



MAY 9, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 09, 2023 at 6:00 PM

City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Council Member Dan Cross, Council Member Katherine Hudson, Council Member Angela Perea, Council Member Sean Engel, and Council Member John Wright. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Allen, Police Chief Chris Kelley, Fire Chief Chance Wright, Building Official Clay Wilson, and City Attorney Justin Eichmann. Council Member Bob Fant was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Cross. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 11, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 City Council Meeting. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Hudson. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT
Community Policing:
Patrols were conducted of residential and business areas daily.
JPD assisted with traffic control for the Hogeeye Marathon on April 15.
Enforcement:
Officers enforced speed violations throughout the city. JPD enforced Truck Route violations of truck traffic coming off Johnson Mill/Wilkerson/Elmore and onto Main Dr.
Fleet Update:
Installation/upfit of emergency equipment for the 2022 Ford PIU's is continuing.
Personnel update:
One officer is currently in the Field Training phase.

Two officers were deployed to Patrol after completing field training.

Code Enforcement position was filled.

Currently advertising for one vacant Police Officer position.

Qualification/Training:

Will be conducting defensive tactics training with our in-house instructor in June/July.

2 Officers will attend Firearms Instructor school in May.

2 Officers will attend Instructor Development school in May.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Community Events:

Conducted a standby for Hogeeye Marathon

Employment update:

FF. Adam Silvis will be attending annual training for the Army National Guard for the month of May.

Fleet Update:

Fayetteville Engine 5 is still being run as front-line Rescue Engine.

Brush 1 is out of service due to a Transmission leak and power steering leak.

Engine 2 : Truck body should be completely welded and will be out of paint by May 15th. No update on final completion. Once they get a transport order in from Louisiana Firemaster will start to take off the box and get the repairs started

Training:

416 hours of training completed

Completed Live fire training in Tontitown. 11 personnel attended training. Completed Auto extrication training in Johnson and Tontitown. 8 personnel attended.

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Clay is on vacation this week.

Building Permits: 5; Mechanical Permits: 14; Inspections: 41; Finals: 3 (2 new homes)

Inspected traffic light battery backups (all passed). Started generators, MS4 inspections after rain events. Multiple calls with the city attorney and the city engineer. Attended a meeting with future developers. Also working on both new Ford P.I.U. vehicles. Attended my quarterly HVAC board meeting and attended the quarterly MS4 meeting. Wrote a code violation for work performed without a building permit.

Vehicle maintenance:

Police department: Installed a new radiator in 1701.

Public works: Order a new tire for one of the dump trucks

5. PUBLIC WORKS

Department back up to limb pick up twice a month. Cody is still out on Workers' Comp (broke his foot in February) Equipment is in good order and it is full on mowing season.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

State Turnback has been received, Property Taxes and Sales Tax have not. The May Property Tax bump is due any day. Real Estate Property Taxes are due in March which creates an increase (bump) in May taxes received and personal property taxes are due in October

causing an increase (bump) in November.

\$250,000.00 was transferred to the Street Fund for upcoming street projects.

\$15,000.00 RFA revenue was received 5/3/2023 for quarter 2.

James McKean, Legislative Auditor, is at work on the 2020, 2021, and 2022 audits. This process is expected to take a few months due to the number of years being examined.

The 2023 ARPA Annual Report for 4/1/22-3/31/2023 has been completed. Per Caran Curry, ARML attorney, the remaining funds from the ARPA account (\$742,627.73) should be moved back into the General Fund. With the Council's approval, we would like to designate these funds as reimbursement for Fire and Police payroll and payroll expenses for the above period. Because we are using the money as reimbursement of funds already expended, this money is then available for City use. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to designate the ARPA funds as reimbursement for Fire and Police payroll and payroll expenses. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Engle. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

Continuing to work on the noise ordinance, hope to have it done by June.

Working on a condemnation issue for an unsafe building with Clay.

Right of way and utility easement acquisition on the Wilkerson and Main project is progressing. Working on individual issues.

Challenge with Wright's Barbeque non compliance. Engineer had to rewrite the letter and the revision is ready for attorney review. It should go out this week.

9. MAYOR

Overlay for Sarah, Sam and Samantha has been completed by the State Aid for Streets program. Hopefully Saddlebrook will begin in a week or so, and then on to 48th and Old Mill. The park is coming along. It is an ongoing process, but we are making progress.

We have set a timeline of May 31 for closing right of way/utility easement acquisitions for the road project. Holdouts will be issued a writ of possession which is the beginning of the condemnation procedure. A full appraisal is done, and funds to cover that amount are held by the court, but the City can continue the project without being held up by a particular property owner.

Starting in September, A&M Railroad and ARDOT will begin installation of a signalized railway crossing at Main Dr. They are building it to a standard that will accommodate the future road improvement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

10. **RESOLUTION 2023-06: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT TO SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY.** Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2023-06. Motion made by Council Member Engle, Seconded by Council Member Wright. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

11. Discussion of Driveway and Parking Standards Within Single Family Residential Districts requested by Council Member Sean Engle

Council Member Engle expressed concern over the time limit of the parking of recreational vehicles in residential areas. This was discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Present were Taylor Samples, Springdale City Attorney and Ben Dykes, Veterans Services Officer.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion made by Council Member Hudson, Seconded by Council Member Cross. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Wright. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Chris Keeney, Mayor