

Mayor: Ethan J. Barnes

Recorder-Treasurer: Willow R. Sharp

Council Members: Tony Berry, Amy Clay-Thomas, Ginni Kauffman, Sue Taylor, Laura Smith

City Attorney:

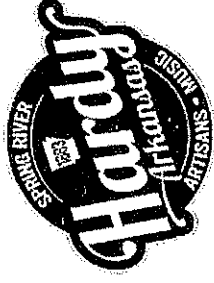
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**Hardy City Council
Regular Business Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2026**

Hardy Civic Center – 301 W. Main Street Hardy, Arkansas 72542

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Mayor Ethan J. Barnes. Mayor Barnes asked everyone to join the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was offered by Councilmember Dr. Tony Berry. R-T Sharp called the council roll: Berry, Clay-Thomas, Kauffman, Taylor, Smith, and Quintana-DuBois-*not present*. Five council members were present; Quorum was established. Mayor Barnes reported that Councilmember Quintana-DuBois had submitted a letter of resignation that was included in the meeting packet. R/T Sharp and Mayor Barnes were present as well.

Minutes from the December 8, 2025, Regular Business Meeting were presented for approval by Mayor Barnes. A motion was made by Councilmember Kauffman and seconded by Councilmember Berry to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2025, Regular Business Meeting. Mayor Barnes called for a voice vote—the ayes were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes passed.

Mayor Barnes presented the agenda for the evening's meeting. Councilmember Berry made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Mayor called for a voice vote—the ayes were in favor and the motion to approve the agenda passed.

Reports:

City Financials: Mayor Barnes and R-T Sharp highlighted the 2026 Budget(s) with YTD revenues and expenses thus far into the year. R-T Sharp provided that the final expenses for year 2025 were being prepared and should be ready for close-out in the March meeting.

Fire Department: Chief Josh Moore reported the final calls for service in year 2025 were 457 in the Hardy Fire District. Chief Moore reported the department had already answered 42 calls for service in January 2026. Chief Moore provided information and proposed to purchase an inflatable rescue boat for the department.

Police Department: Interim Police Chief Michael Himschoot reported that the Police Department was doing well. Himschoot reported that there were no weather-related motor vehicle accidents during Winter Storm Fern that affected the area with below freezing temperatures. The Hardy Gym had been utilized as a Warmer Center during this time for the public.

Public Works Department: Superintendent Steve Morris reported that the Public Works Department had been very busy pushing and plowing snow and ice on the city streets from the approximate 8 inches of snow and ice that fell in Hardy. Supt. Morris reported the Water Department would be addressing any new found leaks after the temperatures rose above freezing.

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Planning and Zoning: No report.

Sharp County Regional Airport Commission: No report.

Tri-County Solid Waste Disposal Authority: No report.

Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission (HAPC): Commissioner Kauffman reported that the HAPC has a meeting set for February 2, 2026, and that the Commission was progressing with projects including securing a local contractor for the Pocket Park Project on Main Street. Com. Kauffman reported the renovations at the Civic Center were moving forward with refitting the bathrooms with updated fixtures.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Barnes welcomed and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mayor updated council regarding Winter Storm Fern and the impact in Hardy, as well as referring to the Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency in Arkansas. Mayor Barnes thanked the Public Works Team consisting of Steve Morris, John Hussung, and Tim Butler for their continued hard work and dedication to the city by keeping the water system running, the sewer system running, and clearing the streets for citizens to safely travel. Mayor thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their continued work in responding to calls for service during this extremely cold and dangerous weather period. Mayor asked everyone to please check-in on your neighbors and any outdoor animals.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Mayor Barnes presented *Resolution 2026-01 Establish Agenda Format* to the council. Councilmember Smith made a motion to read *Resolution 2026-01*. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion to read. Mayor Barnes called for a voice vote—the ayes were in favor, and the motion to read passed. Mayor Barnes read *Resolution 2026-01*. Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve *Resolution 2026-01*. Councilmember Kauffman seconded the motion to approve. Mayor Barnes called for a voice vote—the ayes were in favor and *Resolution 2026-01* passed.

Mayor Barnes presented *Resolution 2026-02 Establish Holiday Dates* to the council. Councilmember Smith made a motion to read *Resolution 2026-02*. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion to read. Mayor Barnes called for a voice vote—the ayes were in favor, and the motion to read passed. Mayor Barnes read *Resolution 2026-02*. Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve *Resolution 2026-02*. Councilmember Clay-Thomas seconded the motion to approve. Mayor Barnes called for a voice vote—the ayes were in favor and *Resolution 2026-02* passed.

Mayor Barnes presented and read aloud a formal letter of resignation from Councilmember Natalie Quintana-DuBois of Ward Two (2), holding Position One (1). Mayor thanked Councilmember Quintana-DuBois for her service to the city. Councilmember Smith made a motion to accept the formal letter of resignation from Councilmember Quintana-DuBois for Ward Two (2), Position One (1). Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Barnes called for a voice vote—the ayes

were in favor and the motion to accept the letter of resignation passed. Councilmember Kauffman made a motion to declare a vacancy on city council for Position One (1) in Ward Two (2). Councilmember Clay-Thomas seconded the motion to declare a vacancy. Mayor Barnes called for a voice vote—the ayes were in favor and the motion to declare the vacancy passed. Mayor Barnes declared Position One (1) in Ward Two (2) was vacant. Mayor Barnes provided he would notify the media of the vacancy and applicant information for interested persons would be available at City Hall.

Citizen Commentary:

None.

Mr. Marc Herring had requested to speak at the meeting but was unable to attend the meeting.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Taylor seconded the motion to adjourn. Mayor Barnes called for a voice vote—the ayes were in favor and the motion to adjourn passed. The meeting was declared adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

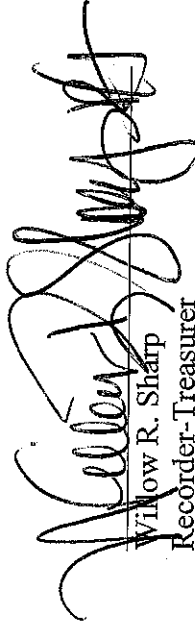
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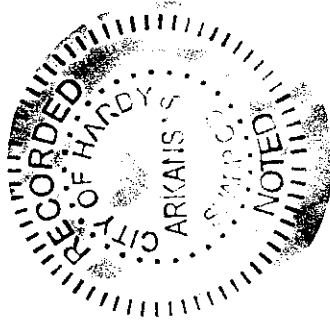
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23 DAY OF Feb, 2026.

APPROVED:


Ethan J. Barnes, Mayor

ATTEST:


Willow R. Sharp
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