

Mayor: Ernie Rose

Recorder-Treasurer: Darlene Wilson

Alderman: Penny Allen, Tony Berry

David Garland, Phillip Horrell

Sue Taylor, Herbert Wise

City Attorney: Joe Grider

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## Minutes of Regular Meeting

### Hardy City Council Meeting

April 5, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Hardy City Hall

Mayor Ernie Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 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. Councilmen Berry gave the invocation. Mayor Rose asked Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson to call the roll. The following council members answered to their names: Tony Berry, David Garland, Phillip Horrell, Sue Taylor, Herbert Wise. Penny Allen was absent. Ms. Wilson stated that there was a quorum. Attorney Joe Grider was in attendance.

Councilmen Berry made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 1, 2022, as written. Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Councilmen Berry made a motion to approve the minutes of the public hearing meeting held prior to the regular meeting of March 1, 2022, as written. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no changes to the proposed agenda.

### REPORTS

Mayor Rose recognized Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC) Secretary Mark Huscher to provide the HAPC report. Mr. Huscher stated that the HAPC held a special meeting on March 7, 2022. The Commission approved having the City continue doing bookkeeping and provide financial reports needed for the Commission. HAPC held a regular meeting on March 28, 2022. He stated the Operating Fund balance was \$71,881.78 and the Capital Reserve Fund balance was \$1,036.33. Motion was made and passed to have two meetings per month on the second and fourth Monday at 6:00 pm until caught up on various projects that are being worked on, with the next meeting to be held April 11, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Motion was made and passed to add Sue Taylor to bank accounts at FNBC bank. Chandler Slater made a presentation for the Spring River Car Show June 4, 2022, asking for \$700 for advertising, motion was made and approved. Rebecca Ashcroft of the Hardy History Association presented the Hardy Walking Tour; motion was made and passed to provide \$450 to support printing for the event.

Mayor Rose recognized Ms. Wilson who stated that the March financial statements are included in the packet and that she would try to answer any questions regarding those statements. She stated that sales tax revenue is at 23% received which is on schedule. She referred to Parks & Recreation Dept grant revenue which is income from USDA Rural Development for the Gym HVAC that was received. Ms. Wilson addressed APERS expense which is over budget for what it should be at the time due to the payout for the Mayor and former Recorder-Treasurer for prior years and that the line item would eventually need revision. Ms. Wilson also stated that Repairs and Maintenance is over due to some updates at City Hall including new window blinds, lighting and other items that were much needed, and she stated that a proposed revised budget will be needed to bring these and some other line items to more accurate figures at a future meeting. Ms. Wilson also discussed reporting on the ARPA grant would be due by the end of the month and



that at a future meeting a budget would be presented for items allowable to be paid out of that grant. She also stated that the Municipal League attorney had informed her that premium pay for volunteer firemen that was previously approved by the council may not be payable from the ARPA grant and that she had paid it from general funds instead of ARPA pending further investigation. Former Recorder-Treasurer Greg Bess addressed the council to explain a large payment of over \$9,000 that had to be paid to LOPFI due to 11 volunteer firemen and policemen who had not been added to the City's LOPFI account in a timely manner. Councilman Horrell made a motion to approve the LOPFI payment; Councilman Wise seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote. Ms. Wilson called the roll. Berry – Yes; Taylor - Yes; Horrell - Yes; Garland – Yes; Wise - Yes. All present voting in the affirmative; the motion carried.

Mayor Rose then called for Committee Reports. Fire Department fireman Josh Moore was present to give the Fire Department report. He explained a large expense for the Rescue Truck had been made because it needed a transmission rebuilt. All trucks are now in service and running well. Firemen plan to be at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Wise reported on the Police Department. He had spoken to Chief Scott Rose who relayed that there had been a couple of traffic stops resulting in major drug busts. He also reported that we have a new patrol car with total cost of less than \$2,000. Public Works employee Jon Hussung reported that things in the Public Works Department were running smoothly and that the new water superintendent had just started work. Mayor Rose reported that the Gym HVAC has been installed and the heat has been in operation for about three weeks, and that the air conditioning would be working as soon as the electrician could get it on his schedule to do the needed electrical upgrade. He also reported that Buford Beach restrooms should have groundbreaking very soon. Councilman Garland has received most of the equipment for updates at Dr. Thompson Park restrooms.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Rose stated that the Mobile Vendors Committee had not met and that any revisions to the ordinance have been put on hold until that Committee can reconvene. At this time, the existing ordinance will continue to be enforced.

Mayor Rose reminded the Council that the building permit fees had been waived through January 1, 2022. Councilman Garland made a motion to extend the waiver of fees through June 30, 2022; motion seconded by Councilman Berry. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote. Ms. Wilson called the roll. Wise – Yes; Garland – Yes; Horrell – Yes; Taylor - Yes; Berry – Yes. All present voting in the affirmative; the motion carried.

Mayor Rose stated that the City has received three bids for the lawn mowing contract and that each of the council members had a copy of those bids and a proposed contract prepared by Attorney Grider. Councilman Garland made a motion to accept the bid from Tim Cooper and to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for the lawn mowing services. Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote. Ms. Wilson called the roll. Taylor - Yes; Berry – Yes; Wise – Yes; Garland – Yes; Horrell – Yes. All present voting in the affirmative; the motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Rose reported that city employee fireman Jason Creasey has been asked to provide some carpentry services for the City. The Mayor requested the council consider proposed Ordinance 2022-1, An Ordinance Authorizing Jason Creasey to Supply General Maintenance and Repair Services to the City of Hardy While Also a Volunteer Fireman, Declaring an Emergency and For Other Purposes. Councilman Berry made a motion to read Ordinance 2022-1; Councilman Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider read proposed Ordinance 2022-1. Councilman Wise made a motion to waive the second

and third readings in favor of reading title only; Councilman Berry seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider read the proposed Ordinance 2022-1 title only, An Ordinance Authorizing Jason Creasey to Supply General Maintenance and Repair Services to the City of Hardy While Also a Volunteer Fireman, Declaring an Emergency and For Other Purposes. Councilman Wise made a motion to accept the ordinance as read; Councilman Garland seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Councilman Wise made a motion to approve the emergency clause to implement Ordinance 2022-1; Councilman Garland seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed to implement Ordinance 2022-1 immediately under the emergency clause. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Rose reported that the City had met the requirements to become a Purple Heart City and requested that Attorney Grider read the City of Hardy Purple Heart Proclamation for the record, designating the City of Hardy as now being an official Purple Heart City.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Per the sign-in sheet, Mayor Rose recognized Steven Richey who discussed the upcoming ATV, Jeep and ATV Scenic ride scheduled for May 21, 2022 with any profits going toward the Buford Beach Bathroom project. Mayor Rose also recognized Gracie Gonzalez who discussed abandoned properties in the City and businesses on Main Street.

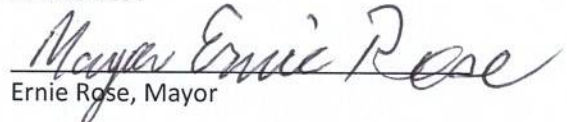
**ADJOURN**

Councilman Wise made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Garland seconded the motion. All in favor; Mayor Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for May 3, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF May, 2022

APPROVED:

  
Ernie Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer