

WARD CITY COUNCIL

July 10, 2017

MINUTES

6:30 P. M.

Call to Order

Clerk Barclay called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and Reverend Mike Sipe led the council in prayer. Helen Huitt led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Roll Call

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

Minutes

Clerk Barclay asked for a motion to accept the June 12, 2017 regularly scheduled council meeting minutes. Ron Bissett motioned. Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Department Reports

Clerk Barclay asked for a motion to approve the department reports for June 12, 2017. Bill Moon motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Commission Reports

The Planning Commission turned in a report approving the Preliminary Plat for Lilly Ann Place. This requires no action on the council's part. Clerk Barclay asked for a motion to accept the Planning Commission report. Gray Matheny motioned; Bill Moon seconded. On voice all approved.

Mayor's Report

Clerk Barclay asked Mr. Lemons of Lemon's Engineering to come forward and share with the council the progress that is being made on the city's current projects. Mr. Lemons told the council that the heavy equipment will be coming in on the 11th of July and there will be a ground breaking ceremony on Friday July 14 at 10:00 A.M. The company is currently on site and everyone is invited to the ground breaking. Mr. Lemons said that he is still waiting on the highway department as to the status of the sidewalk and 319/367 projects. Revised plans were sent in before our last meeting but due to July being a vacation month the department is under manned. Mr. Lemons tried contacting the highway department this afternoon, July 10th but has not received a reply.

Jim Wier asked about the status of the restrooms at the ballpark and Deborah Staley told him that the people who are interested in building the new structure have been invited to meet in the ball park on the 11th of July and that bids will be opened on the 18th of July in the mayor's office.

Clerk Barclay asked Deborah Staley to read resolution R-2017-06 (A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WARD SUPPORTING FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION TO ENSURE THE PROPER ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SALES TAX FROM ALL INTERNET/ONLINE SALES THEREBY CREATING A FAIR AND FREE MARKET FOR ALL BUSINESSES AND CONSUMERS REGARDLESS OF THE LOCATION OF THE BUSINESS FROM WHICH THE PURCHASE WAS MADE.)

and asked for a motion to approve said resolution. Before the motion Jim Wier asked if we voted on this tonight would we by tomorrow start paying sales tax? The answer to that was of course no and it was explained that the city would go along with 32 others that already approved this resolution asking that the governor call a special session urging members of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation and the Arkansas Legislature to work for passage and vote in favor of legislation. Robin Hefner, one of the residents in the audience, asked if she could ask a question. She wanted to know why a "special session" since it had already been voted on in regular session? It was explained that it had never made it out of committee. She just said that she thought it was a waste of money. Because this didn't explain the special session Clerk Barclay had the resolution read to everyone also explaining that "Amazon" is already doing what this resolution is wanting done. Another question asked was does this mean that the consumer will be taxed double and it was explained that tax would only be collected in the state in which the purchase was made. There being no more questions, Clerk Barclay asked for a motion to accept the first and final reading. Ron Bissett motioned; Don Howard seconded. Because at least four votes are need to pass resolution and one of the council members is excused the city clerk may be required to vote. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-no, Jim Wier-no, Gary Matheny-yes, Ron Bissett-yes, Don Howard-yes, and Clerk Barclay-yes. Resolution R-2017-06 has passed.

Old Business

Jim Wier asked about the status of the property on Highway 38 earmarked for a new fire station. Deborah Staley informed him that the property has been surveyed and accepted but is currently waiting for an appraisal. The property was initially estimated at 3.4 acres but it is actually 2.87 acres

New Business

Announcements

Next council meeting August 14, 2017

Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing for re-zoning at 6:30 P.M. with their regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Seniors meet every Thursday at noon

LWPWA meeting will be held on August 1, 2017 at noon

Chamber of Commerce meeting August 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Clerk Barclay asked for a motion to adjourn. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

APPROVED DATE: August 14, 2017

Carl Brock
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Joan E Barclay
CLERK

CITY SEAL

