

City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 26th, 2024

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

Approval of Minutes

Mike Wigley moved to accept the February minutes, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the minutes were accepted.

Mayor Akers asked the council's permission to amend the agenda to accommodate discussions from the finance meeting from the week before. Mark Tiner moved to amend the agenda, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the agenda was amended.

New Business

a. Resolution Authorizing Bid Acceptance for Godfrey Ditch

Mark Tiner introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Craig McRae seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Finance Director Vickie Norris added that the City has a grant for 224,997.00. This project is budgeted in One Cent Sales tax but will go a little over what is allotted. 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.

b. Resolution Amending Writs and Summons Budget for 2024

Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Mark Tiner seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Ashley Rodermund explained this account is what pays the District Court employees and monthly stipend. The amount was budgeted at an older amount used in previous years, but they acquired more funding, so this resolution will allow them to have more money, the increase was \$936.00. Cedric Leonard moved to accept the resolution, Clarissa Pace seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

c. Resolution Amending General Fund Administration Budget for 2024

Craig McRae 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. Ashley Rodermund explained that there was an error in budgeting for fuel in the 2024 budget year, and this resolution will fix the error. 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.

d. Resolution Amending Airport Commission Budget for 2024

Al Peer introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Craig McRae seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Ashley Rodermund explained that the airport did not budget funds for extra training, but an opportunity came up for the airport manager to attend, and they would like to send them. The amount that is being asked for is \$1000.00, however, they may not use that much. Mike Wigley moved to approve the resolution, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

e. Resolution Amending 1998 One Cent Sales Tax Budget for 2024

Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Craig McRae seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Ashley Rodermund explained that the cemetery currently had a large ditch going through it that needs the culvert repaired. The estimated cost is \$75,000.00, most of the cost will be the culverts and pipes, and the work will be completed by city workers. Mike Wigley asked what the timeline is on the project. Mayor Akers answered that it would be weather dependent, but possibly this summer. Michael James moved to accept the resolution, Craig McRae seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

f. Resolution of Appointment for Parks Commission

Craig McRae 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 he would like to appoint Amanda Killingsworth to the Chair of the Parks Commission. Amanda has been on the commission for several years and was instrumental in many park projects. Craig McRae moved to accept the resolution, Michael James seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

g. Resolution Declaring 222 E Shelton a Nuisance

Mark Tiner moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Craig McRae seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Brian Rodgers advised that he has been in contact with the owner, and the property is almost cleaned up. He recommended that the resolution be tabled. Cedric Leonard moved to table the resolution, Clarissa Pace seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution was tabled.

h. Resolution Declaring 352 & 354 N Larkin St. a Nuisance

Craig McRae introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton Read. Brian Rodgers advised that a certified letter was sent with no response. Clarissa Pace informed the council that Gracie Matthews, the owner of the property is deceased, but she may have a contact for the people who inherited the property. The resolution was tabled for 60 days.

i. Resolution for Phoenix Youth Services

Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Mark Tiner seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mark Tiner moved to accept the resolution, Cedric Leonard seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

j. Resolution Amending 2024 Parks Budget

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. 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.

k. Resolution to Waive Bid Process for City Hall Plumbing

Craig McRae introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Claudia Hartness seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Claudia Hartness asked how long it would take to complete the project, Charlie Hammock answered that it shouldn't take more than a few weeks to complete. Mark Tiner added that the bid process needs to be waived due to this situation possibly causing a health hazard. Mayor Akers added that this would normally be a project that would be put out for bid, but due to raw sewage pumping out into the bottom of the police department, causing employees to have to relocate to a safe and clean environment, the bid process needs to be waived. Michael James moved to accept the resolution, Cedric Leonard seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

l. Resolution Amending 2024 General Fund Admin Fund Budget

Michael James introduced the resolution and moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Craig McRae seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. 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.

m. Discussion with Greg Hatley

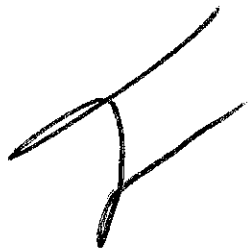
Mayor Akers introduced Greg Hatley, who reached out wanting to express extenuating circumstances regarding his rental property. Mr. Hatley informed the council that he got a letter Brian Rodgers informing him that the property needed to be cleaned up.

He hired a handyman to take care of the repairs, then a few weeks later heard that his property was condemned at a council meeting. Mr. Hartley informed the council that he has plans for the property and would like it not to be torn down. He is planning on selling a different property to help pay for repairs on the property in question. Mayor Akers asked Brian Rodgers if he had any input. Mr. Rodgers advised that the letter stated that the house had to be "habitable", not just repaired. He also stated that the house is not on the list to be torn down, but it is condemned. He added that just boarding up windows counts as fixing the property, the floors are collapsed, the back door is broken, and there are broken windows. Mark Tiner asked Mr. Hatley what his plans are for the property. Mr. Hatley would like to fix it up and either sell or rent the property out. He needs a year to make all the repairs necessary. Clarissa Pace stated that properties like these bring down surrounding property value, and it doesn't look well compared to where landlords live. She would like to see a full remodel of the property, not just patchwork to make it rentable. Mark Tiner told Mr. Hatley that we cannot give a full year extension, we may be able to give 60-90 days. Mr. Hatley then asked for 120 days. Cedric Leonard stated that he would like to stick with 90 days and re-evaluate from there. Michael James moved to keep the current resolution, but delay imposition for 90 days, Cedric Leonard seconded. A yay/nay vote was called. They aye's had it and the imposition was delayed for 90 days with 7 members for and 1 against.

Meeting Adjourned

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

Logan Wigley

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping 'H' shape with a vertical line extending downwards from the center.