December 12, 2016
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, December 12, 2016, 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: DEBI ROSS, BETH WHITE, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, CHARLIE HIGHT and MURRY WITCHER (7/0). Alderman BRUCE FOUTCH was absent. Deputy City Clerk Becky Taylor and City Attorney C. Jason Carter were also present.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Alderman Hight.

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 Monday, November 28, 2016, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (7/0).

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, communications #1 and 2 were accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Karen Scott, Finance Director/Chair Energy Risk Management Committee – memorandum re: ECR Adjustment Factor December 2016 – ($.0016) CREDIT.
2. Terry Hartwick, Director Parks and Recreation letter to Mayor Smith and City Council re: Thank you for support in 2016.

Mayor Smith announced a presentation from the Arkansas Community Development Society. Ms. Whitney Horton said they are a non-profit organization that advances and empowers professionals and change leaders. Each year at their annual conference they recognize individuals and organizations across the state. This year the North Little Rock Police Department was recognized and awarded the society's "Friend of Community Development Award". The North Little Rock Police Department has gained national attention for (investigating) and arresting on-line sexual predators. The department has held fundraisers to help members of the community with medical expenses. These are just a couple of things the department does. The award was presented to North Little Rock Police Chief Mike Davis.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*None.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**
*None filed.*

**NEW BUSINESS**
R-16-192 (RESOLUTION NO. 9105 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING VALERIE McLEAN TO THE POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD TEMPORAILY BY ALDERMAN MURRY WITCHER ON THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK LIBRARY COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). Mayor said Ms. McLean was present and thanked her for her service.

Mayor Smith said several council members and others filled in for a time on the commission and did a great job.

R-16-193 (RESOLUTION NO. 9106 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KIMBERLY DANIELLE DRAKE TO THE POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD TEMPORARILY BY ALDERMAN STEVE BAXTER ON THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK LIBRARY COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). Mayor Smith said Ms. Drake was present and thanked her for her service.

Without objection, O-16-86 was called.

O-16-86 (ORDINANCE NO. 8865 – ALDERMAN TAYLOR)
AN ORDINANCE AFFIRMING ORDINANCE NO. 8854 TO ESTABLISH AND LAY OFF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK MULTIPURPOSE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 37 – FAULKNER CROSSING; 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 Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, 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).

R-16-194 (RESOLUTION NO. 9107 – ALDERMAN TAYLOR)
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSESSORS FOR NORTH LITTLE ROCK MULTIPURPOSE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 37 – FAULKNER CROSSING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-16-195 (RESOLUTION NO. 9108 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2017 FISCAL YEAR FOR 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. Alderwoman Ross referenced Special Appropriations item pertaining to Arts and Cultural Education and advised funds for Parkhill were not included in the budget. Mayor Smith said it's still in the system and will have a list at the next council meeting of carryover funds. Mrs. Karen Scott, Finance Director said it would be the first meeting in January (2017). On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-16-196 (RESOLUTION NO. 9109 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2017 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-16-197 (RESOLUTION NO. 9110 – 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 Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter. 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-16-87 (ORDINANCE NO. 8866 – MAYOR SMITH)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.1.4 AND CITY PARKS MAP ATTACHMENTS OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK CODE CHAPTER 10 (PARKS AND RECREATION) TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF THE ARKANSAS INLAND MARITIME MUSEUM; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Baxter. Alderwoman Ross asked if this was designating (the area) as a park. Mayor Smith said this would move management and oversight of the property to the parks department and referenced the Stone Links property. On the previous motion, 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).

O-16-88 (ORDINANCE NO. 8867 – ALDERMAN WITCHER)
AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 14 REMOUNT ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS FROM R-1 TO C-3 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; ADOPTING AN AMENDED LAND USE PLAN FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Baxter. Alderman Hight asked if this was the same property the council voted on at the last meeting. Mr. Shawn Spencer, Planning Director said it was. The request then was to waive street improvements. This legislation would rezone the property. The applicant, Mr. Mike Marlar said the applicant wants to use his house for an Office. On the previous motion, 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: Marlar Engineering*)

O-16-89 (ORDINANCE NO. 8868 – ALDERMAN BAXTER)
AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING CERTAIN UNUSED EASEMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON MAUMELLE BOULEVARD IN THE WNLR COMMERCIAL ADDITION IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderman Hight, 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: Thomas Engineering Company*)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Bobby Taylor said storm drains in the Prothro area at the end of Boyer are stopped up. The leaf vacuums pick up leaves in yards, but do not get the ones in the streets. Those are ran over and turn into mud. Mr. Taylor asked if the city could ask residents (who put their leaves in the street) to bag their leaves or keep them out of the street. Mayor Smith said the city has to catch the owner. Mr. Taylor also said the resident at 4605 Boyer is hauling in mattresses, box springs, and other types of junk, etc. Mr. Taylor said when code writes a ticket and it goes to court, the judge gives them more time. Mr. Taylor also talked about the street sweeper running in the area and a resident that moved long limbs across the street. He also referenced a dump site at the end of Campbell Road and Highway 161. Also, there continue to be issues with recycling bins in the neighborhood. Alderman Baxter reminded everyone the next scheduled council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2016, due to the Christmas Holidays. Mayor Smith said the City Officials Swearing In Ceremony will be Sunday, January 1, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in City Hall. Mayor Smith said the city is working on the sell of the Smarthouse Way property. There have been some issues. Everything is going great and closing

could take place in the next 10 days. The contract has a date of December 19, 2016. Legislation will be brought up at the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting which will be held on *Tuesday*, December 27, 2016, 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