

July 9, 2012  
Seven 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 meeting scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2012, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the honorable Mayor PATRICK HENRY HAYS. The roll having been called and the following Aldermen answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, BETH WHITE, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, BRUCE FOUTCH, CHARLIE HIGHT and MURRY WITCHER (8/0), a quorum was declared. City Clerk Diane Whitbey and City Attorney C. Jason Carter were also present. (Note: Alderman Witcher was in the hall during roll call).

The invocation was given by Alderman Taylor, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was led by Alderwoman Robinson.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting and a Special Call meeting held on Monday, June 25, 2012, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (8/0).

On the blanket motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 were not read, accepted and filed (8/0).

1. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer off Premises & Small Farm Wine – Retail – Replacement from Marcia Garcia* for Crackerbox #1787, fka The Crackerbox #41, 9600 Highway 161 East, by Marty Walter.
2. Tim Marvin, Director North Little Rock Traffic Services memorandum to Mayor Hays re: 2012 Speed Hump Study Report.
3. Mike Bates, Chief, Air Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality letter to Mayor Hays re: Public Notice – Arkansas Terminaling and Trading.
4. Denim Wallace, Development Manager, North Little Rock Housing Authority, letter to Mayor Hays re: Update on Silver City Courts Demolition.
5. Graham W. Rich, Chief Executive Officer, Central Arkansas Water letter to Mayor Hays and City Council members re: Re-appointment of Mr. Eddie Powell to Board of Commissioners, CAW.
6. Charlotte Thomas, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer off Premises – NEW* for New Blue Star LLC, 2511 Highway 161, by Balwinder Singh.
7. Charlotte Thomas, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer off Premises & Small Farm Wine – Retail – Replacement from Laura Picklesmer*, for Crackerbox #30, 9723 Maumelle Boulevard, by Marty Walter.

On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, communication #8 was read, accepted and filed (8/0).

8. Sherry McBryde (via email) re: Complaint in reference to Ordinance 8128 and residence at the corner of Pontiac and John F. Kennedy Boulevard.

On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, communication #10 was read by title only, accepted and filed (8/0).

9. Paula Lively, Petitions opposing O-12-62, re: Citywide Parking Ban (109 signatures). Note: 3 additional signatures were turned into the City Clerk prior to this meeting convening.

Alderman Taylor invited Ms. G. G. Millard to come forward and speak about the “Boot Campaign” (which is a non-profit). Ms. Millard was wearing a pair of Bates Military Issue Combat Boots. Sell of the boots provides support for active –duty and veterans. This is done through partner charities that meet the emotional, physical and practical needs of wounded military and veterans alike. Americans are encouraged to support troops by “walking a mile in their shoes”. The boots provide a visible and tangible way to draw attention to the need to support our military. The goal is to see as many American civilians in boots as there are active duty military, which currently stands at 1.3 million. More information can be obtained at [www.BootCampaign.com](http://www.BootCampaign.com). Mayor Hays referenced the city’s numerous ties to the local military community through the National Cemetery, Fort Roots Veterans Facility, Camp Robinson/Camp Pike, and the Little Rock Air Force Base. Mayor Hays said he supports council members participating. Ms. Millard said the cost is \$100.00 per pair of boots with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the needs mentioned above. Alderman Taylor said the Little Rock Realtors Association has been very supportive of this effort. Everyone in the community was encouraged to participate. Alderman Witcher said Ms. Millard’s father is Don Zimmerman with the Arkansas Municipal League. Ms. Millard said she appreciated North Little Rock being the first city to participate in Arkansas.

Mayor Hays opened discussion regarding O-12-62, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 8128 to prohibit parking in front or side yards of residential property. Alderman Hight advised he asked Mr. Carter to provide an amendment to the proposed legislation which would allow neighborhoods to have a choice with regard to parking. If approved by the City Council, a proposed Restricted Parking District would require approval by both Aldermen in the Ward, and the Mayor. The original legislation was for a city-wide ban. There are some requirements pertaining to a Neighborhood Association or Property Owners Association. Alderman Witcher agreed with the amendment. Without objection, the legislation was called.

O-12-62

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8128 TO PROHIBIT PARKING IN FRONT OR SIDE YARDS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read two times June 25, 2012, was read a third and final time. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. A motion to amend was

made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Alderwoman Robinson asked if it would be better to add the items referenced in the proposed amendment to the existing Parking District Ordinance, No. 8128, than to amend proposed O-12-62. Mr. Carter reviewed the process included in the existing ordinance. This legislation would create a different process. Alderwoman Ross asked how an area would be defined. Mr. Carter said the entity would have to define the area. Mr. Carter said districts go from one block to the next. Alderwoman Robinson said Neighborhood Groups that are Incorporated with the State of Arkansas have to outline their area. On the previous motion, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was amended as follows: *substitute amended version provided this date (8/0)*. Alderman Baxter referenced different neighborhood associations and groups within the same area and used the Amboy Neighborhood Association and Amboy Crime Watch as an example of a possible conflict. Alderman Foutch referenced Section 6: improper parking surfaces. Mayor Hays advised the amended version of the legislation will be made available to the public for review. Mr. Carter said 'improper surface' is an applied term within the parking ordinance. Generally, a proper surface would be concrete, asphalt, or pavers. Gravel is not considered a proper surface. Alderwoman Ross said the council will need guidelines. Mr. Robert Fureigh referenced the discussion regarding Parking Districts a couple of years ago. There are a lot of Neighborhood Associations and Crime Watch Groups in the city and many are not incorporated, nor do they fall within the boundaries of a specific area. The current ordinance is fine as it is. Mr. Scott Miller lives in a Parking District. The proposed ordinance will weaken existing groups by encouraging new groups to form for one-time only. There are too many unanswered questions. Mayor Hays thanked Mr. Miller for his service as a North Little Rock School Board member. Ms. Mary Ann Conley spoke for the residents on Teresa Drive. Each street is different. However, their street is very narrow. If residents parked on the street, there would not be room for emergency vehicles. No one has campers, or cars in storage. All vehicles are insured and in-use. Some people park in their yard because they have no other option. The safety of elderly people and children is a concern. Mr. Steve Whitting lives in Indian Hills. People are parking in front yards, side yards and back yards. Some vehicles are halfway in the street blocking sidewalks, some are facing the wrong way. Property values have decreased as a result. Traffic congestion is also an issue. Indian Hills was initially intended for single-family dwellings. Aldermen Hight and Witcher are trying to help the residents. Mr. Whitting said apartment complexes have designated parking. These issues need to be enforced by fines. Mr. Whitting passed around a photo of a problem location. Failure to act is not an option. Alderwoman Ross said it is against the law in the city to drive over a curb. Mr. James Ard agreed with some of the previous comments. He said he has called the police regarding wreckers going over the curb. Ms. Marion McCall said people should be able to park wherever they want on private property. The government is supposed to protect resident's freedoms. The existing Parking Ordinance is sufficient. People need to talk to like-minded people in their neighborhoods. Mr. Paul Myrick thanked the council for reconsidering and amending the proposed city-wide parking ban. Mr. Bob Iriana lives in Indian Hills. The amendment seems to have complicated the issue. His concern includes RV's and trailers. Those over a certain size should not be allowed. They devalue property and create driving hazards. Alderwoman Robinson referenced a residence who had a death in the family. Cars are parked in the street and yard. Extenuating circumstances need to be considered. Mr. Walter Jablonski

referenced photos of an RV parked in the yard and a truck parked on the lawn at the same address. He said if he put up a fence 12' high and 30' long from the side of his house to the road, he would be obstructing the view and be ticketed by the city. The RV is doing the same thing. Mayor Hays recessed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m. Alderman Hight said special events and holidays were considered in the previous ordinance. Alderman Hight said he and Alderman Witcher are trying to help a neighborhood in their ward with ongoing problems regarding parked cars. Alderman Witcher said this neighborhood is over 50 years old and is undergoing change. There are a lot of elderly residents. There are a lot of rental properties. Alderwoman Ross referenced the current Parking Ordinance which is on the city website and restrictions included in the same. The legislation was then held as amended.

O-12-60 was called. Alderman Taylor advised the item will be held and will not be called for a vote until after a meeting with the developer. (*See item below*). Mayor Hays convened citizen public comment on this item. Mr. Michael Hansberry asked about the Willow Beach Community meeting scheduled for tomorrow where the developer and council members would be present. Alderman Taylor advised that meeting was canceled and will be rescheduled. The Neighborhood Groups leaders will notify the community. Mr. Michael Archdeacon was concerned that he received a Certified Letter from the North Little Rock Planning Department regarding a meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. He received the letter on the 16<sup>th</sup>, which was after the fact. The residents of the area are against allowing duplexes. He said they have no say. Mr. John Turner said the representative for the developer said they did not intend to put in duplexes. He referenced an agreement he received. Duplexes attract young, single inhabitants, thus increasing the number of transients, parties, sleepovers, etc. They want to maintain the current stable and quiet development. Alderman Witcher acknowledge Justice of the Peace Shane Stacks who was present.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

R-12-105

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOW BID (\$166,800.00 – Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund) OF JIMMY A. PATTON CONTRACTING FOR DEMOLITION AND SITE CLEARANCE AT 122 EAST 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was held by the sponsor, Mayor Hays.

O-12-52

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE NINETEEN (BOARDS) AND ADDING ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE (SMART CODE ZONING DISTRICT) TO ORDINANCE NO. 7697 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE); DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read three times May 29, 2012, and amended, was called and held by sponsor, Mayor Hays.

O-12-59

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 (“THE ZONING ORDINANCE”) TO ADD SECTION 12.29 (ICE VENDING MACHINES); DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read two times June 25, 2012, was read a third and final time this date. A motion to adopt was made by Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Mr. Carter distributed a proposed amendment. Alderman Taylor referenced a photograph (from a previous meeting) of a stand alone Ice Machine. A motion to amend was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson. The legislation was then held by sponsor, Alderman Taylor.

O-12-60

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE FAULKNER LAKE ROAD AND HIGHWAY 391 INTERSECTION IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS FROM R-2 / C-2 TO R-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 one time June 25, 2012, was held by the sponsor, Alderman Taylor. (*applicant: Brett Watts*)

O-12-62

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8128 TO PROHIBIT PARKING IN FRONT OR SIDE YARDS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read two times June 25, 2012 and a public hearing was scheduled for this date.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

R-12-108 (RESOLUTION NO. 8092 – MAYOR HAYS)

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 918 WEST 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson. Mayor Hays convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Carol J. Nash - \$3,178.95*)

R-12-109 (RESOLUTION NO. 8093 – MAYOR HAYS)

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 817 WEST 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Mayor Hays convened a public hearing. There being no one present

wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Bryan Wickliffe - \$2,901.55*)

R-12-110 (RESOLUTION NO. 8094 – MAYOR HAYS)

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 2308 RAILROAD AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by

Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderwoman White. Mayor Hays convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Benjamin H. Murray - \$2,894.90*)

R-12-111 (RESOLUTION NO. 8095 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMOUNTS OF LIENS TO BE CERTIFIED TO 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 Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, Exhibit “A” was amended as follows:: *delete 23N0460008400, 1102 F St., NLR, Simuel Ramey Jr. Lot 14 Block 4, Dixie Addition, Amt—135.60* Paid 7-9-12 (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0).

R-12-112 (RESOLUTION NO. 8096 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GAIN, INC. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 504 WEST 51<sup>ST</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

Mayor Hays referenced the council’s desire to have more information from organizations leasing city property. Mr. Eugene Myer, Case Manager, Gain, Inc. advised Gain, Inc is a non-profit organization. They provide interim housing and rehabilitative services to individuals with mental illness and helps people become a part of the community and lead productive lives. They have been at the North Little Rock site for several years now (5). Housing for people with disabilities is becoming scarce. Mr. Carter referenced an amendment to the Lease Agreement (specifically the last three paragraphs and Whereas on the first page. Alderman Foutch asked about the types of disabilities. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderman Foutch. A motion to amend was made by Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderwoman Ross. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Foutch, and by consent of all members present, the proposed amendment was amended as follows:: *Lease Agreement item 2. strike through the second 2012 and insert 2013* (8/0).

On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows: *substitute Amended Amendment provided this date* (8/0). On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0).

R-12-113 (RESOLUTION NO. 8097 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$14,408.28 FROM ACT 833 FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF AIR PACK AND VOICE AMPLIFIER EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS REQUIRED FOR COMPRESSORS USED BY THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT; 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 resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-12-114 (RESOLUTION NO. 8098 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE COUNTS MASSIE/COLLINS ROAD MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Alderman Baxter said some of the commissioners do not live in North Little Rock. Mr. John Thurman, Attorney for the district advised all of the commissioners own property within the Counts Massie/Collins Road Municipal Improvement District No. 1. They do not have to be residents of the city. The area is mostly apartment dwellings. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0). Mayor Hays thanked Mr. Thurman for his service to the city representing the North Little Rock Water Department before it merged with Central Arkansas Water.

O-12-63 (ORDINANCE NO. 8457 – ALDERMAN HIGHT)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A RESIDENCE IN A BUSINESS IN A C-2 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2 EAST 56<sup>TH</sup> PLACE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; 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 rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: Stacy Thompson*)

O-12-64 (ORDINANCE NO. 8458 – ALDERMAN TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND RELOCATING A DRAINAGE EASEMENT IN D & B COMMERCIAL PARK ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST END OF MICHAELA 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 Aldewoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Aldewoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*requested by: Holloway Engineering*)

O-12-65 (ORDINANCE NO. 8459 – MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES FOR EACH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK FOR THE YEAR 2012 (aka 2012 Quota Ordinance); DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Taylor and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. Ms. Betty Anderson, Human Resources Director reviewed changes to the ordinance from the previous year as follow: Section 3: Animal Control – Lead Animal Control Officer/Administrator, title change only. Section 11: Electric Department – Apprentice Lineman, delete two, leaving 5 and Ground Assistant/Climbing add 2. Section 22: Police - Assistant Chief of Police, add 1, Lieutenant, X03, delete 1, Non-Uniformed Fleet Maintenance/Inventory Manager, title change only. Section 21: Hays Senior Center – Office Assistant Senior add 1. Section 24: Sanitation – Helper, delete 1. Section 26: Traffic – Senior Sign and Markings Technician, add 1, Sign and Markings Supervisor, pay grade change, Sign & Markings Technician delete 2, Sign & Markings Installer, add 2. Section 27: Utilities Accounting – Office Assistant I, delete 5, Office Assistant II, add 3, Office Assistance III, add 2. Alderwoman Ross referenced Fiscal Control Department which has two positions that are not funded and asked why those are kept. The City Clerk’s Office is handling most of the work from one of those positions. However, they did not receive an additional position or funding. The City Attorney’s Office is handling Delinquent Revenue Collections. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted.

O-12-66 (ORDINANCE NO. 8460 – MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR REPLACEMENT OF RELAYS AT THE MURRAY HYDROELECTRIC PLANT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS (\$230,600.00 – North Little Rock Electric 2012 Capital Bond Issue); DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; 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 rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again



suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. Mr. Mike Russ, General Manager North Little Rock Electric Department advised a planned outage was scheduled for mid-July at the Murray Hydro Electric Plant to replace the mechanical seals with a rope packing system. The water level is too low on the river to produce power so this is a good time for the replacement. After further discussion, and on the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alderwoman Ross announced a Public Hearing July 10, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, Highway 161 to discuss the McCain Rail Grade Separation looking at four alternate routes and placing a bridge across the railroad tracks. Alderman Baxter said it was a lot quieter this 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. He thanked Police Chief Danny Bradley and his staff for their efforts on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Hays said a strong message was sent to the public regarding violating the Fireworks and Burn Bans in the City of North Little Rock. Justice of the Peace Shane Stacks has attended Indian Hills Neighborhood Meetings where both Alderman Hight and Witcher were present and trying to help residents with parking issues. There is also a basketball camp this week at the North Little Rock Boys and Girls Club from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. As a citizen, he referenced a business owner who was granted a fence permit which was later revoked due to barbed wire. The city is now suing the business owner who lives in North Little Rock. The reason for the barbed wire was too provide safety to a female employee who is by herself at the business from time to time. The business also stores copper at the site. Mayor Hays said the Board of Adjustment approved a fence with barbed wire. Mayor Hays asked Mr. Carter to repeal the decision of the board. Mr. Ard thanked Mr. Robert Voyles, Planning Director for his variance. Mr. Ard said the Governor told residents to walk up to and thank people serving in the military for their service. He had Polio and could not enlist.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, July 23, 2012, at seven o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 300 Main Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR PATRICK HENRY HAYS

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK