



## CITY OF WARD

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### Council Meeting Minutes July 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order:** by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30pm. Prayer was offered by council member Steven Hall followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Roll Call:** The following council members were present: Steven Hall, Charles Chapman, Stacey McMinn, Robin Hefner, Casey Brooke, and Rob Ruble. We have a quorum. Mayor Charles Gastineau, City Attorney Chris Lacy, and City Clerk Krystal Rummel were also in attendance.
- III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Council member Hefner made a motion to approve the June 18, 2024 council minutes, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve the July 3, 2024 council minutes, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve the July 7, 2024 council minutes, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Hall made a motion to approve the department reports and financials for June, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Ruble made a motion to receive monthly maintenance reports on all city owned vehicles and deployment of the K9 unit, seconded by council member Hall. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.
- V. **Planning Commission Report:** No meeting last month. Public hearing Monday night at 6:30 pm.
- VI. **Water Wastewater Advisory Committee Report:** Council member McMinn will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. No action taken.
- VII. **Street Parking Committee Report (Chief Benton)** Chief Benton stated the next meeting will be July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. No action taken.
- VIII. **Old Business:**
  - A. **ORDINANCE 2024-12: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONDEMNATION AND REMOVAL OF HOUSES, BUILDINGS AND/OR STRUCTURES CONSTITUTING A NUISANCE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING A PENALTY THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (Second Reading)** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve O-2024-12 on its second reading, seconded by council member Hefner. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes. Vote resulted in a 6-0 vote.

Council member Hall made a motion to suspend the rules for the third reading, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Chapman made a motion to adopt O-2024-07, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMin-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote. This ordinance does not have an emergency clause and will go into effect in 30 days.

**B. ORDINANCE 2024-14: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PREMISES TO BE KEPT FREE FROM WEEDS, RANK GRASS, GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND OTHER UNSIGHTLY AND UNSANITARY ARTICLES; REQUIRING PROPERTY OWNERS TO ELIMINATE, FILL UP OR REMOVE STAGNANT POOLS OF WATER OR ANY OTHER UNSANITARY THING, PLACE OR CONDITION WHICH MIGHT BECOME A BREEDING PLACE FOR MOSQUITOES, FLIES AND GERMS HARMFUL TO THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY; PRESCRIBING A PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN SUCH CASES; REPEALING AND REPLACING O-2007-07; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (SECOND READING)** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner asked what the fines were for this ordinance. Mayor Gastineau decided to table this for next month. No action taken.

**IX. New Business:**

**A. ORDINANCE NUMBER O-2024-15: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-02** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Chapman made a motion to change the amount from \$25,000 to \$15,000, seconded by council member Brooke. Council member Chapman made a motion to approve O-2024-15, but motion dies for lack of a second.

**B. Discussion on Willow Lake Improvements:** Council member Hefner made a motion to continue the application with CAPDD for the grant application and bid process, seconded by council member Hall. Motion approved with a 6-0 voice vote. A public hearing will be held August 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM.

**C. Discussion on 2025 Arkansas Public Safety Equipment Grant for Body/Dash Cams.** Council member Hefner made a motion to continue the application with CAPDD and the grant application, seconded by council member Hall. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.

**VIII. Mayor's Report:** No action taken

**IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Council member Brooke requested an ordinance regarding homelessness in town.

**X. Announcements**

- Planning Commission Meeting: July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm
- City Council Meeting: August 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm
- Public Hearing: August 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm


**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm with a motion by Council Member Hefner, seconded by Council Member Hefner. 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, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: August 20, 2024

  
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MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:  
  
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CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL



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