

August 27, 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 scheduled for Monday, August 27, 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 Assistant City Attorney Daniel McFadden were also present.

The invocation was given by Mayor Hays, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was also led by Mayor Hays.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on Monday, August 13, 2012, were approved, with the following clarification, ~~Fire boats~~ the Firehouse Subs Foundation has grants for "*Fire Equipment*" to cities and towns, the minutes were then accepted and filed as prepared and corrected by the City Clerk (8/0).

Mayor Hays asked Ms. Sandra Prater and Mr. Eddie Armstrong to come forward. Ms. Prater announced the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sailing and Rowing Regatta from the Junction Bridge, Saturday, October 6, 2012, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Highlights include races, music and food. Mr. Armstrong said North Little Rock Police and Fire Departments teams will compete against teams from Little Rock Police and Fire Departments.

Mayor Hays asked Mr. Randy Naylor, Chairman Keep North Little Rock Beautiful to come forward. Mr. Naylor announced the upcoming Great Arkansas River Cleanup scheduled for October 6, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The Arkansas River is a great asset to our city. Little Rock will also participate in the cleanup. Volunteers are needed for the cleanup and to collect data for an international study.

Mayor Hays advised City Attorney, Jason Carter and North Little Rock Electric Department General Manager Mike Russ were representing the city at the Sherwood City Council meeting during discussion regarding a Franchise Agreement.

Mayor Hays invited any candidates in the upcoming election to come forward and comment. No one came forward.

On the blanket motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 3, and 5, were not read, accepted and filed (8/0).

1. Ray Tucker, Executive Director, Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, letter to Mayor Hays re: Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame Conference Center.
3. Mike Bates, Chief, Air Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality letter to Mayor Hays re: Permit No. 2209-AR-2, Caterpillar, Inc., notice of public comment period.
5. Melissa James, via email re: Quarry property and Emerald Park. Request to leave property as is.

On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter and by consent of all members present, communication #2 was read by title only, accepted and filed (8/0).

2. Frank Vozel, Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department letter to Mayor Hays re: Job 061324 – NLR Levy Spur Multi-Use Trail.

Mayor Hays said work could begin in October.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, communication #4 was read, accepted and filed (8/0).

4. John Gaudin, Chairman Argenta Arts Foundation, ART Connection Report.

On the motion of Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, communication #6 was read, accepted and filed (8/0).

6. Mark Warford, IAFF Local #35 President, letter to Mayor Hays and City Council members re: Camp Sunshine 2012.

Mayor Hays advised R-12-144 will be withdrawn. Without objection, R-12-144 was called.  
R-12-144

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH REAL ESTATE COMMERCIAL 1, INC. FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE ARKANSAS RIVER (valued at \$1.2 million); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read and withdrawn by the sponsor, Mayor Hays.

Mayor Hays referenced when the city acquired the first and second tracts of land. He also referenced the connecting trails in the city which are used frequently. A residential development would have benefited the city. At the request of Mr. Byron McKimney, Mayor Hays withdrew the legislation. Mayor Hays said the city accepted grants which allowed park land to be used for park purposes only. Some of the land was released. There has been discussion regarding a lodge in the park. Mayor Hays has asked for a summary of land under the jurisdiction of the Parks Department, including property that may not be official park land, but maintained by the Parks Department. North Little Rock has a reasonable amount of park land. Mayor Hays advised Mr. Carter had entered the council chambers. Mayor Hays asked Mr. Carter to prepare legislation creating a seven (7) member task force with a representative from each Ward, a member presented by the Parks Commission, a council member, and

the mayor. The task force would look at all of the land under the Parks and Recreation Department's jurisdiction. He referenced the RV Park in Burns Park which is in the park and the RV Park at the river which isn't. The natural state of the parks, vehicle access and other topics could be discussed. Alderwoman Ross asked if there would be a moratorium pending a recommendation from the task force. Alderman Baxter asked if the task force could hold (public) meetings in each ward for comment and suggestions. Alderwoman White asked if there would be a timeline for the task force. Alderwoman Ross asked about equal representation on the task force (i.e. not just bikers, hikers, etc.). Mayor Hays then convened a scheduled public hearing. Mr. Jeff Caplinger uses the parks. He enjoys all of the views in the area. He would like to see the natural beauty retained. Mr. Gary Cawood teaches photography at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He discovered the quarry area in 2005 and has been photographing the area ever since then. His photographs have been viewed around the country. He visits the area often. He would like to see it left in its current state. There is a lot of diversity of flora and wildlife in the area. Mr. John Johnston is a new resident to the city. North Little Rock's Emerald Park is one of the most beautiful sections of the River Trail. He does not want to see the area developed into a commercial/residential area. Mr. Kent Walker is a local attorney. He was opposed to development of the quarry property. Along with John Crow and Kevin Newsom, a group was formed to save the quarry area and preserve its current state. The group is not anti-development. He thanked Mayor Hays for meeting with them. There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned.

Mayor Hays announced Citizen Public Comment on Agenda items. Mr. Charley Foster spoke regarding O-12-74, Smart Codes. This ordinance could be applied to any section or neighborhood in the city and use would be voluntary. The rules and regulations within a Smart Code District apply to everyone the same. This is similar to a Bill of Assurance or Property Owners Association.

Without objection, O-12-74 was called.

O-12-74 (ORDINANCE NO. 7469 – MAYOR HAYS AND ALDERMAN TAYLOR)

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. 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. Alderwoman Ross asked about Section 23.2(B). Mr. Carter said a set of regulations would define all government rules within a district. Alderman Foutch asked if an individual within a Smart Zone could be excluded. Mr. Carter said inclusion is voluntary. A developer does not have to follow Smart Code Zoning. They can follow the standard zoning rules. Alderman Foutch referenced the Argenta area as an example. Mr. Carter said the financial burden of development would be the responsibility of the developer. Regarding sidewalks and streets, when they are built to city standard, then the city accepts responsibility of them.

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, with the exception of Alderman Fouch who voted no, the ordinance was adopted (7/1) Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

Without objection, R-12-153 was called.

R-12-153 (RESOLUTION NO. 8131 – MAYOR HAYS AND ALDERMAN TAYLOR)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARGENTA ARTS FOUNDATION FOR THE ART CONNECTION JOBS PROGRAM FOR NORTH LITTLE ROCK TEENS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS (\$50,000.00 – Youth Fund 2012 Budget); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made

by Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Witcher. *Alderman Hight said Comcast was not broadcasting the council meeting.* Mayor Hays acknowledged and thanked Mr. Harold Tenenbaum for all he has done for the downtown community. Ms. Donna Hardcastle, Executive Director Argenta Arts Foundation said last year, a group from the area visited a similar program in Boston, Massachusetts. They were impressed with the program and what it provided for the youth. They wanted to provide something similar in North Little Rock. They have a building which has been renovated. This is a work program. Ms. Pammi Fabert is the Director of Argenta Arts Foundation. The program is an after school and summer work art program which offers one-on-one mentoring by professional artists and academic tutoring to help youth with their grades. The mission is to provide a path for the children to attain higher grades and citizen leadership skills. Students will receive training in painting, graphic design, screen printing and more. Participants will be paid minimum wage and be able to sell their artwork. They will partner with other arts foundations such as the Thea Foundation, public school art programs, and others. The program will provide a safe learning environment. Students must be at least 14 years old, enrolled at North Little Rock High School, complete an apprentice program, maintain at least a C grade in all subjects, and attend program hours. The program will begin with 15 students including youth from all areas of the city. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). Alderman Taylor thanked everyone for their support.

*Alderwomen White and Ross advised Comcast was working at their homes.*

Mayor Hays then continued citizen public comment on agenda items. Mrs. Alice Archdeacon spoke regarding O-12-60. She and her husband received a notice about a hearing on this item. They were told the developers would meet with them. They do not want their property values reduced because of apartments or duplexes. Their subdivision is for single family dwellings and cannot be rented. Alderman Taylor advised he will withdraw the legislation.

Without objection, O-12-60 was called.

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, read a second time this date and withdrawn by the sponsor, Alderman Taylor. (*applicant: Brett Watts*).

Mayor Hays advised legislation must be acted on within six consecutively scheduled council meetings. Any council member can withdraw or pull legislation at anytime during those six meetings. Mrs. Archdeacon also mentioned a school bus stop which was damaged last year and has now been moved behind a construction trailer in the area.

Mayor Hays announced a Special Call scheduled for this date.

August 23, 2012 (via email)

Subject: Special Call for Monday, August 27, 2012

Honorable Members of the North Little Rock City Council:

The purpose of this e-mail is to advise you that Mayor Hays has called a special meeting of the North Little Rock City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2012, at City Hall Council Chambers, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The following will be on the agenda:

- 1) R-12-155 – APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000.00 FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM TO PURCHASE THE DOWNTOWN POST OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Sponsor: Mayor Hays

Pursuant to Sec. 2-48(2) of the North Little Rock Municipal Code, you are entitled to 72 hours' *electronic* notice of this meeting. Please acknowledge receipt of this e-mail as soon as possible by replying to the same. A copy of your reply will automatically be sent to City Clerk Diane Whitbey.

Respectfully,  
C. Jason Carter  
City Attorney

Special Call 1) R-12-155 (RESOLUTION NO. 8120 – MAYOR HAYS)  
A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000.00 FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM TO PURCHASE THE DOWNTOWN POST OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Mr. Jeff Baskin, Director of Laman Library advised the Library has been interested in this property for six years.

Initially, the Postal Service indicated a closing date in December on the property. That date is now September 28, 2012. Mr. Baskin said it may be due to their physical year. This limited the time for the Library to prepare Bond documents. The city would be loaning the money to the Library on a temporary basis. In October they will ask the Public Building Authority for a Bond Issue. Alderman Foutch asked if the \$800,000.00 was in an interest bearing account. Mr. Sisson said rates are low. Mayor Hays said if there was a delay, then they would not need the funds. Mr. Baskin said the Library would pay the interest if needed. The building where the downtown Library branch is located belongs to the city. On the previous motion, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

R-12-105 (RESOLUTION NO. 8133 – MAYOR HAYS)

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 called. Mayor Hays said there haven't been any potential uses of the old Checkmate Club building. The legislation was then read. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-12-147 (RESOLUTION NO. 8134 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$3,760.00 FROM ACT 833 FUNDS FOR REGISTRATION FEES TO SEND FOUR (4) NORTH LITTLE ROCK FIRE FIGHTERS TO THE FDIC CONFERENCE (Fire Department Instructors) IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (8/0).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

R-12-148 (RESOLUTION NO. 8135 – 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 Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Foutch, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows: *delete 23N0710002000 3913 Rogers, NLR Victory & Robin Wynn, Lot 3 Block 6 Poe Sub. Amt \$135.60 which was paid* (8/0). A motion to adopt as amended was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Witcher. 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 by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0).

R-12-129 (RESOLUTION NO. 8136 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1203 WEST 25<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Ross. Mayor Hays convened a public hearing. Mr. Robert Skinner owns the property and is trying to sell it. He asked for 30 days to sell it. The public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owners: Robert E. and Janice W. Skinner*)

R-12-130 (RESOLUTION NO. 8137 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1207 WEST 25<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Ross. 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 by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Rickey B. Alexander*)

R-12-131 (RESOLUTION NO. 8138 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1421 WEST 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Mayor Hays convened a public hearing. Mr. Alan Abston owns the property. He has a contract to sell the property and requested an extension. The closing date is August 28, 2012 (tomorrow). Alderman Hight asked how the condemnation would affect his contract. Liability for the condemnation would pass on to the new owner. Alderman Witcher said Mr. Abston has rehabilitated several properties in the area. Mr. Carter spoke with Mr. Tom Wadley, Director of Code Enforcement who agreed to extending the number of days referenced in Section 3 of the legislation. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows: *Section 3: ~~30 days to~~ 90 DAYS* (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Witcher, and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0).

R-12-152 (RESOLUTION NO. 8139 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1212 WEST 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*\$102,000.00 - Deborah and Nathaniel J. Holloway*)

R-12-154 (RESOLUTION NO. 8140 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT (Period of 25 years commencing September 1, 2012) WITH LAD, LLC, D/B/A “ROCKWATER MARINA” FOR UNIMPROVED PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE ARKANSAS RIVER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight. Alderwoman Ross said the proposed agreement waives fees for the first five (5) years. An amount should be charged to be fair to others who lease city property. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows: *in the 4<sup>th</sup> Whereas and in the agreement, strike through waiver of and insert \$100.00 per year for a period of five years* (8/0). Alderman Foutch said this will generate traffic from people traveling along the riverfront. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0).

\*O-12-76 (ORDINANCE NO. 8470 – ALDERMEN ROBINSON AND TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW OUTSIDE DIAGNOSTICS AND SERVICE WORK ON DIESEL TRUCKS IN A C-4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11800 MAYBELLINE ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, all of the readings were suspended (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, 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). (*applicant: Sam Hilburn*)

Mayor Hays asked Mr. Carter to provide an update regarding the Sherwood City Council meeting. The City of Sherwood held a public hearing to discuss future service of the City of North Little Rock’s Electric franchise territory. It was a productive meeting. Generally, the citizens were complimentary of North Little Rock’s services. The item will be continued to the next Sherwood City Council meeting.

O-12-75 (ORDINANCE NO. 8471 – ALDERMAN TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 21 (TABLE OF PERMITTED USES) OF ORDINANCE NO. 7697 (THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ZONING ORDINANCE); 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, (with the exception of Alderwoman Robinson who was not in the council chambers), all of the readings were suspended (8/0). Alderman Baxter said there are a lot of business types in the table that are outdated and suggested the Planning Commission review the list. 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 unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-12-77 (ORDINANCE NO. 8472 – MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBERS 8242, 8316, AND 8456 BY MODIFYING FACTOR “B” OF THE ENERGY COST RECOVERY RIDER; 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 Witcher 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. Mr. Bob Sisson, Finance Director said the initial ordinance did not include restructure of debt service (Hydro Debt). Mayor Hays said this reduces costs. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and the roll having been called, and all members present, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause adopted (8/0).

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Alderwoman Robinson said the residents of Ward 2 are having problems with flocks of geese. A group of 40 to 50 are walking in yards and streets. Residents are having a hard time keeping their yards clean. Alderman Witcher said there are problems in Ward 4 in Indian Hills and Lakewood, too. The geese are currently molting and cannot fly. Mayor Hays said Mr. Bob Rhoads, Parks Director is exploring the acquisition of a dog to help with geese issues. Alderman Witcher said the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has authorized a Special Goose Hunt in September to help reduce the statewide population. Alderwoman White asked Mrs. Bernadette Rhodes to come forward. Mrs. Rhodes said the final screening of the “Weight of the Nation” will be tomorrow night at Laman Library. Thursday night, council members were invited to participate in a tour of the Community Gardens, which will commence at the First Presbyterian Church in Argenta at 5:30 p.m. Alderman Baxter said he is training for a marathon. He has been using the river trail area a lot. He said he has been passed by several bikers who do not announce that they are passing on the left. Everyone using the trail has a responsibility to use the trail in a reasonable and safe manner. Mayor Hays said everyone should practice safety on the trail. Alderwoman Robinson thanked Miss Julie Fisher, Mayor’s Office for finding and providing space for council members to meet with their constituents. Alderman Foutch announced the Little Rock Air Force Base Air Show and Open House September 8 and 9, 2012 and feature the Blue Angels. Alderwoman Ross advised the final Hillside Cut group will meet August 29, 2012, (tomorrow) at 5:30 p.m. Alderwoman Ross said people need to bag their leaves

(and pine needles). The leaf vacuums are not running yet. Mr. James Ard said Snow Cone trucks are driving through neighborhoods after dark. Mr. Carter said this could be a violation of the Noise Ordinance. Alderman Hight has noticed trucks in his neighborhood during the day. Alderman Baxter asked if this would fall under Peddler hours. Mr. Ard said an electronic sign in the city illustrates information after hours. He has complained to Code Enforcement.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Alderman Hight who stepped out, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, September 10, 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