

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

# City of Hardy, Arkansas

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## Minutes of Solar Eclipse Preparedness Committee November 13, 2023 · 5:30 p.m. Hardy City Hall

Mayor Ethan J. Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2023 at Hardy City Hall, 124 Woodland Hills Road, Hardy, Arkansas. Recorder-Treasurer Mitchell Sparks called the Roll. The following members answered to their names: Laura Smith, Mark Gordon, Josh Moore, Anthony Gielen and Jon Hussung. With five committee members, there was a quorum.

Councilwoman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023 meeting of the Solar Eclipse Preparedness Committee. Councilman Gordon seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the agenda of the November 13, 2023 meeting of the Solar Eclipse Preparedness Committee. Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Barnes asked about dates for CPR Classes. Chief Moore said he was going to try to have a class for fire and police personnel in December. Councilwoman Smith said she will be setting up a class in January for the public in town.

Discussing extra security, Barnes said he has met with Police Chief Rose concerning the 2024 budget and funding for extra patrol was included. The 2024 budget approval will be discussed at the council meeting.

Mayor Barnes and Chief Moore have been looking for tents, but have not found the tents they want, yet. The tents they were looking at had a high shipping cost. They will try to get them locally. It was agreed that the tents will have more use than just the solar eclipse event. The funds have been included in the budget.

### NEW BUSINESS

Office Gielen stated they are still working on the extra security.

Chief Moore said he needs to get with Chief Rose to decide a date for the Chili Cookoff - Battle of the Axes and Badges. They are looking for a date in January or February when the people are restless following the Christmas holidays.

Councilwoman Smith said she will take the raffle Quilt back to her store. She'll have people working on that raffle.

Mayor Barnes made note of the poster on the wall featuring the eclipse event prepared by the Ozark Gateway Regional Tourism group with the Spring River Area Chamber of Commerce and the Eclipse Sharp County Group. Councilwoman Smith asked about billboards. Barnes says there is one on the bypass across from the liquor store. It was noted that NASA will be in Russellville. National Geographic wants to feature some communities preparing for the eclipse.

### ADJOURN

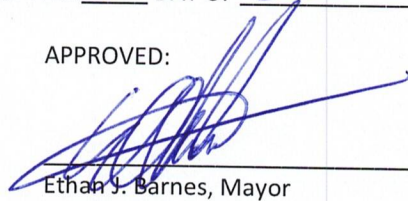
Chief Moore made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Barnes declared the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mitchell Sparks, Recorder-Treasurer

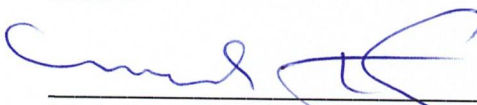
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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11 DAY OF December, 2023

APPROVED:

  
Ethan J. Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Mitchell Sparks, Recorder-Treasurer

