

Mayor: Ernie Rose

Recorder-Treasurer: Darlene Wilson

Alderman: Penny Allen, Tony Berry

David Garland, Phillip Horrell

Sue Taylor, Herbert Wise

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Minutes of Regular Meeting

Hardy City Council Meeting

February 1, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Hardy City Hall

Mayor Ernie Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at the Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Road, Hardy, Arkansas and led all present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country. Councilwoman Allen read the invocation. Mayor Rose asked Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson to call the roll. The following council members answered to their names: Penny Allen, David Garland, Phillip Horrell, Sue Taylor, Herbert Wise. Ms. Wilson stated that there was a quorum.

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 4, 2022 as written. Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Mayor Rose recognized Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC) Secretary Mark Huscher to provide the HAPC report. Mr. Huscher stated that the HAPC met on January 24, 2022. The Operating Fund balance was \$61,688.99 and the Reserve Fund balance was \$1,036.27. Salem Graphics is to install the sign east of town by last week of February. Advertising with CJRW was discussed and building improvements to the Civic Center included changing locks and installing new thermostats. Jeff Munroe submitted his resignation; Commissioner Moore will be acting chairman. Mayor Rose will appoint replacement from City Council. New signatories on the FNBC bank accounts were approved to include Commissioners Moore and Garland with removal of Mr. Munroe. Mayor Rose reported that a family business is interested in purchasing the parking lot to build a 10,000 sq ft building to be shared with the HAPC. They will speak at the February meeting.

Ms. Wilson stated the January financial statements are included in the packet and labeled as draft since the accounts were not yet reconciled. Councilwoman Penny Allen asked where the funds for the former Recorder-Treasurer and Mayor back contributions to APERS were paid from. Ms. Wilson pointed out they had been paid out of the General fund from money transferred from reserves and that they were paid promptly to avoid further penalties and interest.

Mayor Rose then called for Committee Reports. There was no report from the Fire Department. For the Police report, Police Chief Scott Rose presented a written request for waiver of bid requirements for Police department software purchase. The request explained that this is for the purchase approved by the Council at the January 4, 2022 meeting. He stated that it is not feasible to go out for bids on this purchase since Southern Software is the company used by the Sharp County Sheriff's Office and in order to communicate with that platform, we must use the same company. He stated that Sharp County had gone through the bidding process for their decision to use Southern Software. Councilman Horrell made a motion to waive the bid process for the Southern Software reporting management software; Councilman Wise seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote. Ms. Wilson called the roll:

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Taylor – Yes; Allen – Yes; Wise – Yes; Garland – Yes; Horrell – Yes. All present answering in the affirmative, the motion carried.

Public Works had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Rose recognized Ms. Wilson to present the final Resolution 2022-B, a Resolution Providing Operating Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2022 Beginning January 1, 2022, and Ending December 31, 2022, for the City of Hardy, Arkansas, a copy of which was provided in each council person's packet. Ms. Wilson pointed out page 20 where the \$40,000 was allotted for the Police department software. She stated that additional revenue was not required in the budget because there had been a surplus of over \$40,000 in the previously presented budget. She also pointed out page 22 where the \$140,000 was included in the Street budget for chip and seal. This budget was approved at the January 2022 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rose recognized Ms. Wilson who read a letter from former Councilman Jeff Munroe of Ward 2 who resigned from the City Council effective immediately upon his letter dated January 14, 2022. Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to accept the resignation; Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rose stated that he had received one request from a resident of Ward 2 to fill the vacant position. Mayor Rose asked Ms. Wilson to read the letter from Mr. Tony Berry requesting consideration for the Ward 2 position. Mayor Rose asked if there was anyone else present who was interested in filling the position. There being none, Mayor Rose asked Mr. Tony Berry to come forward. Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to appoint Mr. Tony Berry to fill the vacant Ward 2 position on the City Council to fill out Mr. Munroe's term; Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Tony Berry was then sworn in to fill the position by Mayor Rose and took a seat at the Council table.

Mayor Rose then asked Councilwoman Taylor if she would accept appointment to the Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC) to fill the position previously held by Mr. Munroe. Councilman Wise made a motion to appoint Ms. Taylor to the HAPC position; Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Since Ms. Taylor has already sworn the oath of office as a Councilwoman, there was no need to do another swearing-in.

Mayor Rose then recognized Ms. Wilson to present Resolution 2022-C, City of Hardy 2021 Budget Revision, which she read in full. Ms. Wilson explained that the purpose of the resolution was to establish a final approved budget which equals to the final financial reports of the City of Hardy. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-C, City of Hardy 2021 Budget Revision; Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote. Ms. Wilson called the roll: Horrell – Yes; Garland – Yes; Wise – Yes; Berry – Yes; Allen – Yes; Taylor – Yes. All present answering in the affirmative, the motion carried.

Mayor Rose then recognized Ms. Wilson to present Resolution 2022-D, Resolution Designating the Facilities in the Parks Department for the City of Hardy, Arkansas, which she read in full. Ms. Wilson explained that this resolution restates a previous resolution from 2017 by adding the Hardy Pocket Park

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and the Hardy Senior Center. Councilman Horrell made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-D, Resolution Designating the Facilities in the Parks Department for the City of Hardy, Arkansas; Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rose discussed the American Rescue Plan Act funds awarded to the City of Hardy and stated the desire to reward City employees with Premium Pay for those who worked through the pandemic and continued to be employed by the City. He recognized Ms. Wilson and asked her to read the proposed Resolution 2022-E, A Resolution Adopting Premium Pay for Certain Municipal Employees From the American Rescue Plan Act Grant, which she read in full. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-E, A Resolution Adopting Premium Pay for Certain Municipal Employees From the American Rescue Plan Act Grant. Councilman Wise seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote. Ms. Wilson called the roll: Wise – Yes; Garland – Yes; Horrell – Yes; Berry – Yes; Allen – Yes; Taylor – Yes. All present answering in the affirmative, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steven Richey announced May 21, 2022 as the proposed date for the next ATV/UTV Ride, which will also be a fund-raiser for the Buford Beach restroom project.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Taylor requested that the City look into what it would take to become designated as a Purple Heart City.

ADJOURN

Mayor Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for March 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Road in Hardy, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF March, 2022

APPROVED:


Ernie Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:


Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer

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