

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

May 4, 2021

6:00 o'clock P.M.

Recorder/Treasurer Greg Bess called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM Tuesday May 4, 2021 at Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Road, Hardy, Arkansas and led all present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country. R/T Bess explained that Mayor Rose may join the meeting later following a trip to Jonesboro, but that he had been asked to open the meeting. Councilwoman Allen read the invocation. R/T Bess called the roll with the following council members answering to their names: Jeff Munroe, Mark Gordon, Bobby Gilliland, Herbert Wise, Penny Allen, and Sue Taylor. There were 6 of 6 council members present constituting a quorum. R/T Bess noted that City Attorney Joe Grider was present, and Mayor Rose was absent. R/T Bess then requested if anyone on the council would prefer to conduct the meeting in the mayor's absence. Hearing no requests, he proceeded to chair the meeting.

Councilman Gordon made a motion that the minutes of regular meeting of April 6, 2021 be approved as written. Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. R/T Bess called for a voice vote. All answering in the affirmative the motion to approve the minutes carried.

R/T Bess asked to add a couple new items to the agenda to address bidding for the fire truck and the Cyber Security bidding.

REPORTS

R/T Bess recognized Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC) commissioner Tracy Moore to provide a report of the HAPC. Commissioner Moore stated the HAPC met on April 26, 2021. He stated the operating fund had about \$48,676 and the capital account a \$51,008 in funds. She stated the HAPC is continuing to work the new business directory and would appreciate any assistance in getting the business directory updated. She also stated that Commissioner Munroe was working a review of the property next to the Hardy Civic Center on which the HAPC has an option to buy.

R/T Bess stated the financials were presented in the agenda packet. He presented a graph of Tax Revenues year over year for 2019 – 2021. He stated the tax revenue improved with March 2021 collections 27% higher than last year. He then briefly reviewed other financial data found in the agenda packet.

R/T Bess recognized Councilman Jeff Munroe to discuss the public works committee status. Mr. Munroe presented some pressing hardware needs at the sewer plant and at remote pump stations. He also cited several safety concerns at a couple pump stations. Following some discussion, Councilman Munroe makes a motion to approve up to \$15,000 in pump maintenance expenses for needed hardware

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and safety updates. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. R/T Bess requested a roll call vote:

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

The motion to approve up to \$15,000 in pump maintenance expenses for needed hardware and safety updates was approved with **6 Yeas – 0 Nays – 0 Absent.**

Director Tim Cooper requested the council consider allowing Mike Johnson, currently a part-time employee, to full time employment. Following some discussion, it was decided to broach the request with Mayor Rose in 90 days after operating under the new mode of contracted mowing and considering the recent employee moves.

R/T Bess recognized Councilman Mark Gordon to discuss the fire committee status. He stated there was one fire truck out of service awaiting an accident insurance claim. He stated there were some issues being worked but, that there was nothing needing attention.

R/T Bess recognized Councilman Bob Gilliland to discuss the police committee status. Mr. Gilliland stated there was noting needing attention at this time.

R/T Bess then addressed Ordinance 2021-4 which addresses the cyber security services under contract with Sabastian Tech Services and waives competitive bidding. As the contract was approved at the last meeting Mr. Bess stated that the Mayor was seeking approval to waive bidding for these services. Mr. Bess read Ordinance 2021-4. Following some discussion, Councilman Gordon made a motion to waive procedure and read Ordinance 2021-4 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading by title only. Councilman Munroe seconded the motion. R/T Bess requested a voice vote, all answering in the affirmative the motion to waive procedure and read ordinance 2021-4 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading by title only carried.

R/T Bess read Ordinance 2021-4 title only. Councilman Gilliland made a motion to pass ordinance 2021-4 as read. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. R/T Bess requested a roll call vote:

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

The motion to approve Ordinance 2021-4 was approved with **6 Yeas – 0 Nays – 0 Absent.**

Councilman Gordon made a motion approve the emergency clause of ordinance 2021-4. Councilman Munroe seconded the motion. R/T Bess requested a voice vote, all answering in the affirmative the motion to approve the emergency clause of ordinance 2021-4 was approved.

R/T Bess then addressed Ordinance 2021-3 which addressed the purchase of fire truck. He explained that while the \$70,000 was approved for the purchase at the last meeting it was than \$20,000 and a ordinance was needed to waive competitive bidding. Councilman Gilliland made a motion read Ordinance 2021-3. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. R/T Bess requested a voice vote, all answering in the affirmative the motion to read ordinance 2021-3 carried. R/T Bess read ordinance 2021-3.

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Councilman Gordon made a motion waive procedure and read Ordinance 2021-3 2nd, and 3rd reading by title only. Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. R/T Bess requested a voice vote, all answering in the affirmative the motion to waive procedure and read ordinance 2021-3 2nd, and 3rd reading by title only carried. Mr. Bess read 2021-3 title only.

Councilwoman Allen made a motion to pass ordinance 2021-3. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. R/T Bess requested a roll call vote:

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

The motion to approve Ordinance 2021-3 was approved with **6 Yeas – 0 Nays – 0 Absent.**

Councilman Gilliland made a motion approve the emergency clause of ordinance 2021-3. Councilman Munroe seconded the motion. R/T Bess requested a voice vote, all answering in the affirmative the motion to approve the emergency clause of ordinance 2021-3 was approved.

R/T Bess recognized attorney Joe Grider to explain ordinance 2021-2 directing the number of police officers in the Hardy police department. Councilman Gilliland made a motion read Ordinance 2021-2. Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. R/T Bess requested a voice vote, all answering in the affirmative the motion to read ordinance 2021-2 carried. R/T Bess read ordinance 2021-2.

Councilman Gordon made a motion waive procedure and read Ordinance 2021-2 a 2nd and 3rd time by title only. Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. R/T Bess requested a voice vote, all answering in the affirmative the motion to waive procedure and read ordinance 2021-2 a 2nd, and 3rd time by title only carried. Mr. Bess read 2021-2 title only.

Councilman Gordon made a motion pass Ordinance 2021-2. Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. R/T Bess requested a voice vote, all answering in the affirmative the motion to approve ordinance 2021-2 carried.

R/T Bess recognized Mr. Steven Richie to discuss the Spring ATV ride event scheduled for May 22nd.

ADJOURN

R/T Bess declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM. The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for June 1, 2021 at 6:00PM at Hardy City Hall, at 124 Woodland Hills Road, in Hardy, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Bess, Recorder/Treasurer

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PASSED and APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF June, 2021

APPROVED:


Ernie Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:


Greg Bess, Recorder/Treasurer

