

Mayor: Ethan J. Barnes

Recorder-Treasurer: Darlene Wilson

Alderman: Penny Allen, Tony Berry  
Mark Gordon, Laura Smith  
Sue Taylor

City Attorney: Joe Grider

# City of Hardy, Arkansas

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## Minutes of Regular Meeting Hardy City Council Meeting

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

Mayor Ernie Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 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, Phillip Horrell, Sue Taylor, and Herbert Wise. Councilman David Garland 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 Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 1, 2022 as written. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

No changes were made to the proposed agenda.

### REPORTS

Mayor Rose recognized Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC) Recording Secretary Ginni Kauffman to provide the HAPC report. Commissioner Kauffman reported there was a regular meeting of the Commission on November 28, 2022. The balance of the General fund was \$28,287.46 and the Reserve balance was \$51,071.97. The Commission received a resignation letter effective November 8, 2022 from Amanda Garland, leaving a vacancy in that position. The Commission voted to move surplus 2022 budget line items totaling \$8,823.81 to Promotional Purchases for the purpose of investing in Christmas decorations. The Commission also approved the 2023 budget.

Mayor Rose recognized Mrs. Wilson who stated that the current financial statements are included in the packet. She presented a chart showing the current and prior 3 years' sales tax revenue, and she made note of the fact that it still shows this year's at approximately 14% over the previous year. She pointed out that most line items in the financial statements are closely on track with the previously revised budgeted figures. She also pointed out that the budget had included an approximate 6% salary increase for most employees but that the Mayor was hoping to give an increase more in line with the Social Security cost of living increase of 8.7% and that, since the first pay period in 2023 began with a pay period in December 2022, the Mayor was authorizing that higher increase which would eventually require a 2023 budget revision.

Mayor Rose then called for Committee Reports. Josh Moore from the Fire Department stated that the rescue boat needed repairs, and he presented a proposal from a repair shop that could repair and service it for a total cost of \$4,613.80. R-T Wilson stated that the budget still had enough to cover the cost. He also stated that the turnout gear that had been ordered was starting to come in. Police Chief Scott Rose reported on a bad accident that had recently happened east of town at Jackson's curve in which Josh Moore had responded and worked with others to remove the woman trapped in the car and did an outstanding job. Chief Rose also stated that the crime rate continues to be fairly low. Mayor Rose reported for the Public Works department that they were working on the bridge at Barber Street and almost had it fixed. They have also been working on many water leaks. The skid steer has been on order and is expected at any time.

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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Rose stated that the grants applied for had not been approved, including the Razorback addition request, sewer expansion along Riverview, 62 Highway, and Giles Road. He stated that the City would continue to pursue grant funding for those projects. Mayor Rose also stated that the Buford Beach project was underway with the walls partially done and the plumber has started his work and the roof should be put on next week. He stated that it would hopefully be completed by the end of the year.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rose presented Ordinance 2022-4, 2023 Salary for Mayor and Recorder-Treasurer and stated that, when he started as Mayor in 2019, he had requested a reduction in his salary due to the fact that he was also on Social Security. He was requesting the council to increase the Mayor's salary back to where it was previously. Mrs. Wilson explained that the Ordinance did not increase the Recorder-Treasurer salary, but rather kept it at her current salary and increased the Mayor's salary to be equal to the Recorder-Treasurer salary. Councilman Horrell made a motion to read Ordinance 2022-4, An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of the Mayor and the Recorder-Treasurer for 2023 for the City of Hardy, Arkansas, Declaring an Emergency and for other purposes. Councilman Berry seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider read the Ordinance. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to waive the second and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings, allowing them to be read by title only; Councilman Horrell seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider then read Ordinance 2022-4 by title only. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-4, An Ordinance Fixing the Salary of the Mayor and the Recorder-Treasurer for 2023 for the City of Hardy, Arkansas, Declaring an Emergency and for other purposes. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to enact the emergency clause allowing the Ordinance to become effective immediately; Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

### COMMENTS

Councilman Horrell stated that, since this was his last meeting, he wanted to thank everyone for allowing him to be part of the council and that he had enjoyed it immensely. Recorder-Treasurer Wilson invited everyone to Mayor Rose's retirement reception at city hall on Thursday, December 29, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:00.

### ADJOURN

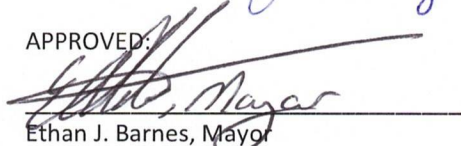
Councilman Horrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed, and Mayor Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for January 17, 2023 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 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 2023

APPROVED:

  
Ethan J. Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer

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