



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes March 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order:** by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30pm. Prayer was offered by Tim Lemons, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Roll Call:** The following council members were present: 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. Council member Hall was out due to a funeral.
- III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the February 25, 2025 council minutes, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Brooke made a motion to approve the department reports for February, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote. Financials were posted earlier in the day and tabled to next month's agenda.
- V. **Planning Commission Report:** Council member Brooke made a motion to approve the Thomas-Long-Moon Rd Addition Final Plat, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.
- VI. **Water Wastewater Advisory Committee Report (Council Member McMinn)** Council member McMinn stated they are creating a new client packet summary.
- VII. **Old Business:** None
- VIII. **New Business:**
 - A. **PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION: BUILDING SAFETY MONTH** Mayor Gastineau tabled this until next month.
 - B. **ORDINANCE 2025-05: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING RULES FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, IDENTIFYING WHERE PARKING IS PROHIBITED, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve O 2025-05, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes. Motion approved 5-0. Council

member Ruble made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third readings, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote. Council member Brooke made a motion to adopt O-2025-05, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, and Chapman-yes. Motion is approved and O-2025-05 will go into effect May 1, 2025.

C. ORDINANCE 2025-06: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF WARD ORDINANCE 2024-27; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve O-2025-06 on its first reading, seconded by council member Hefner. Roll call: Hefner-yes, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Chapman-yes, and McMinn-yes. Motion carries with a 4-1 vote. Council member Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third reading but dies for lack of a second. O-2025-06 is tabled to next month.

D. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED STREETS TO OVERLAY Council member Ruble made a motion to go for bids to overlay Campbell, Cross, and Milam streets, seconded by council member Hefner. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

VIII. Mayor's Report: Mayor Gastineau presented the State of the City report. No action taken.

IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Citizens Heath Corbishley and Don Waymack spoke about drainage issues due to I-57.

X. Announcements

- Public Hearing – Rezone Request: March 24, 6:30 pm
- Planning Commission: March 24 following Public Hearing
- Public Hearing – TAP Proposal: April 15, 6:30 pm
- City Council Meeting: April 15 following Public Hearing
- Ward Eggstravaganza: April 18, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting: April 28, 6:30pm
- Annual City-Wide Cleanup: May 3, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Annual Fishing Derby: May 10

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm with a motion by Council Member Hefner, seconded by Council Member Ruble. Motion to adjourn passed with a 5-0 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, March 18, 2025 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: 4-15-2025


MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL



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