



CITY OF WARD

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Council Meeting Minutes April 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM

I. Public Hearing: TAP Proposal

II. Call to Order: by Mayor Gastineau @ 6:33pm following the Public Hearing for the TAP Proposal. Prayer was offered by special guests Pack 205 - Webelo, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call: The following council members were present: Steve Hall, 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.

IV. Review/approval of Council Minutes: Council member Ruble made a motion to approve the March 18, 2025 council minutes, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote.

V. Department Reports and Financials: Council member Brooke made a motion to approve the department reports for March and Financials for February 2025, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion passes with a 6-0 voice vote. Financials for March will be presented next month.

VI. Planning Commission Report: Presented by Chairman Erin Mixon. Council member McMinn made a motion to approve the Morrison Estates Final Plat, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve the rezone request for 770 Moon Rd from R-1 to PUD, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Chapman made a motion to approve the final plat for Copper Moon Estates-Phase 2 with contingency, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the Planning Commission report, seconded by council member McMinn. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.

VII. Water Wastewater Advisory Committee Report (Council Member McMinn) None

VIII. Old Business:

A. ORDINANCE 2025-06: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF WARD ORDINANCE 2024-27; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (2ND READING) was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Chapman made a motion to approve O-2025-06 on its second reading. Roll call: Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes. Motion carries with a 4-2 roll call vote. Mayor Gastineau decided to table the third reading to next month.

IX. New Business:

A. PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION: BUILDING SAFETY MONTH: Mayor Gastineau read the proclamation with Gary Meadows and Michael Archdeacon.

B. ORDINANCE 2025-07: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF WARD ORDINANCE O-2020-10 was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Ruble made a motion to approve O 2025-07, seconded by council member Chapman. Roll call: Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes. Motion approved 4-2. Council member Hall made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third readings, seconded by council member Chapman. Council members Hefner, Brooke, and Ruble voting no. Mayor Gastineau voted in the affirmative to break the tie. Motion carries with a 4-3 voice vote. Council member Hall made a motion to adopt O-2025-07, seconded by council member McMinn. Roll call: McMinn-yes, Hefner-no, Brooke-no, Ruble-no, Hall-yes and Chapman-yes. Mayor Gastineau voted in the affirmative to break the tie. Motion carries with a 4-3 roll call vote. Motion is approved and O-2025-05 will go into effect in 30 days.

C. RESOLUTION 2025-11: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF CITY OF WARD TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM OR RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDS was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Chapman made a motion to approve R-2025-11, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.

D. RESOLUTION 2025-12: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR LIVE FEED CAMERAS was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve R-2025-12, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.

E. RESOLUTION 2025-13: A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JAY STANLEY AND ASSOCIATES TO FACILITATE NECESSARY AUDIO/VISUAL UPGRADES IN THE REMODELED COUNCIL/COURT ROOM was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve R-2025-13, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.

F. RESOLUTION 2025-14: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BOND ENGINEERING TO DESIGN AND MANAGE A PROJECT TO OVERLAY/IMPROVE MILAM ST, CROSS, ST AND CAMPBELL ST was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve R-2025-14, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.

G. ORDINANCE O-2025-08: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF WARD LAND USE MAP, ZONING REGULATIONS CLASSIFICATIONS AND BOUNDARIES REGARDING PROPERTY IDENTIFIED BELOW FROM AN R-1 (RESIDENTIAL) TO A PLANNED URBAN DEVELOPMENT (PUD) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hefner made a motion to approve O 2025-08 on its first reading, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: Hefner-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, and McMinn-yes. Motion carries with a 6-0 vote. Council member Brooke made a motion to suspend the 2nd and

3rd readings, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Hall made a motion to adopt O-2025-08, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Chapman-yes, McMinn-yes, and Hefner-yes. O-2025-08 has been approved and will go into effect in 30 days.

H. ELECTRIC VEHICLE/EV CHARGERS DISCUSSION: Council member Hall made a motion to continue moving forward with the electric vehicle process, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote. Council member Hall made a motion to continue moving forward with the EV Chargers process, seconded by council member Chapman. Motion carries with a 6-0 voice vote.

VIII. Mayor's Report: No action taken.

IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

X. Announcements

- Ward Eggstravaganza: April 19, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting: April 28, 6:30pm
- Yard Waste Pick Up: April 28 - May 1
- Annual City-Wide Cleanup: May 3, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Annual Fishing Derby: May 10
- City Council Meeting: May 20, 6:30pm- In Dining Hall
- Torch Run: May 22nd

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm with a motion by Council Member Hefner, seconded by Council Member McMinn. 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, April 15, 2025 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: 5-20-25


MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL

CITY SEAL

