI – Concerning the future of our library, we unfortunately lost our GIF funding of \$5,000.00 due to a law suit filed by Mr. Mike Wilson. Therefore we are looking to start this program in-house with some older computers in our possession at the cost of \$3,000.00 or less. This is brought before the council because this item was not budgeted for this year. We cannot call this a library but it is a computer access for those who have no computer at home. Mayor Brooke said that we have the funding to do this project and asked for a motion to support this effort. Jeff Shaver motioned to allow the mayor to pursue this worthwhile project; Bill Moon seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Mayor Brooke asked Deborah Staley to tell the council of her desire to destroy more records. She is asking permission to destroy outdated financial documents. She said that the records are kept back for only ten years. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to allow the records to be destroyed. James Wier motioned; Jeff Shaver seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Old Business

New Business

Mayor Brooke introduced Ordinance O-2016-01 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,860,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BOND; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.) and asked that it be placed on its first reading. Gary Matheny 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. Ordinance O-2016-01 has passed its first reading. Then the mayor asked that the rules be suspended and that Ordinance O-2016-01 be placed on its 2nd/3rd 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. Ordinance O-2016-01 has passed its 2nd/3rd reading. Once again the mayor asked that the rules be suspended and that Ordinance O-2016-01 be placed up for adoption. Jeff Shaver 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. Ordinance O-2016-01 has been adopted.

Announcements

Next city council meeting July 11, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

Planning Commission meeting June 27, 2016

Seniors meet every Thursday at noon

LWPWA meeting July5, 2016

Chamber of Commerce meeting July5, 2016

Adjournment

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

APPROVED DATE: July 11, 2016

Pat Bishop
MAYOR

ATTEST: *John E Barclay*
CLERK

CITY SEAL

