

Mayor: Ethan J. Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer: Mitchell Sparks
Council Members: Penny Allen, Tony Berry
Mark Gordon, Laura Smith
Sue Taylor, Herbert Wise
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Minutes of Solar Eclipse Preparedness Committee December 11, 2023 · 5:30 p.m. Hardy City Hall

Mayor Ethan J. Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 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, Josh Moore, Anthony Gielen, and Sue Taylor. With four committee members and Mayor Barnes, there was a quorum.

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

Councilwoman Smith made a motion to approve the agenda of the December 11, 2023 meeting of the Solar Eclipse Preparedness Committee. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Barnes asked about CPR classes, and if dates had been set. Chief Moore said the fire department would have classes the next night, December 12 at 6 p.m. at the firehouse on Church Street, for the fireman and policeman. No cost to the police or fireman.

Councilwoman Smith said that she wouldn't be doing anything for the general public until after the holidays. It should be sometime in January.

Mayor Barnes said that the purchase of tents has been moved to January to be able use the funds in the 2024 budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Policeman Gielen said he's had discussions with Chief Rose about the need for 20 to 40 walkie talkies, and that request has been submitted. Barnes confirmed it was put into the 2024 budget.

Chief Moore said the fire department has extra radios. Gielen explained that the walkie talkies would be for the volunteers. This would prevent congestion on the official radio channels. Gielen also said that once the volunteer schedule list is compiled that the volunteer needs to be committed to being there at that time. Training needs to be held prior to the event. Barnes said t-shirts or vests stating volunteer or event staff need to be purchased. Might need to look for a sponsor for the t-shirt.

Councilwoman Smith asked if placement of the tents for band aide stations has been decided. Barnes stated that the group hasn't decided, but he thought Loberg Park and Buford Beach would be good spots. Barnes suggested the fire stations, but Chief Moore said it was going to be difficult to get the trucks out, so his fireman will be in personal vehicles and have their med bags with them.

Policeman Gielen suggested need to coordinate location services with a map that has band aide stations and volunteers will be located, along with designated viewing areas. A current map was suggested as a starting point.

Chief Moore raised discussion of the AEDs and that they should be in all the city buildings. Each cost \$1,571. Moore then received an emergency call and left. Barnes reviewed the AED information that Moore provided.

Barnes talked about fundraising and that the chili cookoff would happen in the new year. He mentioned that these fundraisers are important to offset the cost of the eclipse preparation.

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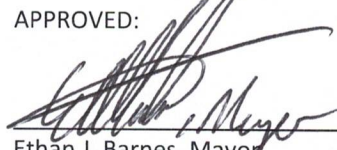
ADJOURN

Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Barnes declared the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Sparks, Recorder-Treasurer

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF January, 2023

APPROVED:


Ethan J. Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mitchell Sparks, Recorder-Treasurer



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