



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes February 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order:** by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30pm. Prayer was offered by council member Steve Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Roll Call:** The following council members were present: Steve Hall, Charles Chapman, Stacey McMinn, Robin Hefner, Casey Brooke, and Rob Ruble. We have a quorum. Mayor Charles Gastineau, City Clerk Krystal Rummel, and City Attorney Chris Lacy were also in attendance.

Note: Mayor Gastineau asked council if he could move the Planning Commission report up in the agenda. Council had no objections. Council member McMinn offered a motion, council member Brooke. Motion passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

- III. **Planning Commission Report:** Council member Chapman made a motion to approve the Long Addition Phase 1 Final Plat, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve the Planning Commission report as presented, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion is approved with a 6-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Council member Hefner made a motion to approve the January 21, 2025 council minutes, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
- V. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Hall made a motion to approve the department reports and financials for January, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Chapman asked for vehicle clarification on the Fleet Maintenance report going forward.
- VI. **Water Wastewater Advisory Committee Report (Council Member McMinn)** Council member McMinn stated they will try to send out newsletters twice a year.
- VII. **Street Parking Committee Report (Chief Benton)** Has not met yet
- VIII. **Old Business:** None
- IX. **New Business:**

- A. RESOLUTION 2025-05: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERAS** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve R 2025-05, seconded by council member Hall. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.
- B. RESOLUTION 2025-06: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WAGNER GENERAL CONTRACTORS TO RENOVATE/REMODEL THE CITY COUNCIL/COURT ROOM** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Chapman made a motion to approve R 2025-06, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 5-1 voice vote. Council member Hefner was opposed.
- C. RESOLUTION 2025-07: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK TO PUCHASE NECESSARY PARTS TO REPAIR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN GENERATOR** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve R 2025-07, seconded by council member Hefner. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.
- D. RESOLUTION 2025-08: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND R-2023-30 THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve R 2025-08, seconded by council member Hall. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.
- E. RESOLUTION 2025-09: A RESOLUTION TO REVISE R-2023-31 THE ANNUAL WARD WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve R 2025-09, seconded by council member Hefner. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.
- F. RESOLUTION 2025-10: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2018 DODGE RAM 3500** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve R 2025-10, seconded by council member Hefner. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.
- G. RESULTS OF WTPP INSPECTION:** Mayor Gastineau discussed the Wastewater Treatment Inspection by the USDA that found no issues. Council member McMinn made a motion acknowledging the results of the report, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.
- H. ORDINANCE 2025-XX: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING RULES FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, IDENTIFYING WHERE PARKING IS PROHIBITED, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (READ AHEAD).** Council member Hefner made a motion to move forward with the Public Hearing on the Parking Ordinance to be held immediately before the city council meeting next month, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.

VIII. Mayor's Report: During the report, Mayor Gastineau requested a working session Monday, March 3rd at 6:30pm to discuss the sidewalk project.

IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

X. Announcements

- Public Hearing- UDO: March 7th, 6:00pm
- City Council Meeting: March 18th, 6:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting: March 24th, 6:30pm

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm with a motion by Council Member Hefner, seconded by Council Member Ruble. Motion to adjourn passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

We, the undersigned Mayor and City Clerk for the City of Ward, do hereby verify the foregoing to be true and correct record of proceedings of the City of Ward Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: 3-18-25



MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL

CITY SEAL

