



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes October 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order:** by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30pm. Prayer was offered by Mayor Gastineau, 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 Attorney Chris Lacy, and City Clerk Krystal Rummel were also in attendance. Council Member Steve Hall was absent.
- III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the September 17, 2024 council minutes, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the department reports for September and financials for August and September, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- V. **American Legion Representative:** Joe McGlovin gave a brief description of the American Legion's services and events. No action was taken.
- VI. **City Hall Complex/Council/Court Upgrades (WDD Architects)** Chad Young and Abby Redmond presented the Municipal Complex Renovations with three phases. Council member Chapman made a motion to approve working with WDD on phase one, seconded by council member Ruble. Voice vote resulted in council members Hefner and Brooke opposing. Mayor Gastineau voted in the affirmative. Final vote 4-2. Motion is approved.
- VII. **Planning Commission Report:** Erin Mixon was sick, and Helen Huitt presented the Planning Commission report. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the Conditional Use permit for #1 Chris Drive, seconded by council member Hefner. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve the replat of Magnolia West Lots 25-27, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- VIII. **Water Wastewater Advisory Committee Report:** Council member McMinn presented the Water Wastewater Advisory Committee report. No action taken

IX. Street Parking Committee Report: Chief Benton stated the committee did not meet this month. No action taken.

X. Old Business:

A. ORDINANCE 2024-18: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE O-2024-03 TO CLARIFY ACCESS TO WATER METER BOXES; TO ESTABLISH OWNERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WASTEWATER LINES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (THIRD READING AND APPROVAL) was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve O-2024-18 on its third reading, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes. Vote resulted in a 5-0 vote. Council member Ruble made a motion to adopt O-2024-18, seconded by council member McMinn. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Chapman-yes. Motion carries with a 5-0 vote and O-2024-18 will go into effect in 30 days.

XI. New Business:

A. ORDINANCE 2024-22: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHRISTOPHER LEWIS, A CITY OF WARD EMPLOYEE, TO WORK AS A PAID UMPIRE FOR THE CITY WHILE OFF-DUTY FROM HIS NORMAL CITY DUTIES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve O-2024-22 on its first reading, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn- yes. Motion carries with a 5-0 vote. Council member Brooke made a motion to suspend the second and third readings, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion is approved with a 5-0 voice vote. Council member Ruble made a motion to adopt O-2024-22, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes. Final vote 5-0. O-2024-22 has been approved and adopted. Council member Brooke made a motion to enact the emergency clause, seconded by council member McMinn. Roll call: Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-yes. O-2024-22 will go into effect immediately.

VIII. Mayor's Report: No action taken

IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: no action taken

X. Announcements

- Planning Commission Meeting: October 28th, 6:30 pm
- Early Voting: October 21th – November 4th, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Election Day: November 5th
- City Offices closed in observance of Veterans Day: November 11th, all day
- City Council Meeting: November 19th, 6:30 pm

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm with a motion by Council Member Hefner, seconded by Council Member Brooke. 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, October 15th, 2024 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: 11-19-2024


MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL

CITY SEAL