

January 9, 2017
Six o'clock P.M.
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chambers
300 Main Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Joe A. Smith

The roll having been called and the following Aldermen answered to their names: BETH WHITE, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, CHARLIE HIGHT and MURRY WITCHER (7/0). Alderwoman DEBI ROSS was absent. City Clerk Diane Whitbey and City Attorney C. Jason Carter were also present.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Alderwoman White.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting held on Tuesday, December 27, 2016, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (7/0).

On the motion of Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, communications 1, 2, 3, and 4, were accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Restaurant Mixed Drink – Replacement from Falon Vela* for Nick's Bar Louie NLR fka Bar Louie, 3929 McCain Boulevard, by Nadeem Siddique.
2. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Restaurant Mixed Drink – Change of Manager from Josephy Hemphill*, for Ton's Place Bar and Grill, 18814 MacArthur Drive, by Michelle L. Romine. (*note: this address is not in the city limits*)
3. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer off Premises & Small Farm Wine – Change of Manager from Naeomi York*, for Wal-Mart Supercenter #4460, 12001 Maumelle Boulevard, by Nicholas T. Tumblin.
4. Karen Scott, Energy Risk Management Committee Chair/Finance Director, memorandum re: Energy Cost Recovery Adjustment Factor (ECR), January, 2017 (\$.0017) Credit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by voice vote and all members present having voted “aye”, consent items R-17-01, R-17-02, R-17-03, and R-17-04, were adopted (7/0).

R-17-01 (RESOLUTION NO. 9123 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MELODY WILLIFORD TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-17-02 (RESOLUTION NO. 9124 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHARLIE HIGHT TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-17-03 (RESOLUTION NO. 9125 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MELANIE HOGGARD TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-17-04 (RESOLUTION NO. 9126 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 9111 TO CORRECT CERTAIN REVISED PAY SCHEDULES FOR GRADE/STEP NON-UNIFORM EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

Mayor Smith thanked those who were either appointed or reappointed to the Advertising and Promotion Commission for their service. Alderman Hight recognized Mr. Bob Major, Director of the North Little Rock (Convention and) Visitors Bureau who was present.

Mayor Smith acknowledged a member of Cub Scout Troop 7 who was present.

NEW BUSINESS

R-17-05 (RESOLUTION NO. 9127 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT OF A CLEAN UP LIEN TO BE FILED WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 719 WEST 35TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*amount - \$3,068.18*)

R-17-06 (RESOLUTION NO. 9128 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT OF AN ADDITIONAL CLEAN UP LIEN TO BE FILED WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 723 WEST 35TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*amount - \$2,764.10*)

R-17-07 (RESOLUTION NO. 9129 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT OF A CLEAN UP LIEN TO BE FILED WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 800 NORTH LOCUST STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*amount - \$2,811.32*)

R-17-08 (RESOLUTION NO. 9130 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CERTIFYING AMOUNTS OF LIENS TO BE FILED WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS AS A RESULT OF GRASS CUTTING EXPENSES AND ABATEMENT OF OTHER NUISANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

O-17-01 (ORDINANCE NO. 8876 – ALDERMAN HIGHT)

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING CERTAIN UNUSED EASEMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4336 LANDERS ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: John Pownall – Thomas Engineering*)

O-17-02 (ORDINANCE NO. 8877 – ALDERMAN ROSS)

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING CERTAIN UNUSED EASEMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF

SPRINGHILL DRIVE AND STOCKTON DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: John Pownall – Thomas Engineering*)

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Attorney Carter will review rules and processes for filing legislation, etc. at the next council meeting. Mr. Carter provided an update on an Ethics Complaint filed against the city regarding Resolution No. 9078, which was adopted last year. The resolution was regarding football tickets which were donated to the North Little Rock Police department. The city's response will include that the city has the authority to accept donations and referenced donations of easements, land, etc. It is also within the legislative authority to determine the benefits of police officers. This is included in (state) statute. Mr. Carter said the section specifically excludes benefits from the governing body. Alderman Hight received a letter from the (State) Ethics Commission (advising the complaint) had been dismissed. Mr. Carter said Alderman Hight and Alderman Taylor may have been dismissed as they were not in attendance at the meeting when the vote in question was taken. Mr. Steven Powell asked the status of his request for assistance (regarding business license) for a Mobile Barber Shop. He recently received a large donation of laundry detergent which he took to various senior centers, etc. in the area. Mayor Smith asked if Mr. Carter could assign someone to work on this and asked Mr. Powell to contact Planning Director Shawn Spencer in a few weeks to check on the status. Mr. Bobby Taylor said he continues to work on cleaning up areas in Rose City. He said some people in the area have told him nobody cares. People in the area need help and that's what he intends to do. There is still a recycling bin in the 4800 block of East Broadway. There is also trash next to the street. On Haywood, from Prothro going east, there were several recycling bins. Mayor Smith encouraged Mr. Taylor to keep up the good work. Mayor Smith said several areas referenced by Mr. Taylor at the last meeting have been taken care of. Alderwoman Robinson said she is concerned that some contractors are not working on city jobs in a timely fashion. She understands about weather conditions. However, working an hour or so a day on a job is not acceptable. She said the work is being done in the Poe Addition. She has talked with Community Development Director Melissa Ervin regarding the issues. Mayor Smith said the jobs (usually) have a time frame from start to completion. Ms. Whitbey advised the basement flooded over the four-day Christmas Holiday. Some records were damaged by water and had to be disposed off. She will file a list of items as a communication for the next council meeting. Ms. Whitbey also thanked Mr. Harold Ford, Sanitation Director and two of his crews that helped remove the wet materials last Friday. Mayor Smith said there is a water issue in the City Services Building. Central Arkansas Water is working with the city on the issue. Alderwoman White asked what types of documents were lost. Ms. Whitbey said some were Board and Commission minutes, Financial records, and Audit records. However, some of the items were due to be disposed of due to

age. Copies of some of the documents may be available in the Finance Department, or with Legislative Audit. Mayor Smith said in addition to a water heater rupturing, the (sump) pump in the basement stopped working at the same time. Mayor Smith said Sanitation routes were delayed last Friday due to inclement weather. Crews worked over the weekend to catch up. Mayor Smith reminded everyone that city offices will be closed Monday due to a holiday. There will not be a delay in garbage and trash pickup.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman White, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting which will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017, at six o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 300 Main Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR JOE A. SMITH

ATTEST: _____
DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK