



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes August 20, 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, 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. Charles Chapman notified the mayor he was caught in traffic.
- III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Council member Brooke made a motion to approve the July 16, 2024 council minutes, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Hefner made a motion to approve the department reports and financials for July, seconded by council member Hall. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- V. **Planning Commission Report:** Erin Mixon presented the Planning Commission report. Council member Hall made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- VI. **Water Wastewater Advisory Committee Report:** Council member McMinn presented the Water Wastewater Advisory Committee report. The committee has three positions available for residents who live outside city limits. No action taken
- VII. **Street Parking Committee Report (Chief Benton)** Chief Benton presented the Street Parking Committee report. No action taken.
- VIII. **Old Business:**
 - A. **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 with modification)** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel.

Council member Ruble made a motion to approve O-2024-14 on its second reading, seconded by council member McMinn. Roll call: Hall-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke- no, Ruble-yes. Vote resulted in a 4-1 vote. Council member Hall made a motion to suspend the rules for the third reading, seconded by council member Ruble. Voice vote resulted in a 3-2 vote with council members Hefner and Brooke voting no. Mayor Gastineau voted in the affirmative. Final vote 4-2. Council member Hall made a motion to adopt O-2024-14, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. With a 3-2 vote, Mayor Gastineau voted in the affirmative. Final vote 4-2. This ordinance does not have an emergency clause and will go into effect in 30 days.

IX. New Business:

- A. ORDINANCE 2024-16: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, AND MAKING SAME A PART OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, ASSIGNING SAME TO WARDS, AND ZONING SAID ANNEXED TERRITORY** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Charles Chapman arrived and was seated. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve O-2024-16, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: Hefner-yes, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn- yes. Motion carries with a 5-1 vote. Council member Hall made a motion to suspend the second and third readings, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion approved with a 5-1 voice vote. Council member Brooke was opposed. Council member Ruble made a motion to adopt O-2024-16, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes. Final vote 5-1, O-2024-16 has been approved and adopted. City Clerk Rummel will file the paperwork with the county in 30 days.
- B. ORDINANCE 2024-17: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2019-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2019-08; ESTABLISHING PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve O-2024-17 on its first reading, seconded by council member Hefner. Roll call: Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes. Motion approved with a 6-0 vote. We will continue this next month.
- C. ORDINANCE 2024-18: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2024-03 TO CLARIFY ACCESS TO WATER METER BOXES, AND TO ESTABLISH OWNERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES ON WASTEWATER LINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve O-2024-18 on its first reading, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote. Mayor Gastineau said we will continue this next month.
- D. ORDINANCE 2024-19: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITED CAMPING IN PUBLIC PLACES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve O-2024-19, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn- yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes. Motion carries with a 6-0 vote. Council member Hefner made a motion to waive the second and third readings, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion approved with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Hefner made a motion to adopt O-2024-19, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes.

Council member Ruble made a motion to enact the emergency clause, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. Motion is approved with a 6-0 vote. O-2024-19 has been approved and adopted, and will go into effect immediately.

- E. ORDINANCE 2024-20: ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF SPEED HUMPS** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve O-2024-20 on its first reading, seconded by council member McMinn. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. O-2024-20 has been approved on its first reading with a vote 6-0. Mayor Gastineau moved this forward to next month's agenda.
- F. RESOLUTION 2024-36: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LIMB PICKUP/YARD WASTE POLICY FOR THE CITY OF WARD RESIDENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Mayor Gastineau and the council agreed to amend the policy to reflect pick-up on Tuesday and that piles can only be placed within 3 days of pick-up date. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve R-2024-36, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote.
- G. RESOLUTION 2024-37: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM FOR ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE CITY FOR THE SPORTS COMPLEX PARKING PROJECT** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve R-2024-37, seconded by council member Hefner. Roll call: Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes. R-2024-37 has passed with a 6-0 vote.
- H. RESOLUTION 2024-38: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MOYER EXCAVATING & TRUCKING AS THE LOW BIDDER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY CLERK TO SIGN APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS FOR THE PROJECT** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve R-2024-38, seconded by council member Hefner. Roll call: Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes. R-2024-38 is approved with a 6-0 vote.
- I. RESOLUTION 2024-39: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY CLERK TO SIGN THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO FINALIZE THE LOAN** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Chapman made a motion to approve R-2024-39, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes. R-2024-39 has passed with a 4-2 vote.
- J. RESOLUTION 2024-40: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXPEND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR TO COVER CONSTRUCTION COST SHORTFALLS OF THE NEW LONOKE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve R-2024-40, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. R-2024-40 has been approved with a 6-0 vote.

K. RESOLUTION 2024-41: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE FOUR WASTEWATER PUMPS FOR VARIOUS WASTEWATER LIFT STATIONS was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve R-2024-41, seconded by council member Hall. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. R-2024-41 passed with a 6-0 vote.

L. Discussion on Council/Court Remodel Project

Council member Chapman made a motion to move forward with proposals for option number 2, seconded by council member Hall. Motion passes with a 5-1 voice vote. Council member Hefner was opposed.

M. Discussion on City Hall Parking Lot Project

Council member Hefner made a motion to table this discussion, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion is approved with a 6-0 voice vote.

N. Discussion on Land next to the Sports Complex

Council member Chapman made a motion to allow Mayor Gastineau to discuss possibly purchasing additional land with Kevin Spence, seconded by council member Hall. Council member McMinn recused herself. Motion is approved with a 5-0 voice vote.

O. Discussion on RFP for Water Storage Tank Cleaning and Repair

Council member Ruble made a motion to issue an RFP to clean and repair the city's water storage tanks, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion is approved with a 6-0 voice vote.

P. Discussion on Ward Water and Sewer System Water Audit

Council member Hefner made a motion acknowledging the council received a copy of the Ward Water and Sewer System Water Audit and that there were no findings, 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: no action taken

X. Announcements

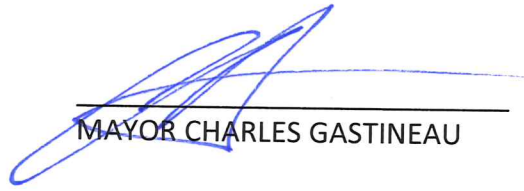
- Planning Commission Meeting: August 24th, 6:30 pm
- City Offices closed in observance of Labor Day: September 2nd, all day
- City Council Meeting: September 17th, 6:30 pm
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XI. Adjournment

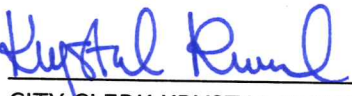
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm with a motion by Council Member Hefner, seconded by Council Member Hall. Motion to adjourn passed with a 6-0 voice vote.

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, August 20th, 2024 at 6:30PM.

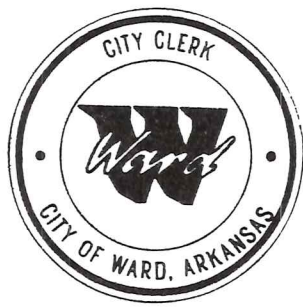
APPROVED DATE: 9-17-2024



MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL



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