

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
June 12, 2023 · 6:00 p.m.
Hardy City Hall**

Mayor Ethan J. Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Monday, June 12, 2023, at Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Road, Hardy, Arkansas. Mayor Barnes led all present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country. Councilman Berry gave the invocation. In the absence of Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson, Attorney Grider was in attendance and called the roll. The following council members answered to their names: Penny Allen, Tony Berry, Mark Gordon, Laura Smith, Sue Taylor, and Herbert Wise. With all six council members present, there was a quorum.

Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2023; Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Barnes asked if there were any requested changes to the proposed agenda. There were no requested changes. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

REPORTS

Mayor Barnes made note that financial statements are in the agenda packet, but in the absence of Recorder-Treasurer Wilson, no financial report was given.

Mayor Barnes then called for Committee Reports. Jason Creasey gave a report for the Fire Department. He stated that there were 27 calls in the month of May. He reported on the Fill-the-Boot fund-raising campaign on Memorial Day weekend which raised about \$5,800 for the Fire Department. The funds are being spent for much-needed equipment, including signs for accident scenes and medical bags for each truck.

Police Chief Scott Rose provided a report, stating that the new signs and "accident ahead" flags were helpful for them also. He reported that Memorial Day weekend went very smoothly considering how many people were in town for the holiday. He reported on the 1959 Ford Edsel patrol car which was getting lots of attention and he stated that the children love it.

Public Works Superintendent Steven Morris stated that they had worked three water main breaks and related problems possibly due to how dry the weather had been. He reported on painting of crosswalks they had done on Main Street, and that they would be working on some maintenance at the Johnson Center, among many other work orders on their long list.

Mayor Barnes recognized Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC) Chairwoman Tracie Moore to provide the HAPC report. She stated that there had been a regular meeting and a special meeting but, since the minutes had not been finalized and approved by the Commission yet, she would have them at the next council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Barnes discussed a proposal from Councilwoman Laura Smith regarding the need for a Solar Eclipse Preparedness Committee for the City to help prepare for the influx of visitors which is expected for the date of April 8, 2024 when Hardy will be in the direct path of solar eclipse totality for over four minutes. Mayor Barnes suggested that members of the Committee would include the Police Chief, the Interim Fire Chief, and any members of the City Council wishing to participate. The purpose of the Committee will be to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats we face as a City to prepare for the large amount of visitors. The following Council Members volunteered to be on the Committee: Laura Smith, Tony Berry, Sue Taylor, and Mark Gordon.

Mayor Barnes recognized Nimmi Desai, a Hardy resident, who addressed the City Council about the Pocket Park property which was donated by the King Agency. She provided some background on the property, information about a \$10,000 Entergy grant the City received for improvements to the park property, and her desire for the City to include the public in its plans going forward.

Mayor Barnes presented Resolution 2023-16, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Submit an Application for Grant Funding to Develop a Public Park; and For Other Purposes. Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to read Resolution 2023-16; Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Attorney Grider read Resolution 2023-16. Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-16; Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Barnes requested a roll call vote. Allen – yes; Berry – yes; Gordon – yes; Smith – yes; Taylor – yes; Wise – yes. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Barnes opened the floor for Julia Baldridge of Mission of Hope who had requested a place on the agenda, but she was not present.

ADJOURN

Councilman Wise made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed, and Mayor Barnes declared the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 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 10th DAY OF July, 2023

APPROVED:


Ethan J. Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:


Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer