

# WARD CITY COUNCIL

MAY 8, 2017

MINUTES

6:30 P. M.

## Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order. City Clerk Barclay led the meeting in prayer. Jeffrey Smith led the council in the Pledge to the American Flag.

## Roll Call

Mayor Brooke 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-present, and City Clerk Barclay-present. A quorum was present.

## Minutes

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the April 10, 2017 regularly scheduled council meeting minutes. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved. The mayor then asked for a motion to approve the special called council meeting on April 20, 2017. Don Howard motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved.

## Department Reports

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the April 10, 2017 department reports. Jim Wier motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved.

## Commission Reports

The Planning Commission had no business to conduct therefore no meeting. The next meeting will be held May 22, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

## Mayor's Report

The mayor informed the council of the fact that Mr. Lemons would not be at the meeting however, he would be in on May 9, 2017 and he did leave a copy of his report for each council member. Items covered on his report are Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, Safe Route to Schools-Phase III-and Recreational Trails Project (Industrial Drive), Highway 319-367 Intersection Improvements, and Peyton Street Ballfield Restrooms. If you have any questions please consult your handout.

Mayor Brooke asked the Street Department/Fire Chief to come forward and enlighten the council on the progress of testing and possibly purchasing a Trachoe for the Street Department. Chief Staley has quotes from 3 companies, John Deere, Kubota, and Caterpillar. The prices on each are all very close around the \$65,000.00 range. The mayor asked the chief which one he would recommend and Mr. Wier asked which of these was tested. Only one was tested, the John Deere and neither of the other companies had any the size we need. It is recommended that we purchase the John Deere due to the availability of parts and maintenance. Mr. Moon asked about how payment was planned and the subject of the bulldozer was brought up. If the dozer is purchased at the suggested price of \$25,000.00, that would cover approximately 50 percent of the cost of the Trachoe. The mayor told the council that he has a potential buyer, Mr. Weathers, for the dozer and if that happens, it will be applied to the cost of the Trachoe. If not the city has funds to cover the initial payment and to

make monthly payments thereafter. The street department is currently using the water department's equipment but the street department can only use their equipment if the water department is not using it. This presents a problem at times. A motion was made by Ron Bissett that we go forward with the purchase of the John Deere Compact Excavator 60G, NJPA Cooperative Contract. Gary Matheny seconded the motion. On voice vote all approved.

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to place resolution R-2017-04 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ACCEPT THE BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOW CONSTRUCTION BIDDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM FOR THE CITY) on its first and final reading. Ron Bissett motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, and Don Howard-yea. Resolution R-2017-04 has passed.

Next the mayor asked for a motion to put resolution R-2017-05 (A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING, AND/OR EXTENDING ITS WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY TO SERVE AN AREA LAWFULLY WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION) on its first and final reading. Ron Bissett motioned; Don Howard seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, and Don Howard-yea. Resolution R-2017-05 has passed.

Mayor Brooke then asked that Ordinance O-2017-01 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00 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.) be placed on its first reading. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. Ordinance O-2017-01 has passed its first reading. The mayor then asked that the rules be suspended and that Ordinance O-2017-01 be placed on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Jim Wier motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. Ordinance O-2017-01 has passed its 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> reading. The mayor then asked that the rules be suspended and that Ordinance O-2017-01 be placed up for adoption. Jim Wier motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. Ordinance O-2017-01 has been adopted. Finally the mayor asked that the rules be suspended and that Ordinance O-2017-01 be passed with an emergency clause. Ron Bissett motioned; Bill Moon seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. Ordinance O-2017-01 has passed its emergency clause.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

### **Announcements**

Next council meeting June 12, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

Planning Commission meeting May 22, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Seniors meet every Thursday at noon

LWPWA meeting June 6, 2017 at noon

Chamber of Commerce meeting June 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Charles Gastineau awarded Citizen of the Year for 2016 by the Ward Chamber of Commerce

### **Adjournment**

APPROVED DATE: June 12, 2017

*John Barclay*  
MAYOR

ATTEST: *John Barclay*  
CLERK

CITY SEAL

