

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

July 5, 2022 · 6:00 p.m.

Hardy City Hall

Mayor Ernie Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 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. 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 were 4 out of 6 present and that there was a quorum. Attorney Joe Grider was also in attendance.

Councilman Wise made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2022, and the minutes of the special meeting of June 16, 2022, as written. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rose requested that a change be made under new business. Hardy A & P Chairwoman Tracie Moore would be reporting for the Hardy A & P Commission regarding a request. Upon that change the agenda was approved.

REPORTS

Mayor Rose recognized Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC) Commissioner Ginni Kauffman to provide the HAPC report. Mrs. Kauffman stated that the HAPC held regular meetings on June 13, 2022, and June 27, 2022. She reported the new A&P Secretary Ginni Kauffman had been voted into office. Commissioner Kauffman reported on the post card winners, 1st place going to Sam Montgomery and 2nd place to Rebecca Huffmaster. Under new business Commissioner Horrell made a motion to install a light pole banner to advertise music at Dr. Thompson Park; motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. A \$75.00 bid was approved by unanimous vote for Salem Graphix to print and install the banner. KAIT presented an opportunity to the commission to bring the Sky Cam back to Hardy for \$43,200.00. This subject was tabled. At the June 27th meeting, Commissioner Kauffman reported on the financial status, the balance of the General fund being \$88,381.98 and the Reserve balance \$1,036.39. She stated there was a Legal expense overage of \$132.50 and overage in Magazine Ads of \$1257.38. Commissioner Horrell made a motion to pay the overages out of Regional Events line item and Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Moore will petition the City Council for permission to use the Dr. Thompson Park light pole for the banner. The KAIT Sky Cam discussion was tabled to discuss further at the joint meeting with the A&P, City Council and Main Street Hardy scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at the Senior Center at 6:00 pm. Commissioner Moore made a motion to go back to meeting once a month rather than twice; motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed unanimously. Moving forward meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of each month. The next HAPC meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2022, at the Civic Center at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Rose recognized Mrs. Wilson who stated that the June financial statements are included in the packet at pages 6-13. She stated that sales taxes revenue is on budget right at half. Overall General Revenue is at 42% of all revenue budgeted to collect for the year. Mrs. Wilson also stated the issue of being over

budget on a couple of expense line items, one being payroll due to some special circumstances at the beginning of the year. She reported that overall, the city remains on budget, and she has been working with each department to get to a revised budget to propose to the council. Mrs. Wilson referred to the Street budget on page 10 of the agenda packet, being on track at 48% of budgeted tax income for the year, and 44% spent of expenses budget, without including the Chip and Seal extraordinary expense. Mrs. Wilson also reported on the Water Department budget, which includes pump maintenance, sanitation, water, and wastewater. Revenue is right at 40% collected and expenses are at 50% of the budget.

Mayor Rose then called for Committee Reports. Fireman Josh Moore was present to give the Fire Department update report and he stated that they had successfully made it through another major holiday weekend with no incidents or drownings. Moore reported that the Hardy Fire Department had been a lot busier this year regarding calls, stating that fire calls were at 192 this year compared to the previous year at this time which was 155 calls. He reported the Hardy Fire Department had responded to several calls outside of Hardy and the Arkansas State Police and others had been complimentary of the service provided and stated that they would continue to request assistance from Hardy.

Chief Scott Rose gave an update on the Hardy Police Department. He stated there were a lot of people in town over the holiday weekend and that they had also had no major incidents involving the Police Department. Chief Rose reported that there was one accident involving part-time Officer Jeremiah MacDonald on the bypass in Hardy. The officer was struck from behind while driving our 2019 Dodge Durango. He was transported to the emergency room and later released with no major injuries. The other driver involved was not injured. Chief Rose also gave an update on the new police vehicle 2021 Tahoe purchase, stating that he was waiting for one final part to be installed and would arrange transport to pick up the vehicle soon. He also discussed the radar camera trailer that the HAPC helped finance is now up, mobile and in service monitoring traffic and activity.

Mr. Wise reported for the Public Works Department stating that he had been in touch with Steven Morris, Public Works Director, and that they were doing good and diligently working on getting caught up within the next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Rose stated the Buford Beach Restroom project is progressing. Councilman Wise and a crew went out to the site and got the spot designated, leveled out and are now awaiting the concrete company to pour the footing for the restrooms. Mayor Rose expressed this should be happening quickly according to the concrete company.

Mayor Rose asked Councilman Garland to report on the Dr. Thompson Park improvements. He stated that they were still lacking the completion of the flooring, but plan to have it completed before the next Council meeting.

Mayor Rose called on Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson to update on the damage from the hailstorm. Mrs. Wilson stated she did not have an update at this time as she had not heard from Municipal League. She stated that she thought the 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. The Municipal League's insurance adjuster still hadn't sent his report, but she will follow up and have more info at the next City Council Meeting.

Mayor Rose stated that the chip and seal project had been completed, but that they remain working on the streets and potholes. Mayor Rose encourages that if you see a pothole, please report it and we will get to them,

but that it is a matter of working against the heat but that they will be done in time. He also reported that he had been in contact with the Railroad, and they said to expect around July 10th and 11th they plan to resurface South Spring Street Railroad Crossing.

Mayor Rose called on Mrs. Wilson to give an update regarding the 2020-2021 legislative audit. Mrs. Wilson stated that the auditor's preliminary report was received, but we are still awaiting the final Audit report. Mrs. Wilson also stated that records for the 2021 Water Audit had been sent to the Ballard & Company auditor and we have not heard anything from them, so she will follow up with them soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rose called on Chairwoman Tracie Moore from the Hardy A&P Commission to speak regarding placing banners at Dr. Thompson Park. They are requesting a pole banner 2' across and 3' tall, plus two other banners in other parts of town, possibly in Loberg Park, with the banners advertising Music, Arts, and Craft in Hardy. She was informed to check with Entergy and the highway department before she could place anything on the light poles or anything on the state highway and then come back to the city for specific approval after getting those permissions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kari LeClair addressed the council proposing the opening of an RV Park on the highway. She was informed by Attorney Grider that she needed to review the appropriate zoning ordinance and then contact Mayor Rose regarding bringing the matter before planning and zoning committee meeting.

Councilwoman Allen arrived at approximately 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Rose had the Purple Heart plaque received by the City and showed it and thanked Councilwoman Taylor again for requesting the City become a Purple Heart City.

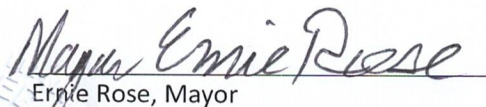
ADJOURN

Councilwoman Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Wise seconded the motion. All in favor; Mayor Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41p.m. The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for August 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Road in Hardy, Arkansas.

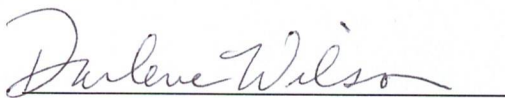
Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF August, 2022

APPROVED:


Ernie Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:


Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer