

WARD CITY COUNCIL

January 8, 2018

MINUTES

6:30 P. M.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order. Charles Gastineau led the council in prayer. Attorney Chris Lacy led the council in reciting the Pledge to the American Flag.

Roll Call

Mayor Brooke asked for council roll call, Bill 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 Brookes asked for a motion to accept the regularly scheduled council meeting minutes for December 11, 2017. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved

Department Reports

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to accept the December 11, 2017 department reports. Don Howard motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all accepted.

Commission Reports

The Planning Commission met and approved the Final Plat for Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Guyot Addition with the following requirements. The lots will be curb and guttered as they are developed and the portion of the property that is within the South Ward Development District will be rezoned to R-1 to make the lots all within the same zoning district. There will also be a rezoning hearing on February 26th at 6:30 P.M. in the Civic Room. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the changes to the Guyot Addition. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved. Then the mayor asked for a motion to accept the commission's report. Bill Moon motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all accepted

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brooke asked David Stanley, Lemon's Engineering representative, to come forward and bring the council up to speed on the city projects currently being worked. Those currently are Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade which stands at 36% completion and the Safe Routes to Schools – Phase III – and Recreational Trails Project (Industrial Drive). If you have any questions please consult your handout.

The mayor introduced the Annual Insurance for all elected officials and asked for a motion to implement an upgrade for 2018. Jim Wier motioned to approve the implementation upgrade; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Next up was the discussion of Spring Cleanup with two possible dates being April 28 and May 5. After discussion it was agreed upon that April 28, 2018 will be the primary date and that May 5 be the back-up date for the cleanup with the time being between 8:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. The mayor asked for a motion for April 28 primary and May 5 back-up. Jim Wier motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Mayor Brooke then introduced Resolution R-2018-02 (A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE ANNUAL WARD WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017) and asked for a motion to put R-2018-02 on its first and final reading. Ron Bissett motioned; Bill Moon 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. Resolution R-2018-02 has passed.

Next the mayor introduced Resolution R-2018-03 (A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017) and asked for a motion to put R-2018-03 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, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. Resolution R-2018-03 has passed.

The mayor introduced Resolution R-2018-01 (A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND IN ARKANSAS; AND TO ENGAGE IN LITIGATION AS A MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL LEGAL DEFENSE PROGRAM (MLDP) AGAINST THOSE ENTITIES AND PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SOCIETAL CRISIS) and asked for a motion to put R-2018-01 on its first and final reading. Ron Bissett motioned; Don Howard seconded. The council asked for discussion for more clarification and asked that a representative from the Municipal League be contacted and come to give a more in depth explanation as to what exactly the resolution was trying to accomplish. After a lengthy discussion Don Howard withdrew his second and Ron Bissett withdrew his motion. A motion was then made by Bill Moon to table the resolution until the next meeting and a second was made by Jeff Shaver. Voting and roll call are as follows; Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. Resolution R-2018-01 is tabled.

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Next City Council Meeting February 12, 2018
Planning Commission Meeting January 22, 2018
Seniors meet ever Thursday at noon
LWPWA Meeting February 6, 2018
Chamber of Commerce Meeting February 6, 2018

Adjournment

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

APPROVED DATE: February 12, 2018

Bill Brooke
MAYOR

ATTEST:

John E Barclay
CLERK

CITY SEAL

