WARD CITY COUNCIL
December 10, 2018
MINUTES
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Mike Sipe to lead the council in prayer. He then asked City Clerk Barclay to lead the council in the Pledge to the American Flag.

Roll Call

The mayor then asked for roll call which follows: Bill Moon-present, Jim Wier-present, Jeff Shaver-present, Gary Matheny-present, Don Howard-present, Mayor Brooke-present and City Clerk Barclay-present. There was a quorum.

Minutes

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the November 12, 2018 regularly scheduled city council meeting minutes with a change to the Virtual Justice statement to include the Mayor of the City. Gary Matheny motioned; Bill Moon seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Department Reports

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the November 12, 2018 department reports. Bill Moon motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Commission Reports

The mayor asked representative Wayne Knight for the Planning Commission to come forward. He said that the commission had approved a preliminary plat request for a subdivision with 15 (fifteen) lots off Peyton Street named Tera. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to accept the subdivision. Bill Moon motioned; Jeff Shaver seconded. On voice vote all approved. Next the mayor asked for a motion to accept the commission report. Jim Wier motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Mayor’s Report

Chief Benton was asked to come forward and address the council. He has another vehicle which he would like to get off his list and is asking permission to do so. Jim Wier motioned; Bill Moon seconded. On voice vote all approved. Mayor Brooke asked Mr. Tim Lemon to come forward and report on the progress of the projects going on in the city. These are Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, Safe Route to School—Phase III—and Recreational Trails project (Industrial Drive), Wastewater Vacuum System Retrofit and ADEQ—NPDES Permit Renewal. If you have any questions concerning these please consult your handouts. Mr. Lemon’s asked permission of the council to make a presentation to Mr. Randy Staley from the State of Arkansas, House of Representatives for all of his many accomplishments over the last 47 (forty-seven) years. Next on the agenda was the election to fill the position of city councilmember for Ward 3 Position 1. Four names were initially put in for the position, that of Rob Ruble who declined and that of Teddy Mitchell, Jimmy McMinn and Don Howard. The council by secret ballot voted by 3/5 majority to fill the position with Mr. Jimmy McMinn. There was one other election and that was to fill the position of City Clerk. Candidates were
Ms. Christina Bankster and Ms. Courtney Ruble. Again by secret ballot Ms. Ruble was voted in to fill the position by a 4 to 1 majority. Congratulations to all residents for their interest in the city’s business.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

The next order of business was to introduce Ordinance O-2018-03 (AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING ON THE CITY STREETS WITHIN CITY LIMITS). The mayor asked for a motion to approve the ordinance. Jeff Shaver voted to table the ordinance and Gary Matheny seconded. There was opposition to tabling so the vote to table was rescinded and the mayor asked for a motion to place the ordinance on its first reading. Bill Moon motioned. Jim Wier seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-nay, Gary Matheny-yea, Don Howard-nay. Ordinance O-2018-03 has passed its first reading. Next the mayor asked that the rules be suspended and Ordinance O-2018-03 be placed up for its 2nd/3rd reading. Jim Wier motioned; Bill Moon seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-nay, Gary Matheny-yea, Don Howard-nay. Ordinance O-2018-03 has passed its 2nd/3rd reading. Mayor Brooke asked that the rules be suspended and that O-2018-03 be placed up for adoption. Jim Wier motioned; Bill Moon seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-nay, Gary Matheny-yea, Don Howard-nay. Ordinance O-2018-03 has been adopted.

The mayor introduced resolution R-2018-07 (A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE ANNUAL WARD WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018) and asked for a motion to put it on its first and final reading. Jim Wier motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Don Howard-yea. Resolution R-2018-07 has passed. Next to be introduced was Resolution R-2018-08 (A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018) and asked for a motion to put it on its first and final reading. Jim Wier motioned; Bill Moon seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Don Howard-yea, Resolution R-2018-08 has passed. Next to be introduced was Resolution R-2018-09 (A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL WARD WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019) and he asked for a motion to approve. Bill Moon motioned; Jim Wier seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Don Howard-yea. Resolution R-2018-09 has passed.

Finally Resolution R-2018-10 (A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019) was introduced and Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to have it placed on its first and final reading. Jim Wier motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Don Howard-yea. Resolution R-2018-10 has passed.

**Announcements**

Next City Council meeting will be held January 14, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.
Next Planning Commission meeting will be held December 26, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
Seniors meet every Thursday at noon in the cafeteria.
Next LWPWA meeting will be held January 8, 2019 at noon in the cafeteria
Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held at a date to be decided later in January 2019

**Adjournment**

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