

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

June 7, 2022 • 6:00 p.m.

Hardy City Hall

Mayor Ernie Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, 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 called on Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson to call the roll. The following council members answered to their names: Tony Berry, David Garland, Sue Taylor, and Herbert Wise. Councilwoman Penny Allen and Councilman Phillip Horrell were absent. Mrs. Wilson stated that there was a quorum. Attorney Joe Grider was also in attendance.

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 3, 2022, as written. Councilman Wise seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no changes to the proposed Agenda.

REPORTS

Mayor Rose recognized Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC) Chairwoman Tracie Moore to provide the HAPC report. Mrs. Moore stated that the HAPC held regular meetings on May 9, 2022 and May 23, 2022. She reported the sales tax income of \$ 42,414.76, expenses paid \$ 12,980.44, leaving an operating fund bank balance of \$ 29,434.62. Chairwoman Moore also stated the Civic Center income was at \$4,425.00. Commissioner Circle and Secretary Huscher both submitted requests to resign their positions on the Commission and those were accepted by the Commission. A request to join the Hardy A & P Commission was received from Ginni Kauffman and voted by the Commission to accept her request, pending City Council approval. Discussion was held regarding the need for a new secretary for the Commission but was tabled until the next meeting. The next HAPC meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2022, at the Civic Center at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Rose recognized Mrs. Wilson who stated that the May financial statements are included in the packet pages 4-11. She stated that General fund sales taxes are on budget. Overall General Revenue is at 36 %. Mrs. Wilson also stated that the Police Department and the Water Fund were both on track to be within budget for the year. Mrs. Wilson then stated she would entertain any questions regarding the financial statements.

Mayor Rose then called for Committee Reports. Fireman Josh Moore was present to give the Fire Department report and reported that they had a successfully safe Memorial Day weekend. Councilman Wise reported regarding the Police and Public Works Department. He stated the Police Department also had a successfully safe holiday weekend with no incidents. Mr. Wise also stated the Public Works Department was working diligently on the repair and maintenance of roads in Hardy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Rose gave the council an update on the Hardy Gym stating that the air conditioning project was complete. Mayor Rose stated that there are still renovations that need to happen, such as removal of the big metal fans previously used for circulating air in the gym, and deterioration of a door facing. He stated repairs would be approximately \$ 2,500.

Mayor Rose stated the Buford Beach restroom project is still waiting to break ground because weather has put a hold on construction, but he still expects it to happen soon.

Mayor Rose asked Councilman Garland to report on the Dr. Thompson Park improvements. He stated that they were still awaiting dry weather conditions to complete the flooring but expect to be completed with the project within a timely manner, weather permitting.

Mayor Rose called on Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson to update on the damage from the hailstorm. Mrs. Wilson stated she had been in contact with Municipal League, and the city had 6 buildings affected from the storm all of which had been reported. Mrs. Wilson stated that City Hall, the Hardy Gym, the Civic Center, Dr. Thompson Park, the Library, and the Fire Station all sustained damage from the April 15th hailstorm. She also stated that the **Municipal League's insurance** adjuster was unable to complete his work, due to unforeseen building heights, so we are currently awaiting the final adjusters' reports.

Mayor Rose explained how the City budgets money in the Street Fund in order to pay for repairs and maintenance of the roadways within city limits. He further explained that he had requested bids from several companies and only received one from MO-ARK Asphalt Paving for \$130,000.00 to complete chip and seal of the remaining roads in the city. The bid was provided to all council members for review. Councilman Wise made a motion to accept the bid of MO-ARK Asphalt Paving for \$130,000.00 and allow the Mayor to hire them to complete the chip and seal paving of the remaining roads in the city; Councilman Garland seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote. Ms. Wilson called the roll. Berry – Yes; Taylor - Yes; Garland – Yes; Wise - Yes. All present voting in the affirmative; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rose stated the Hardy A & P Commission had recommended Ginni Kauffman to replace Nathan Circle in the Lodging position on the Commission. Mayor Rose then administered the Oath of Office to swear Ms. Kauffman in to replace Mr. Circle in the Lodging position effective immediately.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bruce Thurow stated that he appreciated the impressive number of cars that registered and attended the car show last Saturday at Loberg Park and was happy to see it return. He also reminded the audience that tomorrow is Wednesday, which means recycling day in Hardy. He has been assisting Margaret Harness at the recycling site and welcomed everyone to save their plastic, paper and other items for the recycling trailer.

Will Kauffman **stated that he had many years' experience as an insurance adjuster and would offer his services to the city if he could be of any assistance.**

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Steven Richey discussed the recent ATV/UTV event which raised funds to assist the city's Buford Beach restroom project. He also stated the next date is tentatively planned for September 17, 2022.

Darlene Wilson reported on the June 4th car show held at Loberg Park again this year sponsored by the Spring River Car Club and stated that it was an overwhelming success with over 65 registrants. She also stated that there was a working joint meeting between the city council, Hardy A&P, and Main Street Hardy planned for June 28th to discuss the possibility of creating a director position, among other things. Appropriate media notice will be given when final plans for the meeting are decided.

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 6:38 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for July 5, 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 5th DAY OF July, 2022

APPROVED:

Ernie Rose
Ernie Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:

Darlene Wilson
Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer

