



## **CITY OF WARD**

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### **Council Meeting Minutes June 17, 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, Casey Brooke, and Rob Ruble. We have a quorum with the mayor included. Council members Charles Chapman, Stacey McMinn, and Robin Hefner were absent. Mayor Charles Gastineau, City Clerk Krystal Rummel, and City Attorney Chris Lacy were also in attendance.
- III. **Review/approval of Council Minutes:** Council member Hall made a motion to approve the May 20, 2025 council minutes, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.
- IV. **Department Reports and Financials:** Council member Brooke made a motion to approve the department reports and financials for May 2025, seconded by council member Hall. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.
- V. **Planning Commission Report:** Planning Commission report given by Chairman Erin Mixon. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the lot split of 207 Lawrence St, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion approved with a 4-0 voice vote. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the Planning Commission report, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion approved with a 4-0 voice vote.
- VI. **Water Wastewater Advisory Committee Report:** No Water Advisory report.
- VII. **Old Business:**
  - A. **ORDINANCE 2025-10: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR PERMITTING, REVIEW AND PLACEMENT OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS WITHIN THE CITY OF WARD; ESTABLISHING FEES ASSOCIATED WITH SAME; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (2ND READING)** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve O-2025-10 on its 2nd reading, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Hall-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, and Mayor-yes. Motion carries with a 4-0 roll call vote. This will be carried to next month.
  - B. **ORDINANCE 2025-12: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND LAY OFF CITY OF WARD PROPERTY OWNERS' MULTIPURPOSE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 29 OF WARD, ARKANSAS (Moonlight**

**Meadows); TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (1st Reading)** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve O-2025-12 on its first reading, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Mayor-yes. Motion is approved by a 4-0 roll call vote. Council member Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third reading, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion carries with a 4-0 voice vote. Council member Ruble made a motion to adopt O-2025-12, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Brooke-yes, and Mayor-yes. O-2025-12 has been adopted with a 4-0 roll call vote. Council member Hall made a motion to invoke the emergency clause, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Hall-yes, Brooke-no, Ruble-yes, and Mayor-yes. Motion failed for lack of majority. O-2025-12 will go into effect in 30 days.

**C. 50-ACRE PROPERTY ON HWY 31: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION:** no action taken

**VIII. New Business:**

**A. ORDINANCE 2025-13: AN ORDINANCE REVOKING AND REPLACING SEVERAL ORDINANCES LISTED, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION, BY REFERENCE, OF SEVERAL TECHNICAL CODES LISTED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Brooke made a motion to approve O 2025-13, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, and Mayor-yes. Motion is approved by a 4-0 vote. Council member Hall made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third readings, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion carries with a 4-0 voice vote. Council member Hall made a motion to adopt O-2025-13, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Brooke-yes, and Mayor-yes. Motion is approved and O-2025-13 will go into effect in 30 days.

**B. ORDINANCE 2025-14: 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 Ruble made a motion to approve O 2025-14, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: Hall-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, and Mayor-yes. Motion is approved by a 4-0 vote. Council member Brooke made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third readings, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 4-0 voice vote. Council member Brooke made a motion to adopt O-2025-14, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call: Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, and Mayor-yes. Motion is approved and O-2025-14 will go into effect in 30 days.

**C. ORDINANCE 2025-15: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC FUNDS PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS AND THE CITY OF WARD WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM, 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 2025-15, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, Brooke-yes, and Mayor-yes. Motion is approved by a 4-0 vote. Council member Hall made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third readings, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion carries with a 4-0 voice vote. Council member Ruble made a motion to adopt O-2025-15, seconded by council member Brooke. Roll call: Hall-yes, Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, and Mayor-yes. Motion is approved. Council member Hall made a motion to invoke the emergency clause, seconded by council member Ruble. Roll call:

Brooke-yes, Ruble-yes, Hall-yes, and Mayor-yes (as a quorum member). Motion is approved and will go into effect immediately.

**D. RESOLUTION 2025-19: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BOND CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO MANAGER THE WATER TANK REPAINT AND CLEAN PROJECT** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve R-2025-19, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion carries with a voice 4-0 vote.

**E. RESOLUTION 2025-20: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENAMING OF THE WARD CITY SPORTS COMPLEX TO HEREAFTER ALSO BE KNOWN AS THE "DON "DUDE" AND MARGIE SPENCE MEMORIAL PARK"** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve R-2025-20, seconded by council member Ruble. Motion did not pass as council member Brooke opposed, therefore did not have the majority. This will be brought up at the next council meeting.

**F. RESOLUTION 2025-21: A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING UTILITY SERVICE COMPANY, INC AS THE LOW-BIDDER, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH UTILITY SERVICE COMPANY, INC., AND TO SIGN APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS FOR THE WARD WATER STORAGE TANKS REPAIR/REPAINT/CLEAN PROJECT** was read by title only by City Clerk Rummel. Council member Hall made a motion to approve R-2025-12, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.

**VIII. Mayor's Report:** Council member Hall made a motion to allow Mayor Gastineau to negotiate with the owner of 40 Castleton of a needed 10 sqft ROW, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion is approved with a 4-0 voice vote. Council member Hall made a motion to allow the submission of the grant application for the 2025 Sports Complex LED Replacement Project, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion is approved with a 4-0 voice vote. Council member Hall made a motion to approve the \$1 million 6-month CD rollover, seconded by council member Brooke. Motion passes with a 4-0 voice vote.

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

**X. Announcements**

- City Offices Closed for Juneteenth: June 19
- Planning Commission: June 23, 6:30 pm
- City Offices Closed for Independence Day: July 4
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, July 4: 5-Dusk
- Food Truck, Live Music, Vendors, Rides, Fireworks!
- Public Hearing UDO/Master Land Use/Zoning:
- July 10, 6:30-7:30 pm & July 12, 2:00-3:00 (Tentative)
- City Council Meeting: July 15, 6:30 pm

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm with a motion by Council Member Hall, seconded by Mayor Gastineau. Motion to adjourn passed with a 4-0 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, June 17, 2025 at 6:30PM.

APPROVED DATE: 7-15-25

  
MAYOR CHARLES GASTINEAU

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK KRYSTAL RUMMEL

CITY SEAL

