

City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Call to Order

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., City Clerk Taryn Wigley called the roll.

Attendees

Council Members Al Peer, Michael James, Mark Tiner, Mike Wigley, and Claudia Hartness were present. Clarissa Pace, Cedrid Leonard, and Craig McRae were absent.

Minutes

Mike Wigley moved to accept both regular and emergency meeting minutes, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the February minutes passed.

Mayor Akers asked the council to amend the agenda to add previously talked about resolutions to the agenda. Mark Tiner moved to add the resolutions, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the agenda was amended.

Old Business

a. Ordinance Raising City Bid Limit - 3rd Reading

Michael James introduced the ordinance and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Mike Wigley seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mark Tiner moved to accept the ordinance, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the ordinance passed. Mark Tiner moved to enact the emergency clause, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the ordinance will go into effect immediately.

b. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Bid for Roof and Gutter Repairs

Mark Tiner introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Finance Manager Ashley Rodermund informed the council that all of the bidders were mailed and emailed the questions that the council had from the previous meeting. Only three of the bidders conformed to the letters; ScottArk Construction, Roof and Gutter Pro, and Arkansas Strong. Arkansas Strong had the lowest bid. Mark Tiner moved to declare the bidders that did not send additional paperwork as nonconforming bidders, Al Peer seconded. Mark Tiner moved to accept

the resolution, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

c. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Bid for Roof Replacement and Repairs

Mark Tiner introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mark Tiner moved to declare non conforming bidders and accept the lowest bid with Arkansas Strong, Mike Wigley seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. They aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

New Business

a. Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Vehicles by MPD

Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Finance Manager Ashley Rodermund informed the council that this is the same resolution as last month, but typos were and monetary amounts were corrected. Michael James moved to accept the resolution, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

b. Resolution Amending Resolution 24-44 Regarding Monticello Historic Post Office

Michael James introduced the resolution and asked that it be read in its entirety, Mark Tiner seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mayor Akers explained that the city received grant funds and insurance funds to replace the roof of the historic post office. He would like to use the insurance money to fix the roof and reallocate the grant money to fix the gutters. Michael James moved to accept the resolution, Mike Wigley seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

c. Resolution Authorizing Walmart Spark Community Grant

Mark Tiner introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. They aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Police Chief Garcia explained that this grant is \$2,000.00, and the police department would be gifting it to Options Inc. Domestic Violence Shelter. Mike Wigley moved to accept the resolution, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

d. Resolution to Authorize Bid Regarding Hwy 425 and Hwy 278 Intersection Red Light System

Mark Tiner introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mayor Akers explained that they would like to update the red lights at Hwy 425 and 278, as it is a major intersection in town. Updates to this light

would mean that the lights would still work if the power went out. The last update was in 1974. Michael James moved to accept the resolution, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

e. Resolution Honoring Good Friday as a City Holiday

Mayor Akers informed the council that Drew County had Good Friday as a paid holiday for its employees, and some of the city employees asked if we could do the same.

Mayor Akers is asking for a voice vote to approve the holiday. Mark Tiner recommended passing a resolution. Michael James moved to accept a resolution honoring Good Friday as a city holiday, Al Peer seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

f. Discussion Regarding Water Ordinances

Mayor Akers informed the council that the city currently has two ordinances that are contradicting each other, and he would like to establish new ordinances that are simplified. Ordinance 193 says that the water fee is \$100 per consumer unit, while ordinance 827 does not specify that the fee has to be applied to each unit. This is one of many instances that are confusing and not clearly stated. Mayor Akers would like to draft separate ordinances for each subject regarding water fees. Michael James asked if a sample ordinance could be provided at a later date, Mayor Akers agreed. Mike Wigley mentioned possibly charging per water meter instead of per unit. Mayor Akers took all comments into consideration and informed the council the new ordinances will be drafted in the near future to simplify the process.

Meeting Adjourned

Al Peer moved to adjourn the meeting, Mark Tiner seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the meeting was adjourned.

Jay Wigley
City Clerk