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## Minutes of Solar Eclipse Preparedness Committee

September 11, 2023 · 5:30 p.m.

Hardy City Hall

Mayor Ethan J. Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Monday, September 11, 2023, at Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Road, Hardy, Arkansas. Recorder-Treasurer Mitchell Sparks called the roll. The following committee members answered to their names: Mark Gordon, Laura Smith, Sue Taylor, Fire Chief Josh Moore and Superintendent Steve Moore. Tony Berry, Conner Keith and Police Chief Scott Rose, were absent.

Councilwoman Smith suggested a change to the minutes concerning CPR certification cards. Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes with correction of the Solar Eclipse Preparedness Committee meeting on August 14, 2023. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Mayor Barnes requested an addition to the agenda to include discussion of Porta Potties. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment; Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS

CPR Classes: Chief Moore shared that his assistant fire chief, Jackson Bates, will be taking an CPR instructor instruction class. He will be able to provide CPR instruction to anyone in the city. There are 12 to 15 CPR dolls available for training. Also, once Bates finishes his training, he can offer a 'stop the bleed' class with the CPR classes. Moore stated if anyone wants to take the class sooner, Ash Flat Fire Department is having training on September 19. Mayor Barnes stated that Nancy French would be available, as well. Councilwoman Smith said the basic CPR class is free, but the A&P Commission has up to \$300 available for area businesspeople to take the class for certification cards. Councilman Gordon suggested using the Civic Center for the classes. Barnes asked Moore, Gordon and Smith to work up a plan for the CPR training event.

Extra security expense. Mayor Barnes spoke with Police Chief Scott Rose, and he was still putting numbers together for extra security. Barnes requested that discussion be tabled until next month as old business. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to table extra security expense discussion to next meeting, Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

### NEW BUSINESS

Police department. Mayor Barnes noted that last month the commission asked the council to approve funding for detour signs which will be helpful to reroute traffic and closing streets. Chief Moore said that he is expecting a case of Narcan to be delivered soon. Councilwoman Taylor asked how long the detours would be sustained. Mayor Barnes was unsure of the answer and said it depended on the amount of traffic. It'll come down to the public safety group to make the decision about if, when and how long to have a detour around downtown and the park.

Fire department: Chief Moore talked with Spring River Ambulance about AEDs and he's found some that are compatible with what they use, allowing the ambulance to unplug from the fire department machine and plug into the ambulance's machines. Moore stated they were \$1,500 apiece. He said some have a seven-year battery, and some have a three-year battery. It just depends on how much they get used. Moore recently replaced a battery in a current AED and \$200 was spent on it. However, the current AED is not compatible with Spring River Ambulance's machines. Councilwoman Smith asked if a private citizen could purchase one. Moore said as long as

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the person is CPR certified with an AED. He clarified that the one the department has will walk the user through what to do, but it's good to have the knowledge. Bates will be able to offer AED training in his CPR course.

Public Works: Superintendent Morris had nothing to report.

Fundraising: The Hardy Fire and Hardy Police department Chili-Cookoff. The two departments will get together to plan the event. To be determined is how the funds will be raised during the cookoff, and the location. The departments will consider possibly asking departments from other cities to participate.

Quilt raffle. Councilwoman Smith said they need to put the quilt in a more prominent location. She'll ask around, look for a place to hang it up, possibly Bill's Cash Saver, the post office or the bank.

Committee Member Open Discussion: Councilwoman Smith started a discussion about getting bandages. Chief Moore said he was getting information about tents to purchase. Smith asked how they will handle the Narcan supply. Moore said they will distribute five or six at each station. Mayor Barnes asked Moore if all of his medical responders have a medic bag. Moore stated they did.

Gordon raised a concern about the lack of benches and places for people to sit in the city. Mayor Barnes said he and Superintendent Morris were working on acquiring some benches from an auction.

Porta Potty: Mayor Barnes displayed a catalog of porta potties. He reached out to Hedges Portable Toilets that currently supplies Porta Potties when needed. Their quote was \$20,000 to rent 20 porta potties. Mayor Barnes suggested the city buy what they need and then sell what they don't need at the end of the summer, or at the end of the event. He stated that Russellville has rented all or most of the Porta Potties, so there is no way to rent any of them. Gordon asked about grants. Barnes stated he can't find any grants to rent/purchase porta potties. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to request from city council up to \$25,000 for the purchase of Porta Potties that some of them will later be sold to recoup some of our spending expenditures. Gordon seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

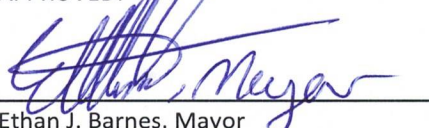
**ADJOURN**

Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed, and Mayor Barnes declared the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

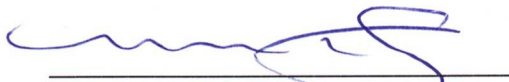
Respectfully submitted,  
Mitchell Sparks, Recorder-Treasurer

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 2023

APPROVED:

  
Ethan J. Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Mitchell Sparks, Recorder-Treasurer

