

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

September 6, 2022 · 6:00 p.m.
Hardy City Hall

Mayor Ernie Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 6, 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 gave the invocation. Mayor Rose called on Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson to call the roll. The following council members answered to their names: Penny Allen, Tony Berry, David Garland, Phillip Horrell, Sue Taylor, and Herbert Wise. Mrs. Wilson stated that all 6 council members were present and 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 August 2, 2022, as written. Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

No changes were made to the proposed agenda.

REPORTS

Mayor Rose recognized Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC) Commissioner Ginni Kauffman to provide the HAPC report. Commissioner Kauffman reported there was a regular meeting of the Commission on August 22, 2022. The balance of the General fund was \$83,266.65 and the Reserve balance was \$1,036.39. The Commission voted to give Treasures in the Ozarks event \$825.00 for advertising from Event Support. A funding request from Arts Center of North Arkansas and Spring River Area Chamber of Commerce for Spring River's Got Talent was denied. Terms for Commissioners Smith and Moore were voted to be renewed. The \$50,000.00 was transferred from the General Account to the Reserve Account. Next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2022 at the Hardy Civic Center at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Rose recognized Mrs. Wilson who stated that the August financial statements are included in the packet. She made note of revenue under the Fire Department of \$60,000.00 which had been received from Sharp County for the city's portion of the ARPA funds granted to fire departments. Mrs. Wilson stated that insurance proceeds from hail damage are still pending funds for damage to the Library and stated that the City has received insurance proceeds from the Durango police car that was totaled. She also stated that sales tax collections are right on track at about 68% of budget collected for the year, and that overall expenses are mostly on track of where they should be at this point in the year. She presented a chart showing the current and prior 3 years' sales tax revenue and stated current year is about 10% over last year.

Mayor Rose then called for Committee Reports. Police Chief Scott Rose announced that the holiday weekend went much smoother than expected. He had increased patrol due to the huge influx in population from an event at Many Islands over the weekend.

Fire Chief Austin Rose reported on the holiday weekend stating that it was not as busy as they had anticipated but they did have one swift water rescue at the beach, where a person had to be rescued from

the second set of falls. They also found that a fuel tank was missing from a boat and have taken care of replacing it. They are working on repairs to a second boat and considering security cameras for the outside of the fire department building. He stated that the fire department had received the \$60,000.00 of grant funds from Sharp County and that he wants to spend the funds on twelve sets of turnouts, six mobile radios, and twelve sets of handheld radios and mics and provided a list of items totaling \$55,452.00.

Mr. Wise reported for the Public Works Department stating that he had been in touch with Steven Morris, Public Works Director, and that he had hired a new employee, Taylor Johnson, last week and was happy with him so far.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Rose stated that we had advertised for plumbing, electrical and roof work on the Buford Beach Restroom project and that we received one bid each on plumbing and electrical. He will let those bidders know to proceed so the concrete workers can continue with their work.

Mayor Rose called on Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson to update on the insurance claims for damage to roofs from the hailstorm. Mrs. Wilson presented the summary pages showing funds received and the proposed ad to go in the papers starting next week to request bids for roof repairs on the Gym, City Hall, and Fire Department buildings.

Mayor Rose discussed and presented the Lake Sherwood Dam Evacuation Plan for review. The grant to remove the water line from the dam was not approved but is being resubmitted. He requested the city council review the plan in preparation for adopting it at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rose discussed the 2018 Kubota side-arm mowing machine that he feels is not user-friendly for our Public Works department. He stated that he had done some research and feels that a new skid steer with a broom, six-way blade, bushhog, and bucket would serve our purposes much better. He proposed that we take sealed bids or conduct an auction on the Kubota to sell it while it is still in good shape and with less than 300 hours on it, and that we replace it with the skid steer with attachments. Councilman Wise made a motion to pay off the Kubota tractor. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Allen. Mayor Rose asked for a roll call vote. Allen – yes; Berry – yes; Garland – yes; Horrell – yes; Taylor – yes; Wise – yes. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was then made by Councilman Horrell to sell the Kubota tractor at public auction for a minimum bid of \$75,000.00; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Allen. Mayor Rose asked for a roll call vote. Allen – yes; Berry – yes; Garland – yes; Horrell – yes; Taylor – yes; Wise – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rose called on Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson to present names of A & P Commissioners whose terms are to be renewed. Commissioners Tracie Moore and Amanda Smith were recommended by the A & P Commission to the city council for renewal of their terms for another 4-year term ending in September 2026. Motion made by Councilwoman Taylor to approve Tracie Moore for a new 4-year term in Lodging/Dining Position #2; motion seconded by Councilman Horrell. All present voting in favor; motion passed. Motion made by Councilman Horrell to approve Amanda Smith for a new 4-year term in Lodging/Dining Position #1; motion seconded by Councilwoman Allen. All present voting in favor; motion passed. Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson then conducted the swearing-in of Tracie Moore and Amanda Smith to their respective A & P Commission positions.

Mayor Rose requested Mrs. Wilson explain Resolution 2022-K about the KAIT Camera Agreement which is a two-year agreement allowing them to place their tower with camera on the slab at the Civic Center property and agreeing to provide electricity for the operation of their equipment. Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to read Resolution 2022-K, A Resolution Granting Authority to Enter Into an Agreement with Gray Media Group, Inc. d/b/a KAIT, LLC to Install and Operate a Camera in Hardy, Arkansas. Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider read Resolution No. 2022-K, A Resolution Granting Authority to Enter Into an Agreement with Gray Media Group, Inc. d/b/a KAIT, LLC to Install and Operate a Camera in Hardy. Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2022-K as read; Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Rose asked Mrs. Wilson to explain Resolution 2022-L regarding a Budget Amendment for ARPA spending. She explained that the city had received funds of just over \$79,000 last year and the council had previously approved premium pay to employees out of those funds. She stated that the city received the second round of funds of the same amount in July 2022 and that those funds and remaining funds from 2021 are in a special grant reserve account until council approves spending. She presented Exhibit "A" attached to Resolution 2022-L proposing spending of \$75,310.53 out of those funds in 2022. She explained that some of the items are already spent this year and that using grant funds to pay for those items would help in balancing the 2022 budget. She also explained that the request includes approval for paying the remaining Sebastian Tech Solutions monthly computer services contract for 2022; painting the outside of the Senior Center; and approving the total amount now estimated for Buford Beach restrooms of \$40,000.00 for which bids had already been advertised and received as discussed earlier. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to read Resolution 2022-L, A Resolution Amending the 2022 Operating Budget For the City of Hardy. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider then read Resolution 2022-L, A Resolution Amending the 2022 Operating Budget For the City of Hardy. Councilman Horrell made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2022-L as read; Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote. Taylor – yes; Allen – yes; Berry – yes; Wise – yes; Garland – yes; Horrell – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rose then explained Resolution 2022-M regarding a Budget Amendment for the Fire Department, which is to spend \$55,452.00 of the \$60,000.00 ARPA funds received from Sharp County for turnouts and radio equipment included in Exhibit "A" for the fire department. Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to read Resolution 2022-M, A Resolution Amending the 2022 Operating Budget For the City of Hardy Fire Department. Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider read Resolution 2022-M, A Resolution Amending the 2022 Operating Budget For the City of Hardy Fire Department. Councilman Berry made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2022-M as read; Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote. Horrell – yes; Garland – yes; Wise – yes; Berry – yes; Allen – yes; Taylor – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rose explained Ordinance 2022-2 regarding Services Provided by Employee. He explained that Mr. Tim Cooper is currently under contract with the city for lawn mowing services and the Mayor wishes to hire him as an employee to replace Terry Seabaugh, who just resigned as RV Park Manager. Since the lawn mowing contract is in effect through the end of 2022, an Ordinance is required to be able to hire Mr. Cooper as an employee. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to read Ordinance No. 2022-2, An Ordinance Authorizing Tim Cooper to Supply Lawn Care Services to the City of Hardy while also an Employee as the RV Park Manager, Declaring an Emergency and for Other Purposes, title only and to waive first, second, and third readings. Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider then read Ordinance No. 2022-2, An Ordinance Authorizing Tim Cooper to Supply Lawn Care Services to the City of Hardy while also an Employee as the RV Park Manager, Declaring an Emergency and for Other Purposes. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-2 as read. Councilman Horrell seconded

the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Councilman Horrell made a motion to approve the emergency clause to implement Ordinance 2022-2 immediately; Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Rose then asked Recorder-Treasurer Wilson to explain the Computer Services Contract Addendum. She explained the Addendum is amending the section in the Computer Services Contract that was approved last year with Sebastian Tech Solutions to revise the fees. She further stated that the majority of the fees are software costs with the remainder being IT support, and clarified that the contract contains the ability to terminate for any reason with a 30-day notice. Councilman Horrell made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the City of Hardy Security Services Master Services Agreement Addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. Mayor Rose asked for a roll call vote. Horrell – yes; Garland – yes; Wise – yes; Taylor – yes; Allen – yes; Berry – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rose explained the water situation in the Woodland Hills trailer park, which is called the Razorback Addition, and the mobile homes are grandfathered in. They have no water from the city and most of the roads are gravel. The Razorback Water System is owned by the Woodland Hills POA and there is a problem with the system. Mayor Rose wants to research with the health department what it would take for the city to own the system and help them out. He believes we could help them out for \$5,000.00 or less, and will come back to the council when he finds out the details.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

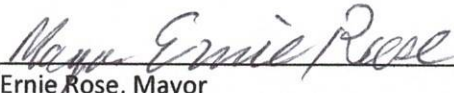
Councilwoman Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed and Mayor Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for October 4, 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 4th DAY OF October, 2022

APPROVED:


Ernie Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:


Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer

