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AGENDA

Public Hearing, Hardy Planning and Zoning Commission

Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Rd, Hardy, AR

July 13, 2021

5:30 o'clock P.M.

Please Silence Cell Phones

| TOPIC | DESCRIPTION | SPONSER |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| CALL TO ORDER | | Mayor |
| Pledge of Allegiance | | Mayor |
| Invocation | | Councilmember |
| Council Member Roll Call | | RT |
| MINUTES APPROVAL | April 20, 2021 Meeting | Mayor/RT |
| AGENDA REVISIONS | Agenda Review and Approval | Mayor/Et al |
| NEW BUSINESS | Hear Public Remarks Strategic Plan | Mayor |

ADJOURN:

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Commission Chair

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Hardy Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

April 20, 2021

6:00 o'clock P.M.

Mayor Ernie Rose, chairman of the Hardy Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM Tuesday April 20, 2021, at Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Road, Hardy, Arkansas. He led all present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country. Commissioner Councilwoman Penny Allen read the invocation. R/T Bess, as clerk of the meeting, called the roll. The following commissioners answered to their name when addressed: Bobby Gilliland, Sue Taylor, Penny Allen, and Jeff Munroe. Commissioner Wise and Gordon were absent. There were 4 of 6 members present constituting a quorum.

Mayor Rose recognized R/T Bess to read the minutes of the Planning and Zoning meeting of April 6, 2021. Following the reading of the minutes, Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the P&Z minutes of April 6, 2021, with corrections as read. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a voice vote. All answering in the affirmative the motion to approve the P&Z Minutes of April 6, 2021, carried.

Mayor Rose explained the goal for this meeting is to review and assign goal dates for the items in the strategic plan. He requested R/T Bess read each item and record the goal date agreed by the commissioners. Following a review of all items, R/T Bess was requested to capture the updates on the Strategic Plan Document for further review.

ADJOURN

Mayor Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM. The Hardy P&Z Commission meets quarterly at Hardy City Hall, at 124 Woodland Hills Road, in Hardy, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Bess, Recorder/Treasurer

PASSED and APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021

APPROVED:

Ernie Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:

Greg Bess, Recorder/Treasurer

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City of Hardy

Strategic Plan

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April 20, 2021

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OVERVIEW

The City of Hardy, Arkansas is a municipality situated in the northern portion of Sharp County and a slight portion of southern Fulton County. The City spans some 5.4 square miles of land in the valley along the emerald green Spring River. Area lakes and streams makes up .26 square miles of the city area. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad, the largest freight railway in the United States, and Arkansas Highway 63 bisects the city. The 2010 Census finds the population to be 778 residents, however the summer seasonal population grows to an estimated 5,000 given the number of vacation homes in the city and surrounding area. As the population is less than 5,000 people Hardy is classified a City of the 2nd Class by the State of Arkansas.

STRATEGY

The City Council of Hardy wishes to proactively assist with future growth of the city by establishing and maintaining a documented list of initiatives they feel necessary to aid the city's growth, health, safety and quality of life. They therefore provide this document to help focus attention on the areas of growth and assist those involved in its growth.

Where necessary the City Council of Hardy shall enact or modify municipal code to assist in executing this plan. In compiling and maintaining this plan the City Council wishes to encourage public, private, and corporate participation in achieving the plan goals. The City encourages constructive and meaningful input in the plan and in no way wishes to imply the plan activity is a city exclusive effort.

Where possible all resources of the City of Hardy including the Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC), Hardy Water Works (HWW), and various committees shall be engaged in achieving the plan goals. To help the public understand the timeline of activity, each item shall have an implementation goal.

OWNERSHIP, MAINTENANCE, AND APPROVAL

It is a requirement of the City of Hardy that this plan be maintained by the Hardy Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z). It is further required that this plan be reviewed annually in an open public forum by July of each calendar year in order to be viably strategic for years to come. As part of this review, accomplishments shall be noted, initiatives postponed or remove sited, and new initiatives added.

This Strategic Plan and its yearly revisions shall be the principle driving force for future maintenance and proposed improvements for the City of Hardy at the year-end annual budget planning cycle. The Hardy City Council shall approve the plan and annual revisions during a regular meeting of the council.

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INITIATIVES

| | Initiative Description | Goal Date/Status |
|----|--|-------------------------|
| 1 | Sewer Expansion Project – River Road to Buford Beach, Rio Vista, and Hardy Junction to Ward Street Church of Christ. Possibly include Robinhood Lane. Goal to get city residents off septic systems and on sewer especially near the rivers. RioVista I and II included. | 2022 |
| 2 | Water Expansion – The Razorback addition near booth road to the motor court below the dispensary. Goal to get city residents on city water and begin expansion north along highway. | 2022 |
| 3 | Hard Surface Every City Street - Complete every street in the city with a “hard surface” road. This would include about 4 miles of gravel in this estimate. Woodland Hills, Riverside across from Spring River Apartments. | 2021 |
| 4 | Mainstreet Parking – Possibly getting the old auction property near the railroad tracks and possibly the Higginbottom property near FNBC | 2021 |
| 5 | Road Connection – Possible get Robinhood connected to Sharpe Lane to booth road. | 2021 |
| 6 | Water Main Move - Moving the water main off of main street to front street prior to State deeding Main Street to the city. | 2023 |
| 7 | Sidewalks - Update Main Street sidewalks with accessibility etc. Phase I and Phase II | 2021, 2022 |
| 8 | Relocate Fire and Police - Fire Dept and police located on the bypass out of the flood plain. | 2024 |
| 9 | Ladder Truck - Purchase a ladder truck. | 2023 |
| 10 | Old Water Tank Renovation - Update the old water tank by adding a 8 ft extension and put back into service as backup unit. | 2025 |
| 11 | Hospital – Get a Hospital in Hardy, possibly on the bypass. | 2022 |



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| 12 | Restrooms at Beach – Install year-round bath facilities at Buford Beach. | 2021 |
| 13 | Video Surveillance – Introduce Camera Systems at our parks. | 2022 |
| 14 | City Wide WiFi – Implement city wi fi service for the main street corridor and other key areas in the city. | 2024 |
| 15 | RV Park Update Bathroom/Office- New Bathrooms and/or office in the RV Park. | 2021 |
| 16 | RV Park Expansion - Extend the hardy camper park into the shaded area (homesteader's area) in the curve of Loberg. | Attorney Review 2022 |
| 17 | Recycle Center - Move and improve the recycle center. One day a week and relocate. | 2020 Done |
| 18 | Storage Building – Move or Sell Storage Building at First Street Parking lot and put parking lot area back into service. | 2021 |
| 19 | Parking Lot Civic Center – Exercise option to buy property near Civic Center. | 2021 |
| 20 | Gym Remodel – Paint, remove window ac units, and spruce Old Hardy Gym Gym HVAC – Get new HVAC in old Hardy Gym. | 2021 |
| 21 | Better Picnic Facilities in Parks – Get better possibly permanent picnic tables, fire pits etc. in our parks to keep from having to move for flood etc. | 2022 |
| 22 | Woodland Hills Park – Investigate Woodland Hills Park at 40 island creek as to status and improve as a City Park. | 2022 |
| 23 | Shaded Benches – Get additional benches in our parks and see that existing and new are shaded. | 2022 |
| 24 | Road Washouts – Work a better grading schedule and preventative road wash outs due to spring floods. | Yearly starting 2021 |
| 25 | Mowing Parks – Contract mowing and lawn maintenance services for our parks (approx. 40 acres) | 2021 |

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| 26 | Parking Buford – Expand parking at Buford Beach along highway road frontage. | 2021 |
| 27 | Vendor Trucks – Explore getting vendor concession trucks in Buford Beach, Loberg and at Civic Center. Weekend and Festivals? | 2021 |
| 28 | Ballpark Revamp – Rework the ballpark at Buford Beach to either be a working ballpark with bleachers, etc or revamp to be better utilized for the area. Possibly a pavilion with parking, dog park, etc. | 2022 |
| 29 | City Hall Move – Consider purchase or trade to move City Hall to more central prominent position in City (downtown). | 2021 |
| 30 | Expand Property Holdings – Consider expanding property holdings along the Spring River and/or highway corridor. | 2025 |
| 31 | Canoe Launch Loberg – Expand/Modify Loberg to provide canoe launch and parking area. | 2021 |
| 32 | Code Enforcement – Get a workable plan for getting city transitioned to better code enforcement by helping folks clean, maintain, and revamp abandoned property. | 2021 |
| 33 | Better Utilize Loberg Park – Better utilize the land and facilities that Loberg park has to offer such as the extensive electrical hookups on the southwest corner or pavilion space. | 2022 |
| 34 | Electric Car Hookups – Provide spots in town for electric cars to recharge. | 2023 |
| 35 | Electric scooters/bike access – Consider more place to ride, store and charge electric recreational vehicles such as e-bikes and scooters. | 2024 |
| 36 | Expand Camper Park – Increase number of electric hookups. Add fire pits and tables. Winterize water lines for year-round usage. | 2023 |
| 37 | Senior Center Utilization – Develop and market better ways to better utilize Senior Center Building. | 2021 |

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| 38 | Another Entrance at Loberg – Investigate getting another vehicle and people exit at the west end of Loberg park. Possible consider a walkway over the railroad from Civic Center to Loberg | 2022 |
| 39 | Extend Loberg – Consider getting land under Spring River bridge at west end of Loberg and possible use for new basketball court, parking etc. | 2022 |