

Mayor: Ethan J. Barnes

Recorder-Treasurer: Willow R. Sharp

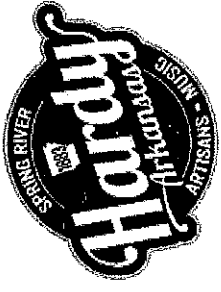
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City of Hardy Special Council Meeting 301 W. Main Street Hardy, AR 72542 – Hardy Civic Center July 25, 2025

The special meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Mayor Ethan J. Barnes. In the absence of Recorder-Treasurer Willow R. Sharp, City Administrator Trisha Bushey called the council member roll call for attendance. All members of the city council answered by name. Six (6) of six (6) were present; quorum was established. Mayor Barnes led all in the Pledge of Allegiance; Councilman Dr. Tony Berry offered the invocation.

Mayor Barnes proceeded with the special meeting agenda. The purpose for the special meeting was for the city to consider applying for the Arkansas Community Assistant Grant Program, by means of Resolution 2025-11.

Mayor Barnes read the grant program application aloud regarding funding and eligibility. The grant application period was open from May 19, 2025, to July 31, 2025. The application required the following information: How would the project benefit and be utilized by the City; Proof of ownership of the land to be used; and that the City would be responsible for a matching portion of 20% funding.

Mayor Barnes offered that the City would be working on the restoration of Loberg Park if grant monies were awarded to the City. Mayor Barnes continued that the city would be requesting a waiver of the 20% matching funds required due to the flood's effect on the City in April of 2025. Council agreed that Loberg Park had suffered major damage from the April 2025 flood event. It was discussed that Loberg Park was a prime attraction for our citizens and visitors. Mayor Barnes concluded that this grant program only had \$15MM available for funding requests and that it would be highly competitive.

Councilman Berry made a motion to read Resolution 2025-11; Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to read Resolution 2025-11. Mayor Barnes called for a voice vote, and all were in favor to read the resolution. Mayor Barnes read Resolution 2025-11. Councilman Berry made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-11; Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2025-11. Mayor Barnes called for a voice vote; all were in favor and the motion to approve Resolution 2025-11 passed.

Mayor Barnes thanked the council for attending the special called meeting. Councilman Berry made a motion to adjourn; Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Barnes called for a voice vote, and all were in favor of adjournment. The meeting was declared adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF August, 2025.

APPROVED:


Ethan J. Barnes
Mayor




Willow R. Sharp
Recorder-Treasurer

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