

WARD CITY COUNCIL
March 14, 2016
MINUTES
6:30 P. M.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order. Billy Mitts led the council in prayer. Honorable Tim Lemons led the council in the Pledge to the American Flag.

Roll Call

Mayor Brooke asked for roll call. William Moon-present, Jeff Shaver-late but 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 February 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Ron Bissett motioned; Don Howard seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Department Reports

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the February 8, 2016 department reports. Don Howard motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Commission Reports

There was no Planning Commission report for February due to the lack of any new business.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brooke asked Mr. Tim Lemons to come forward and enlighten the council on the bids for the Safe Routes to School project. Mr. Lemons handed out a list of bids for the completion of said project. Bids ranged from \$38,536.00 to \$460,494.03. Mr. Lemons told the council that in four instances the companies had incorrectly figured their bids but they had to be taken as submitted. He then told the council that he had had dealings with Cinergi in the past and therefore recommended that the city award the contract to them. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to accept their bid and award the contract to Cinergi. Ron Bissett motioned to accept; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved. Mr. Lemons then introduced the Preliminary Engineering Report for the city's Proposed Wastewater Treatment Improvements and informed the council that this has been forwarded to USDA for the grant application. This has been approved by the USDA. Mr. Lemon's also informed the council that his office is in receipt of documents from the Army Corps of Engineers which is clearance for our new sewer plant. At this point a resolution must be approved to accept the contract to go forward. The contract has now been fine tuned and is ready to be sent to Mr. Ricky Carter for finalization. There will be no payment on this contract until the loan is received. Mayor Brooke then introduced Mr. James Wier who, if approved, will fill the current vacancy on the council. The mayor asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Wier and there were none. Then Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve Mr. Wier for the position. Don Howard motioned; Bill Moon seconded. On voice vote all approved. Next the mayor asked for a motion to approve the purchase of materials for the 4th of July celebration. Ron Bissett motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved. One last item under mayor's report was to ask for approval to

purchase 1 table for the Chamber of Commerce banquet with the possibility of purchasing another if the need arises. Jeff Shaver motioned; Bill Moon seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Old Business

New Business

In reference to the first entry under mayors report resolution R-2016-06 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, AND LEMONS ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC.) the mayor asked that it be placed on its first and final reading. Bill Moon motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. Resolution R-2016-06 has passed.

Mayor Brooke then introduced resolution R-2016-04 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, AND MCGUE LAW FIRM) 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, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. Resolution R-2016-04 has passed.

The mayor then introduced resolution R-2016-05 (A RESOLUTIONM AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, AND LEMONS ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC.) 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, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. Resolution R-2016-05 has passed.

Announcements

- Next council meeting April 11, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.
- Planning Commission meeting March 28, 2016
- Seniors meet every Thursday at noon
- LWPWA meeting April 5, 2016 at noon
- Chamber of Commerce meeting April 5, 2016
- Chamber of Commerce Banquet April 8, 2016

Adjournment

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

APPROVED DATE: April 11 2016
Bob Brooke
MAYOR

ATTEST: *John E Barclay*
CLERK