

Mayor: Ernie Rose
Recorder/Treasurer: Greg Bess
Alderman: Bob Gilliland, Herbert Wise
Penny Allen, Jeff Munroe
Sue Taylor, Mark Gordon

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Regular Meeting, Hardy City Council

March 2, 2021

6:00 o'clock P.M.

Mayor Ernie Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM Tuesday March 2, 2021 at the Hardy Civic Center, 301 Main Street, Hardy, Arkansas and led all present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country. Councilwoman Penny Allen read the invocation. Mr. Bess called the roll and the following council members answered to their names: Jeff Munroe, Mark Gordon, Bobby Gilliland, Penny Allen, Herbert Wise and Sue Taylor. There were 6 of 6 council members present constituting a quorum.

Councilman Gordon made a motion that the minutes of regular meeting of February 2, 2021 be approved as written. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a voice vote. All answering in the affirmative the motion to approve the Feb 2, 2021 meeting minutes carried.

R/T Bess asked to add an item at the end of the agenda to address approvals of two resolutions for the wastewater project.

REPORTS

Mayor Rose recognized Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC) commissioner Jeff Munroe to provide a report of the HAPC. Mr. Munroe stated the HAPC met on Feb 22, 2021. He stated the operating fund had about \$45,452 and the capital account a little over \$50, 999 in funds. He discussed the bids being received for the "hardy sign" and stated a motion was made to proceed with the paver option pending a mockup of the materials. He stated the HAPC would be working on a new business directory and would appreciate any and all assistance in getting the business directory updated.

R/T Bess stated the financials were presented in the agenda packet. He stated a copy of the 2020 final expense and revenue status was also provided and that this was the information placed in the paper as required state law. He stated there are several items that need to be addressed in the budget that are on the agenda for later.

Mayor Rose, recognized Officer Scott Rose, to discuss the police status in the Department of Public Safety. Chief Rose, speaking for acting Chief Shipman who was out due to a family emergency, stated that a current roster is in his handout along with a summary of response issues seen so far this year.

Mayor Rose spoke for acting superintendent Tim Cooper who was unable to attend the meeting. He stated that the severe weather kept the department busy the last several weeks, but they still were able to install the repaired sewer pump and that all facilities were in good shape.

Mayor Rose spoke for Fire Chief Austin Rose, who was on duty at Cherokee Village. He requested that the Council consider updating the paging services to a more "user friendly high tech service" that provides mapping and up to date status. Mayor Rose stated the new system would cost \$1,200 per year. He requested the council approve a budget change to purchase the system now even though they were still using the "fire text" and it had been paid. Councilman Gordon made a motion to spend up to \$1,200 in annual fees for new fire text system. Councilman Munroe seconded the motion. Mayor Rose requested a roll call vote:

Vote: Gordon - Yea, Munroe - Yea, Allen - Yea, Gilliland - Yea, Wise - Yea, and Taylor - Yea

The motion to spend up to \$1,200 in annual fees for new fire text system was approved with **6 Yeas – 0 Nays – 0 Absent.**

Mayor Rose stated that the Fire Department is in the process of selling the F550 Fire Truck as agreed last meeting. He wanted the council to be aware that the city had a pumper truck that is out of service due to poor pump pressure and as such the Chief would be looking to either trade or sell the F550 to obtain a replacement pumper truck as quick as possible.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Rose provided a status on the sewer expansion project. He noted that the city had not received approval yet but was hopeful. Mayor Rose stated the status on the HVAC system grant at the Hardy Gym was still pending. He also stated that the bid for the street project was to be let May 19 of this year.

Mayor Rose recognized R/T Bess to read Resolution 2021-D that authorized the Mayor to submit for a economic development project. Following the reading, Councilman Gilliland made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-D. Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote:

Vote: Gordon - Yea, Munroe - Yea, Allen - Yea, Gilliland - Yea, Wise - Yea, and Taylor - Yea

The motion to approve Resolution 2021-D as read was approved with **6 Yeas – 0 Nays – 0 Absent.**

Mayor Rose recognized R/T Bess to read Resolution 2021-E that authorized the Mayor to enter into a contract with White River Planning and Development for an economic development project.

Following the reading, Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-E.

Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote:

Vote: Gordon - Yea, Munroe - Yea, Allen - Yea, Gilliland - Yea, Wise - Yea, and Taylor - Yea

The motion to approve Resolution 2021-E as read was approved with **6 Yeas – 0 Nays – 0 Absent.**

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rose recognized R/T Bess to address several items needing council approval concerning budget and spending. Mr. Bess provided a one-page listing of the issues being addressed (Exhibit A, enclosed). He asked for approval from council for the R/T and Mayor to approve payment of a prior WEX bill using a electronic bank draft. He asked council to approval an expense in 2021 for licensing

of Body Camera which was left out of the budget. He stated the Hardy Water Works had a final payment for the billing system purchased in 2020, as that payment slid into 2021. Lastly, he requested that the council approve the monthly payment for services in the absence of Mr. Gilbreath at \$400 monthly. Following the discussion, Councilman Gilliland made a motion to approve all the budget and spending issues as noted on the consolidated handout. Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote:

Vote: Gordon - Yea, Munroe - Yea, Allen - Yea, Gilliland - Yea, Wise - Yea, and Taylor - Yea

The motion to approve all the budget and spending issues as noted on the consolidated handout was approved with **6 Yeas – 0 Nays – 0 Absent.**

Mayor Rose stated that he was actively working to get bids for mowing of the city property estimated to be 40 acres. He stated that a proposal would be presented at the April meeting. Following some discussion, Councilman Gilliland made a motion to allow the mayor to enter into a contract for mowing services for the city for the 2021 season. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a voice vote. All answering in the affirmative the motion to allow the mayor to enter into a contract for mowing services for the city for the 2021 season carried.

Mayor Rose recognized R/T Bess to discuss document retirement and removal. Mr. Bess stated that a one-page affidavit was attached (Exhibit B) stating what was being requested. He then read the document. Following the reading, Councilman Gilliland made a motion to allow retirement and destruction of documents as stated. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called vote. All answering in the affirmative the motion to allow the retirement and distraction of documents as stated carried.

Mayor Rose thanked Councilman Munroe for taking the time and effort to research and install the new council audio system. He stated this new system was less than \$700.

Mayor Rose recognized Ms. Tracey Moore to discuss gun sanctuaries. Mayor Rose stated that he had that discussion scheduled for the April Meeting and that documents were in the council mail boxes for them to get prepared to discuss.

Mayor Rose stated that given the improving situation with public health, the next meeting of the Hardy City Council would be at Hardy City Hall.

Mayor Rose recognized Ms. Monica Shepard who addressed the need to review and possibly update the Hardy Camper Park rates. R/T Bess stated that he had scheduled a meeting with the RV Park Manager for 10AM Wed March 3 to discuss rates. Mayor Rose stated that he would attend.

ADJOURN

Mayor Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM. The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for April 6, 2021 at 6:00PM at Hardy City Hall, at 124 Woodland Hills Road, in Hardy, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Bess, Recorder/Treasurer

PASSED and APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF April, 2021

APPROVED:


Ernie Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:


Greg Bess, Recorder/Treasurer

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