

Mayor: Ethan J. Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer: Darlene Wilson
Council Members: Penny Allen, Tony Berry
Mark Gordon, Laura Smith
Sue Taylor, Herbert Wise
City Attorney: Joe Grider

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Minutes of Regular Meeting Hardy City Council February 13, 2023 · 6:00 p.m. Hardy City Hall

Mayor Ethan J. Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Monday, February 13, 2023, at the Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Road, Hardy, Arkansas. Councilman Gordon led all present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country. Councilman Berry gave the invocation. Mayor Barnes asked Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson to call the roll. The following council members answered to their names: Penny Allen, Tony Berry, Mark Gordon, Laura Smith, and Sue Taylor. With five council members present, there was a quorum. Attorney Grider was also in attendance.

Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2023 as written; Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Barnes requested one change to the proposed agenda adding a Ronald McDonald House Proclamation to the beginning of the order of business. Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda revision; Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Barnes then introduced two representatives from the Ronald McDonald House - David Henry, general manager of the Hardy McDonald's and Shirley Hollis, area supervisor of McDonald's restaurants. Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to read the proclamation; Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Mayor Barnes then read "Proclamation 2023-1, City of Hardy Share a Heart" declaring the week of February 13 – February 19 Ronald McDonald House Week in the City of Hardy.

REPORTS

Mayor Barnes recognized Recorder-Treasurer Wilson to give the financial report. Ms. Wilson stated that the current financial statements are included in the packet. She made note that the financials covered less than two months' activity and revenue was pretty well on track, while some expenses were carryover from 2022 and would be reflected in a revised budget.

Mayor Barnes then called for Committee Reports. In the absence of Fire Chief Austin Rose, Jason Creasey reported that the fire department had 47 calls year-to-date. He also discussed recent winter weather affecting roads and river levels; and the condition of the brush truck which the Mayor stated would be repaired back to usable condition for now. In the absence of Police Chief Scott Rose, Michael Himschoot reported for the police department stating that crime was still relatively low at this time.

Public Works Superintendent Steven Morris reported on leaks being repaired, cleaning out ditches and cutting back some brush, several paint jobs in the works, and a lot of work fighting snow and ice in recent days. Mayor Barnes made note that Superintendent Morris had done a great job working with the county inmate program getting some much-needed projects accomplished with their help.

Mayor Barnes recognized Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC) Recording Secretary Ginni Kauffman to provide the HAPC report. Commissioner Kauffman reported on the regular meeting January 23, 2023. The balance in the operating account was \$36,184.33 and the reserve account was \$51,106.97. Action taken included booking the Carl Acuff, Jr. band for a concert in July 2023; approving \$1,124.30 for Commissioners

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Kauffman and Smith to attend the Transworld Christmas Show in St. Louis. An update on Creating Bridges grant was also given which included spending \$2,000 for pole banners and a trash can at Dr. Thompson Park; \$15,000 to share with Cherokee Village to get photos and videos for Spring River Country; and \$6,000 for ads in Ozark Gateway magazine.

Mayor Barnes reported that the Hardy Business Permit had been revised; he was working on some grant applications; rental contracts for city properties were being revised; and he was working on getting bids for lawn care for the 2023-2024 mowing seasons.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At 6:29 p.m., Mayor Barnes called the council members into executive session for the purpose of discussion about the Ward 2, Position 1 determination, as stated on the agenda. At 6:58 p.m., Mayor Barnes reconvened the council meeting and stated that there had been three applicants for the position – Jason Creasey, Junior Wise, and Bruce Thurow. Councilwoman Smith made a motion appoint Jason Creasey to the vacant council position for Ward 2, Position 1; Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. Recorder-Treasurer Wilson performed a roll call vote. Berry-yes; Allen-yes; Gordon-yes; Smith-yes; Taylor-yes. Motion passed unanimously. The oath of office was then administered to Jason Creasey and he joined the council table.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Barnes presented Ordinance 2023-2, An Ordinance Establishing an Electronic Funds Payment System as Provided for in ACA 14-59-105(e)(1); Declaring an Emergency and for Other Purposes. Councilman Gordon made a motion to read Ordinance 2023-2; Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider read the Ordinance. Councilman Gordon made a motion to waive the second and 3rd readings, allowing them to be read by title only; Councilman Berry seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider then read Ordinance 2023-2 by title only. Councilman Gordon made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-2, An Ordinance Establishing an Electronic Funds Payment System as Provided for in ACA 14-59-105(e)(1); Declaring an Emergency and for Other Purposes; Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to enact the emergency clause allowing the Ordinance to become effective immediately; Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Barnes moved on to Resolution 2023-5, A Resolution Providing Revisions in the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 Beginning January 1, 2022, and Ending December 31, 2022. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to read the Resolution 2023-5; Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider then read Resolution 2023-5. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-5; Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. Mayor Barnes requested a roll call vote. Allen – yes; Berry – yes; Gordon – yes; Smith – yes; Taylor – yes; Creasey – yes. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Barnes presented Resolution 2023-6, A Resolution to Approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Central Dispatch Services and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Cooperation Agreement with Sharp County, Arkansas on Behalf of City of Hardy for 911 Emergency Services. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to read Resolution 2023-6; Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider then read Resolution 2023-6. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-6; Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Barnes asked Recorder-Treasurer to present the agenda item about Documents Destruction. Ms. Wilson explained the letter dated February 13, 2023 about Documents Destruction with an attached Affidavit listing the contents of 16 boxes of documents eligible to be destroyed. Councilwoman Allen made a motion to approve destruction of those boxes of documents; Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Barnes then recommended Councilwomen Smith and Taylor to fill the two city council positions on the Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission. Councilman Berry made a motion to approve the appointments of Councilwomen Smith and Taylor; Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. Councilwomen Smith and Taylor

abstained; all others in favor; motion passed. Oaths of office were then administered to Councilwomen Smith and Taylor.

ADJOURN


Councilman Creasey made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed, and Mayor Barnes declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Road in Hardy, Arkansas.

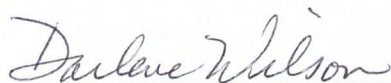
Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF March, 2023

APPROVED:


Ethan J. Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:


Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer

