

**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

May 3, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Hardy City Hall

Mayor Ernie Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, 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. Councilman Berry gave the invocation. Mayor Rose explained that Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson would be absent. Mayor Rose then recognized Mr. Greg Bess to call the roll, stepping in for Ms. Wilson. The following council members answered to their names: Tony Berry, Phillip Horrell, Sue Taylor, Penny Allen, and Herbert Wise. Councilman David Garland was absent. Mr. Bess stated that there was a quorum. Attorney Joe Grider stated he would be delayed.

Councilman Wise made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 5, 2022, as written. Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no changes to the proposed agenda. Attorney Joe Grider joined the meeting at approximately 6:10pm.

### 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 regular meetings on April 11, 2022 and April 25, 2022. He stated that after some discussion on rates for the Chuck Young Band, the HAPC decided to set rates to \$150/day Monday – Thursday and \$200/day Friday- Sunday. He also reported the net income was \$14,312.46, and the operating fund bank balance was \$78,026.92. Discussion was made for a cleaning deposit on facilities. Moore announced that there will be a collaboration meeting between City Hall, Hardy A and P, and Mainstreet Hardy Downtown Network with the possibility of having a director.

Mayor Rose recognized Mr. Bess who stated that the April financial statements are included in the packet and that he would try to answer any questions regarding those statements. He stated that we are on budget but struggling slightly due to it being the beginning of the year and paying yearly contracts. Transfers were done from Capital Reserve but over the next six months he expects that to be replenished. Financials remain mainly on budget for the year. Mr. Bess stated Ms. Wilson planned on presenting revisions to the budget. The total income for the City of Hardy is at \$250,000. Mr. Bess stated that the sales tax revenue was \$10,000 over what it was last year at this time. Mr. Bess stated that the legislative audit for 2020 and 2021 was near completion and that preparation for the Hardy water audit is near completion and being released for submission to the auditor.

Mayor Rose then called for Committee Reports. Chief Scott Rose reported on the Police Department. He reported that they were closely monitoring flood water conditions, that the city was in the safe zone, and there was nothing significant to report. Mayor Rose introduced the new Public Works Director, Steve Morris. Mr. Morris reported that the chlorination well is not operating properly, and he also reported on a well located at the waste plant that is out of commission. Mr. Bess informed him he had a budget for it, and it should not be an issue to do the repairs needed.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Rose gave the council an update on the Hardy Gym stating that we are still waiting for the electrician to do the updates required for the new air conditioning unit to operate. Mayor Rose stated that the city is working



in collaboration with the Hardy School Reunion Committee and the Hardy History Association to determine upgrades and renovations needed for the Hardy Gym and pursuing grants to help pay for those.

Mayor Rose stated the Buford Beach restroom project should break ground for pouring the foundation any day.

Mayor Rose stated that he had been in contact with Mr. Garland about the progress at Dr. Thompson Park. He stated that they had completed most of the renovations and were awaiting better weather conditions to complete the flooring, but everything was running smoothly and expect to be completed with the project within a timely manner.

Mayor Rose reported that the City had contacted a company to report on the hail damage done by the April 15<sup>th</sup> storm, and that he and Ms. Wilson had both been in contact with the insurance company. He stated that they were informed that one \$7,500 deductible covered all buildings within the city. He informed the council that they were still awaiting the report on damages. Councilwoman Allen read a report that she had composed about the order of events and efforts performed by the City of Hardy's public safety team.

Mr. Bess reported on the ARPA budget items stating that Ms. Wilson had planned to present a proposed budget on how to spend the rest of the ARPA money. He stated it would have to be deferred until a future City Council meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rose reported that this year he would like to see a hard surface road in front of every residence within the city limits. He stated that we owe it to our residents as taxpayers and the budget is there and it has been a matter of securing a company to perform the road work we need done. Mayor Rose stated that he would do everything he could to see that it happens for our community.

Discussion was made by councilwoman Allen on the options for obtaining military, federal, or state surplus items to repair the fencing at Buford Beach. Mayor Rose addressed the options and agreed to work with her on finding a solution, no further action was taken.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No names on the public sign-in sheet.

#### ADJOURN

Councilman Wise made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. All in favor; Mayor Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for June 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Road in Hardy, Arkansas.


Respectfully submitted,  
Katlyn Murphy, City Clerk

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2022

APPROVED:

  
Ernie Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer

