

Mayor: Ernie Rose

Recorder/Treasurer: Greg Bess

Alderman: Bob Gilliland, Herbert Wise

Penny Allen, Jeff Munroe

Sue Taylor, Mark Gordon

City Attorney: Joe Grider

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## Regular Meeting, Hardy City Council

June 1, 2021

6:00 o'clock P.M.

Mayor Ernie Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM Tuesday June 1, 2021 at the Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hill Road, 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. He stated that there were 6 of 6 council members present constituting a quorum and that Attorney Joe Grider was also present.

Councilman Gordon made a motion that the minutes of regular meeting of May 4, 2021, be approved as written. Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a voice vote. All answering in the affirmative the motion to approve the May 4, 2021, meeting minutes carried.

R/T Bess asked to add an item at the end of the agenda to address sidewalk repair

### REPORTS

Mayor Rose recognized Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC) commissioner Mark Huscher to provide a report of the HAPC. Mr. Huscher stated the HAPC met on May 24, 2021. He stated the operating fund at about \$65,658 and the capital account a little over \$51,013 in funds. He stated the HAPC was reviewing the option to purchase the parking lot next to the Civic Center, as the lease option will expire November 2021. He also stated the Library Book sale will be held at the Civic Center. He stated they are reviewing website maintenance. He stated the HAPC is working on a billboard for bypass.

R/T Bess stated the financials are presented in the packet. He stated that April sales tax revenue is up 42% for last year. He cautioned that more data was needed but it appears that dispensary sales were contribution to increase. He stated a year-to-date financials were in the packet and labeled as draft as the May data had not been reconciled.

Mayor Rose, Councilman and Fire Committee Member, to discuss the Fire status in the Department of Public Safety. He stated nothing to report. Mayor Rose recognized Councilman and Public Works Committee Member to report on issues with public works. Mayor Rose recognized Councilman and Police Committee Member Herbert Wise to discuss Police activity. He stated there had been an accident with one car and it is being repaired in advance of insurance payment. R/T Bess requested that council approve advance spending for the car repairs. Councilman Wise made a motion to spend up to \$5,000 for the police car repair. Councilman Gilliland 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 \$5,000 for police car repair was approved with 6 Yeas – 0 Nays – 0 Absent.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rose discussed the need to have an auction of surplus city equipment and property in late July. He stated items he wished to sell as a parcel of property, a portable building, and other unused equipment. He requested permission to proceed with determining an auction date, while finalizing the items to sell at the July Council meeting. Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve having an auction with the contents to be determined at the July Meeting. Councilman Munroe seconded the motion. Mayor Rose requested a voice vote. All answering in the affirmative the motion to approve an auction with contents to be determined at the July meeting carried.

Mayor Rose stated that he had to have the sidewalk repaired in front of Horton's Music. He stated that prior to Memorial Weekend he requested that the step at the site be removed, and a ramp put to provide accessibility. Councilman Gordon made a motion to spend up to \$2,500 from the Street Fund for sidewalk repair. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. Mayor Rose requested a voice vote. All answering in the affirmative, the motion to spend up to \$2,500 for sidewalk repair from the street fund carried.

Mayor Rose recognized R/T Bess to discuss the July meeting date. Mr. Bess stated he would probably be out of town on July 6<sup>th</sup>. He requested the council consider a July 13<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Gordon made a motion the move the July meeting to July 13<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. Mayor Rose requested a voice vote. All answering in the affirmative, the motion to move the July meeting to July 13<sup>th</sup> carried.

Mayor Rose recognized Steven Richey to discuss the recent ATV ride. He stated that 63 folks participated in the event this year. He stated they raised \$1,707 after expenses the net of \$1,008 will be donated to the Hardy Fire department.

Mayor Rose recognized Councilman Mark Gordon to comment on river hazards. Mr. Gordon stated that while many folks seemed to be upset with the City of Hardy for not doing more about sink holes in the river, the City has very little authority to take action. He stated the US Corp of Engineers makes those determinations. The fire department can only respond to calls and at that time it's a rescue unfortunately. He encouraged the folks representing the local press to get the word out that the Corp of Engineers is responsible.

Mayor Rose stated that the street project was probably going to run over the \$300,000 budget by \$30,000. He wanted to let the council know that there may be a need to decide whether to pay the difference out of street funds or reduce the scope of the construction. He would discuss this at the next meeting.

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**ADJOURN**

Mayor Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM. The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for July 13, 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 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2021

APPROVED:

  
Ernie Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Greg Bess, Recorder/Treasurer

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