

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

July 13, 2021

6:00 o'clock P.M.

Mayor Ernie Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM Tuesday July 13, 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, Penny Allen, and Sue Taylor. Councilman Bobby Gilliland and Herbert Wise were absent. Mr. Bess stated that there were 4 of 6 council members present constituting a quorum.

Councilman Gordon made a motion that the minutes of regular meeting of June 1, 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 June 1, 2021, meeting minutes carried.

R/T Bess asked to add an item at the end of the agenda to address approval for police car grant and a personal item.

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 June 28, 2021. He stated the operating fund at about \$74,169 and the capital account a little over \$51,796 in funds. He stated the HAPC is working on a billboard for bypass. He stated that 2,500 business directories were ordered and the Hardy sign near Days Inn was being worked.

R/T Bess stated the financials are presented in the packet. He stated that May sales tax revenue is still trending up 37% for last year. He stated year to date financials were in the packet and labeled as draft as the June data had not been reconciled.

Mayor Rose recognized Mark Gordon, Councilman and Fire Committee Member, to discuss the Fire status in the Department of Public Safety. He stated the fire department had received the turnouts ordered. He also stated the department needed a part-time employee to man the office during working hours as most of the volunteers were not able to man the office due to work. Mayor Rose requested the part-time personnel discussion be added for discussion at the next meeting. R/T Bess stated that the new turnouts are inventory assets of the city and must be maintained as such. He also cautioned that the older sets of turnouts would need to be decommissioned prior to disposal as they are assets as well.

Mayor Rose recognized Assistant Chief of Police Scott Rose to discuss Police activity, as Councilman and Police Committee Member Herbert Wise was absent. He stated that the city had received a letter

from Chief Tamara Taylor in June stating that she was retiring effective immediately. Mayor Rose stated that an employment ad had been placed in local media to fill the chief vacancy. Assistant Chief Rose introduced officer Shirley Tyner who was recently promoted to full-time officer with the department. Assistant Chief Rose provided a summary of the activities of the July 4th weekend. He also stated that the Department was pursuing a 75% grant for a new car and that a resolution to allow the activity was on the agenda for later.

Mayor Rose recognized Jeff Munroe, councilman and public works committee member, to provide a summary of public works activities. Mr. Munroe stated that he met with Superintendent Cooper and that he was working on service line repairs, getting the paving prep completed for the new street work scheduled in August, and repair of the pump stations. R/T Bess stated that the Department of Public Works had a part-time employment position open in the parks department. Mr. Munroe stated that an ad had been placed but that no applications, but that the department may want to request the position be made full time going forward.

Mayor Rose recognized Danny Eitel, Building Inspector, to provide a report. Mr. Eitel stated that 2 projects were in the works and that 4 more are about to begin. He requested the council consider extending the "no permit fee" for another year. Mayor Rose stated that subject would be on the agenda for the August meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Rose stated that he planned to have a city auction some time in August to sell surplus assets. He stated he would have a list of items to be decommissioned by the city for that auction at the August meeting.

Mayor Rose stated that he was contacted by state highway department requesting some additional work be done on some of the streets in the street construction project. He stated he felt these items would be completed shortly and that state construction would probably begin in early August. R/T Bess reminded the council that the street contract was needing an additional \$25,000 in funding for the project. He recommended the council approve the spending of these funds so that the Mayor may proceed with the project. He stated if the funds were not approved the project would need to be adjusted to stay in budget. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to speed up to \$25,000 in funds from the street budget to supplement the state highway department project funding. Councilman Munroe seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote.

Allen – Yea, Monroe – Yea, Taylor – Yea, and Gordon – Yea
Wise and Gilliland Absent.

The motion to approve up to \$25,000 in additional street funding for the State Highway Project was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rose stated that the Police Chief Vacancy was being advertised and that he would address filling the position at the August meeting.

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Mayor Rose recognized R/T Bess to read ordinance 2021-5 an ordinance establishing standards local Food Courts and Food Trucks. Mr. Bess read ordinance 2021-5. Following some discussion, Mayor Rose established a working meeting for Tuesday July 20, 2021, at 5:30PM to discuss this and other topics.

Mayor Rose recognized R/T Bess to read Resolution 2021-F, a resolution approving the application of the department of public safety to apply for at 75/25 grant for a new police vehicle. Mr. Bess read Resolution 2021-F. Councilman Munroe made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-F as read. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote.

Munroe – Yea, Allen – Yea, Taylor – Yea, and Gordon – Yea.

Wise and Gilliland Absent.

The motion to approve Resolution 2021-F as amended was approved.

Mayor Rose recognized R/T Bess for a point of personal privilege. Mr. Bess stated that he would be retiring sometime in November of 2021. He stated that he wanted to give the Council and Mayor Rose ample time to begin to plan and that he would assist as needed to train and transition to the new R/T.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Rose recognized Tim Seager for public comments. Mr. Seager thanked the council and A&P commission for the work done on the Hardy Sign.

Mayor Rose recognized Glinda McIntyre. Ms. McIntyre brought up several issues concerning gravel washout near the water tank, metal fencing, and derelict property. Mayor Rose agreed to review and address the concerns sited.

ADJOURN

Mayor Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 7.23 PM. The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for August 3, 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 3rd DAY OF August, 2021

APPROVED:

Ernie Rose
Ernie Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:

Greg Bess
Greg Bess, Recorder/Treasurer

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