



CITY OF WARD

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

- I. **Call to Order:** by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:30pm. Prayer was offered by Council member Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Roll Call:** The following council members were present: Steve Hall, Charles Chapman, Stacey McMinn, 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.
- III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Council member Brooke made a motion to approve the September 30, 2025 city council minutes, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the October 21, 2025 city council minutes, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the department reports and financials for October 2025, seconded by council member Hall. Motion passes with a 5-0 voice vote.
- V. **Planning Commission Report:** Presented by Chairman Erin Mixon. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the final plat for Mason's Corner, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the Planning Commission report, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.
- VI. **Water Wastewater Advisory Committee Report:** no action taken.
- VII. **Old Business:**
 - A. **ORDINANCE 2025-20: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, AMENDING THE CITY OF WARD MUNICIPAL CODE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (THIRD READING AND ADOPTION)** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to rezone the industrial area west of Orchard Hollow subdivision to Neighborhood/Commercial, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion carries with a 4-1 voice vote, council member Brooke opposed. Council member Hall made a motion to approve O-2025-20 on its third reading, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Brooke-no, and Ruble-yes. Motion carries with a 4-1 vote. Council member Hall made a motion to adopt O-2025-20, seconded by council

member Chapman. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, and Hall-yes. Motion carries with a 4-1 roll call vote and O-2025-20 will go into effect at the first of the year.

VIII. New Business:

- A. RESOLUTION 2025-49: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, ACCEPTING A DEATH BENEFIT GIFT AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE CONTRIBUTION** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve R-2025-49, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.
- B. RESOLUTION 2025-50: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO PURCHASE A NEW VEHICLE AND SLIDE-IN ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT FOR THE CITY'S ANIMAL CONTROL SECTION** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve R-2025-50, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.
- C. RESOLUTION 2025-51: A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026** was read by title only. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve R-2025-51, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.
- D. RESOLUTION 2025-52: A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL WARD WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member McMinn made a motion to approve R-2025-52, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.
- E. DISCUSSION TO INCREASE AMOUNT ALLOCATED/APPROPRIATED TO OUTFIT THE LATEST POLICE VEHICLE BY \$2,000.** Council member Hall made a motion to increase the amount allocated to outfit the latest police vehicle by \$2500.00, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.
- F. ORDINANCE 2025-25: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE O-2024-23; CLARIFYING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve O-2025-25 on its first reading, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, and Chapman-yes. Motion carries with a 5-0 vote. Council member Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third readings, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote. Council member Brooke made a motion to adopt O-2025-25, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, and McMinn-yes. Motion carries with a 5-0 vote. O-2025-25 has been approved and adopted and will go into effect January 1, 2026.
- G. ORDINANCE 2025-26: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 2024-24 SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES OF THE CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; AND FOR**

OTHER PURPOSES read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member McMinn made a motion to approve O-2025-26 on its first reading, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, and Brooke-yes. Motion carries with a 5-0 vote. Council member Ruble made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third readings, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote. Council member Brooke made a motion to adopt O-2025-26, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Brooke-yes, and Ruble-yes. Motion carries with a 5-0 vote. O-2025-26 has been approved and adopted and will go into effect January 1, 2026.

H. ORDINANCE 2025-27: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING O-2024-25; APPOINTING A CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; CLARIFYING THE DUTIES OF CITY ATTORNEY; ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE CITY ATTORNEY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve O-2025-27 on its first reading, seconded by council member McMinn. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, and Hall-yes. Motion carries with a 5-0 vote. Council member Brooke 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 Ruble made a motion to adopt O-2025-27, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes. Motion carries with a 5-0 vote. O-2025-27 has been approved and adopted and will go into effect January 1, 2026.

I. ORDINANCE 2025-28: AN ORDINANCE; REPEALING AND REPLACING O-2024-26; CLARIFYING THE DUTIES OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve O-2025-28 on its first reading, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, and McMinn-yes. Motion carries with a 5-0 vote. Council member Brooke made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third readings, seconded by council member Hall. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote. Council member Chapman made a motion to adopt O-2025-28, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, and Brooke-yes. Motion carries with a 5-0 vote. O-2025-28 has been approved and adopted and will go into effect January 1, 2026.

J. ORDINANCE 2025-29: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-27; PRESCRIBING A CHANGE IN THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER, WASTEWATER AND OTHER SERVICES AND FEES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve O-2025-29 on its first reading, seconded by council member McMinn. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Brooke-yes and Ruble-yes. Motion carries with a 5-0 vote. Council member Hall made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third readings, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 4-1 voice vote, council member Brooke opposed. Council member Hall made a motion to adopt O-2025-29, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, and Hall-yes. Motion carries with a 4-1 vote. O-2025-29 has been approved and adopted.

K. **RESOLUTION R-2025-53: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT THE ARKANSAS ENERGY OFFICE SMALL CITIES AND COUNTIES EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG)** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Chapman made a motion to approve R-2025-53, seconded by council member Hall. Motion carries with a 5-0 voice vote.

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

IX. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** none

X. **Council Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** no action taken

XI. **Announcements**

- Cornerstone Thanksgiving: November 22nd, 11:00 am
- Planning Commission Meeting: November 24th, 6:30 pm
- City Offices Closed: November 27/28 for Thanksgiving
- Christmas Parade: December 7th, 3:00 pm
- City Council Meeting: December 16th, 6:30 pm
- City Offices Closed: December 25/26 for Christmas

XII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm with a motion by Council Member Brooke, seconded by Council Member Hall. 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, November 18, 2025 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: 12-10-25


MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL

CITY SEAL

