

**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

October 4, 2022 · 6:00 p.m.  
Hardy City Hall

Mayor Ernie Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 4, 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, and Sue Taylor. Councilman Herbert Wise was absent. Mrs. Wilson stated that with 5 out of 6 council members present, there was a quorum. Attorney Joe Grider was also in attendance.

Councilwoman Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 6, 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) Chairwoman Tracie Moore to provide the HAPC report. Chairwoman Moore reported there was a special meeting held September 12, 2022 to discuss marketing strategy. No action was taken. There was a regular meeting of the Commission on September 26, 2022. The balance of the General fund was \$70,890.23 and the Reserve balance was \$51,043.57. The Commission voted to order 1,000 of each postcard from Salem Graphix for a total of \$265.20 from the Printing/Copying line item in the budget. Under new business, the Commission voted to do a ½ page ad in the 2023 Ozark Gateway magazine not to exceed \$1,500.00, and to split an ad in the Ozark Gateway Travel magazine with Cherokee Village for \$2,495.00. Also approved was a request for the Bad Boys Mowers Basketball Tournament sponsorship for \$500.00. Chairwoman Moore also reported on a special meeting of the Commission held October 3, 2022 when they approved the design and purchase of a sign from StewartGrafx LLC for \$675 plus tax for the Thompson Park sign replacement.

Mayor Rose recognized Mrs. Wilson who stated that the September financial statements are included in the packet. She presented a chart showing the current and prior 3 years' sales tax revenue and stated current year is now at about 15% over last year. She made note that sales tax and most other revenue sources are at about 81% of budgeted for year to date and requested any questions from council members.

Mayor Rose then called for Committee Reports. Josh Moore from the Fire Department stated that they were slower now that tourist season is over, but they are getting prepared for secondary wildfire season and for the Halloween Trail of Treats which starts at the fire station on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. He also reported the fire department helped with removal of debris from the center pylon in the river at the Spring Street bridge. Police Chief Scott Rose announced that the day before had been an eventful day with an out-of-town person, reportedly armed, being on the loose and a search ongoing until the middle of the night where he was apprehended at McDonald's. In the absence of Mr. Wise, Mayor Rose reported for the Public Works



Department stating that they had been working leaks and are still planning on working on the bridge in Rio Vista II and they had been doing some road work and planning to do ditch cleaning and rough cutting if a new piece of equipment is purchased with a six-way blade. They did a lot of clean up work in preparation for Homesteaders Day. They are also working on some upgrading of valves at the wastewater plant.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Rose reported the sale of the Kubota machine at the public auction was for the minimum bid of \$75,000.00. He stated that the proposed replacement for it would be a brand-new skid steer and that we are awaiting bids requested on the purchase which are due October 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

Mayor Rose called on Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson to report on the bids received to replace roofs due to hail damage. She stated that bids had been opened the previous Friday and she presented the two sets of bids that had been received from Get Er Done and Gone and from Price Construction. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to approve the bids by Get Er Done and Gone to do the work replacing roofs damaged by hail; Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Rose asked for a roll call vote. Allen – yes; Berry – yes; Garland – yes; Horrell – yes; Taylor – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rose discussed the Lake Sherwood Dam Evacuation Plan which had been presented at the previous meeting. Councilman Berry made a motion to adopt the plan; Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Rose requested Mrs. Wilson explain the status of the KAIT weather camera. She explained that KAIT is trying to schedule a date for a ribbon-cutting to include KAIT meteorologist Ryan Vaughan, FNBC officials, Hardy A & P Commissioners, and City officials. She stated that the camera is installed and operating but they are waiting to show it on TV until the official ribbon-cutting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Rose asked Mrs. Wilson to explain Resolution 2022-N regarding Ad Valorem Tax Rates for Sharp County. Councilman Berry made a motion to read Resolution 2022-N entitled A Resolution to Levy Sharp County Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Hardy, Arkansas; Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider read Resolution 2022-N which establishes the property tax rate at 2.9 mills for 2022. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-N; Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Rose then asked Mrs. Wilson to explain Resolution 2022-O regarding Ad Valorem Tax Rates for Fulton County. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to read Resolution 2022-O entitled A Resolution to Levy Fulton County Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Hardy, Arkansas; Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider read Resolution 2022-O which establishes the property tax rate at 2.9 mills for 2022. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-O; Councilman Berry seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Rose then requested Mrs. Wilson to explain Resolution 2022-P regarding a Budget Amendment for expenditures using ARPA funds. Mrs. Wilson explained that this resolution is proposing Parks Department repairs and maintenance to the Main Street vacant lot to extend the sidewalk and create a patio at the site and to also do fence repairs at the Civic Center. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to read Resolution 2022-P, A Resolution Amending the 2022 Operating Budget for the City of Hardy; Councilman Berry seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider read Resolution 2022-P. Councilman

Horrell made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-P as read; Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a roll call vote. Allen – yes; Berry – yes; Garland – yes; Horrell – yes; Taylor – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tracie Moore spoke about wanting cameras at some places in the city. Steven Richey spoke about the recent ATV ride which netted a \$668.00 donation to the city for use at Buford Beach for the restroom project.

**ADJOURN**

Councilman Horrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed and Mayor Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for November 1, 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 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF November, 2022

APPROVED:

Ernie Rose  
Ernie Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:

Darlene Wilson  
Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer