

**Mayor:** Ethan J. Barnes  
**Recorder-Treasurer:** Darlene Wilson  
**Council Members:** Penny Allen, Tony Berry  
Mark Gordon, Laura Smith  
Sue Taylor, Herbert Wise  
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## Minutes of Solar Eclipse Preparedness Committee

July 10, 2023 · 5:00 p.m.

Hardy City Hall

Mayor Ethan J. Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Monday, July 10, 2023, at Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Road, Hardy, Arkansas. Recorder-Treasurer Darlene Wilson called the roll. The following committee members answered to their names: Tony Berry, Mark Gordon, Laura Smith, Sue Taylor, Police Chief Scott Rose, and Mayor Ethan Barnes. Fire Chief Josh Moore arrived later in the meeting.

Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the agenda; Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Barnes stated that the City Council established the Solar Eclipse Preparedness Committee. He stated that the Public Work Superintendent would be invited to the next meeting. The Committee has no authority to spend money but can make recommendations to the Council. The purpose of the Committee is separate from Hardy A&P Commission's solar eclipse committee which relates to lodging and restaurant facilities. This Committee is specifically for the City's responsibilities such as emergency services, roadways, wastewater, electrical, utilities, medical tents, extra EMT's, and other City responsibilities.

Mayor Barnes then asked Police Chief Scott Rose to report on his department's preparedness. Chief Rose reported on the fact that it will be difficult for them to cover the event all by themselves, and that there will be no officers available from neighboring cities and communities because they will all be needed in their own areas. Therefore, he is starting to compile a list of volunteers and citizens who will be hand-picked for their abilities. He suggested that the city should consider starting a fund and begin fund-raisers for donations to the fund to help incentivize those citizens to cover security work during that time. A discussion was held about specific items that will be needed and that specially designed t-shirts would be a good idea. He also suggested that the other crucial factor in his area is that the police, fire, ambulance, and sheriff's office services should begin coordinating routes and have a plan in place for emergency services including alternate routes and modes of transportation to be able to respond to calls. Further discussion included training for all workers and two-way radios for communication needs. Mayor Barnes asked Chief Rose to put together an amount that he believes might be needed to put in the budget for this purpose.

Mayor Barnes asked Fire Chief Josh Moore to discuss his department's preparedness plans. Chief Moore reported that he has been working on preparing for traffic flow supplies, including 300 cones; he has a good number of volunteers on his roster; and he is working on fire inspections that are beginning this month specifically in preparation for the event.

Councilman Gordon mentioned that he wants the Committee to discourage price gouging by businesses in the City.

Councilwoman Smith mentioned that she has several names of persons wanting to take CPR classes and Chiefs Rose and Moore both stated they would try to find someone to give classes in the near future. She also stated there are civic groups in the area that are willing to volunteer to help with services and supplies that might be needed. Chief Rose stated the need for designated first aid stations/supplies to be determined.

### ADJOURN

Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Berry seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed, and Mayor Barnes declared the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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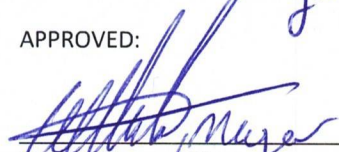
Solar Eclipse Preparedness Committee Meeting  
July 10, 2023

The next regular meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Road in Hardy, Arkansas.

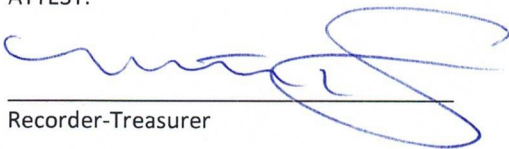
Respectfully submitted,  
Darlene Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2023

APPROVED:

  
Ethan J. Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Recorder-Treasurer

