

November 13, 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, November 12, 2012, was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the honorable Mayor PATRICK HENRY HAYS (City Offices were closed Monday, November 12, 2012, in observance of Veteran's Day). 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.

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, October 22, 2012, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (8/0).

A blanket motion was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, 4, 5, and 7, were not read, but accepted and filed (8/0).

1. Tony Sullivan, State Maintenance Engineer, Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department letter to Robert Voyles, Planning Director re: traffic study at intersection of Highway 100 (Maumelle Boulevard) and Crystal Hill Road/Sheltie. Traffic volumes at intersection are insufficient to meet the warrants for signalization as outlined in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
2. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer off Premises – NEW* for Market at 6601, 6601 Highway 161, by Patel Mayur.
4. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Restaurant Mixed Drink – Change of Manager from Edward Morbach* for Red Lobster, 3707 McCain Boulevard, by Joseph M. Kollar.
5. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Restaurant Mixed Drink - Change of Manager from Kamaljit Singh* for Taste of India, 2639 Lakewood Village Drive, by Simranjit Singh.
7. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Private Club – Change of Manager from Jaime Atilano* for Las Palmas Mexican & Peruvian Cuisine, Inc. fka Las Palmas of Park Hill, Inc., 3824 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, by Louis P. Soto – Gonzales.

On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, communication #3 was read by title only, accepted and filed (8/0).

3. Bob Sisson, Finance Director memorandum re: Energy Cost Rider Adjustment Factor (ECR) for bills rendered November 2012 -.02¢/kwh (credit) or -\$.0002/kwh (credit).

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, communication #6 was read by title only, accepted and filed (8/0).

6. C. Jason Carter, City Attorney letter to Daphany Ragland re: immediately stop all commercial business activity at 1417 and 1418 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

8. Graham W. Rich, P.E, CEO Central Arkansas Water re: Water Rate Schedule for Years 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Mayor Hays invited Mrs. Suzanne Jackson, Chairman North Little Rock History Commission to come forward. Mrs. Jackson advised the Digby family and descendants, the Matthews and Shirley families have been in North Little Rock since 1912. The History Commission honors families who have resided in our city for a significant period of time. Mr. Herman Shirley, Jr., is past president of the North Little Rock History Commission. Mr. Shirley introduced other members of the family who were present: Jim Shirley, Suzanne Shirley Theis, Dinah Shirley Yates, and Judy Matthews Trowell. Mr. Shirley encouraged all residents who have a significant history in our city to contact the History Commission. Mayor Hays reviewed the Digby, Matthews and Shirley Family history in North Little Rock and presented Certificates to the family members who were present.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

O-12-87

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A 195-FOOT MICROWAVE TOWER WITHIN 1200 FEET OF ANOTHER COMMUNICATION TOWER IN AN I-2 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 912 NORTH PINE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time October 8, 2012, was read a second time October 22, 2012, was read a third and final time this date. The legislation was then withdrawn at the request of the applicant.  
(applicant: Kevin Harris)

Mayor Hays invited candidates in the upcoming run-off election to speak. Mr. Darryl Montgomery is a candidate for Alderman in Ward 3. He wants to make our city a better place to live, work and play. He has been involved with Pulaski County in crime prevention and reduction of juvenile delinquency. Mr. Montgomery wants to improve infrastructure and work towards a better and responsive city government. Alderman Foutch is a candidate for reelection. The run-off will be held on Tuesday,

November 27, 2012 (7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.). Early voting will be November 20, 21 and 26, 2012, at Laman Library from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Alderman Foutch has enjoyed serving on the city council and looks forward to continuing his service. He said his opponent is on the School Board. Alderman Foutch said his commitment is to the residents of Ward 3.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

R-12-198 (RESOLUTION NO. 8183 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MELANIE HOGGARD TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION; 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). Mayor Hays said Mrs. Hoggard owns Moe's Southwest Grill. Mrs. Hoggard is looking forward to the opportunity of serving.

Without objection, O-12-94 was called.

O-12-94

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE ONE YEAR DELAY TO RECONSIDER A FAILED ZONING AMENDMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On

the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Foutch, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Foutch, 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. Carter said the property located at 705 West 37<sup>th</sup> Street, was condemned. Mr. Kelley sought a rehab agreement. However, the nonconforming status allowing the use Mr. Kelley desired had terminated. Mr. Kelley was advised his presence was not required at a council meeting to consider a Special Use held on October 8, 2012. The request was denied. A zoning action cannot (normally) be reconsidered until after one year has lapsed. If this ordinance is adopted and the previous Special Use is reconsidered, the neighbors will need to be notified. Alderman Foutch referenced Section 4 and if the property would be used for a commercial venture. Mr. Carter said this section pertains to the emergency action and requires a reason for such emergency clause. The owner, Mr. Kevin Kelley reviewed the history of uses at the location and said he has met with Code Enforcement, the Fire Chief and Building Inspector regarding this property (which has never been residential). He does not need to operate it as a commercial business at this time, but would like to use it for storage of personal items. He asked for the council's support of his request. Alderwoman Ross asked how much it would cost to rehab the building and the number of square feet. Mr. Kelley said approximately \$15,000.00. The building is about 4,200 square feet. Alderwoman Ross said the building has been a problem since she's been on the City Council, including openings (unsecured), vagrants, etc. Mr. Kelley said he's kept the building secured unless it was broken into. He hasn't had electricity at the site since he was using it for storage. Alderwoman White asked about his plans for the inside/outside of the structure. Mr. Kelley referenced aluminum siding and closing in a garage door on one end. He referenced another wall that would have some type

of siding. The roof would be repaired and he would add electricity to the building. Mr. Carter said the purpose of this legislation is for the council to determine if this is a necessary and appropriate use of said property and if so, legislation from a previous meeting requesting a Special Use would be placed on the agenda. Mr. Kelley said there is a cluster of buildings in the area and none have ever been used for residential use. Mayor Hays said the issue is the condition of the structure and the non-conforming use. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted no, the ordinance failed (0/8).

R-12-199 (RESOLUTION NO. 8184 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMOUNTS OF LIENS TO BE CERTIFIED TO THE PULASKI COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES 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 Taylor. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, the resolution was amended as follows:: *Exhibit "A" remove 33N224020120, 900 E. 17<sup>th</sup>, Clevester or Patricia Waits, Amt \$135.60 and 23N0710001400, 325 Short, Richard or Carolyn Smith, Amt \$135.60 as payments have been received* (8/0). A motion to adopt as amended was made by Alderman Witcher 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).

R-12-200 (RESOLUTION NO. 8185 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1620 W. LONG 17<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 Alderman Baxter. Mayor Hays convened a public hearing. The owner, Mr. Darwin Williams advised he has secured the property. Mayor Hays advised Mr. Williams of a Rehab Agreement. There being no further comments, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution as unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Darwin Williams*)

R-12-201 (RESOLUTION NO. 8186 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 4620 PIKE AVENUE 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. 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: Michael Hayes*)

R-12-202 (RESOLUTION NO. 8187 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1620 W. 16<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 Alderman Foutch. 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: Gregg T. Greer*)

R-12-203 (RESOLUTION NO. 8188 – 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 904 NORTH “G” 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 Baxter. 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). (*amount - \$3,196.37*)

R-12-204 (RESOLUTION NO. 8189 – MAYOR HAYS, ALDERMEN ROSS AND WITCHER)

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATUTORY AMENDMENTS TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS RELATED TO COLLECTIONS OF LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Baxter. Mayor Hays said projecting revenue for the city is based on revenue previously collected from sales tax. Currently, little information is available from the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration. This would help cities by providing more information. Mr. Bob Sisson, Finance Director said this hit home several years ago when sales tax revenues were down. The city could not get any information regarding taxes that had been paid into the state on our behalf. The state collects a three percent fee for collecting and dispersing the funds. The State Finance Officers Association has pushed for this amendment for some time. This information would be useful in collection of the city’s Hamburger tax, Privilege tax, Sales tax, etc. Alderman Witcher individuals opposing this amendment said that having this information available would give their competitors’ an unfair advantage. The current proposal would allow the information to be provided to one source person in the city. Alderman Witcher referenced the Streamline Tax. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-12-205 (RESOLUTION NO. 8190 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOW BIDS OF EGP, PLLC TO PROVIDE AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT FUND AND CRAFT, VEACH & CO. FOR THE UTILITIES ACCOUNTING FUND FOR THE YEARS 2012, 2013 AND 2014; AND OF WILCOX & BIVINGS TO PROVIDE AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE GENERAL AND RELATED FUNDS FOR THE YEARS 2012, 2013, AND 2014; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson. Alderman Witcher asked if this was a new Auditor. Mr. Sisson said Engstrom, Green and Patterson are new for the Electric Department Fund. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-12-206

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL FOR 2013 HEALTH BENEFITS COVERAGE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES THRU STEPHENS INSURANCE, LLC WITH QUALCHOICE AS THE MAJOR MEDICAL PROVIDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Mayor Hays asked Mr. Bobby Whitfield, Senior Vice President, Stephens Insurance, LLC, when they needed to know if QualChoice would be approved. He said by the first of December. Mayor Hays said the (proposed) 2013 Budget won't be filed until the end of November and asked if December 10 (the date of the first council meeting in December) would be acceptable. Mr. Whitfield reviewed the proposal options. Option 1 (with a projected increase in premium cost of the City of \$16,388.00 – Dental) does not require changes in benefits / 3.9% increase in premiums. Option 2 – (with a projected increase in premium cost for the City of \$238,566.00) would have 0% increase with two benefit changes applicable to the Basic Core Plan and Enhanced Plan which would increase the employee's annual out-of-pocket expense from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00; and, the employees Emergency Room visit co-pay from \$100.00 to \$150.00. Alderman Foutch asked if the employees would assume the increase under Option 2 (\$238,566.00). Mayor Hays said the council will consider covering it. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows: *5th Whereas, Option 1 - following AND 3.9% Increase in Premiums for Enhanced Plan with following ~~NO~~ changes in plan COVERAGE AND CO-PAY. Change "Primary Care (PCP)/Specialist Office Visit Co Pay" from \$20/\$40 to \$25/\$45.* (8/0). The legislation was then held by the sponsor, Mayor Hays.

R-12-207 (RESOLUTION NO. 8191 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE HIGH BID OF WILLIS WAYMACK FOR THE PURCHASE (\$2,000.00) OF A TRIANGULAR PARCEL OF PROPERTY OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED ON THE EASTERN BORDER OF CRESTVIEW PARK IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson. Mr. Carter said the house on the property encroaches into Crestview Park.

Therefore, the homeowner opted to buy the portion of the park that his home is on (see illustration filed with legislation). On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-12-208 (RESOLUTION NO. 8192 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1220 WEST 9<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). (*Ken Kessler - \$85,000.00*)

O-12-93 (ORDINANCE NO. 8485 – MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7551 TO CORRECT THE PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION; 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, 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 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). (*location - Central Airport Road*)

O-12-94 *called earlier in meeting.*

O-12-95 (ORDINANCE NO. 8486 – ALDERMAN BAXTER)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF RICHSMITH LANE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AND EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderman Foutch, 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 Baxter and seconded by Alderman Foutch, 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: Mark Redder*)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Hays welcomed Alderwoman Robinson back. Alderwoman Robinson said some of her constituents were under the impression North Little Rock electric rates were going to decrease next year. Mayor Hays said the council sets the rates at the recommendation of the Electric Department. Reduced rates were provided in 2010 and 2011. Mr. Mike Russ, General Manager North Little Rock

Electric Department said it does not appear rates will be reduced in 2013. The city should see benefits from restructuring in the next year. Mayor Hays said the Electric Department has provided assistance to the city when sales tax collections declined. The issue as to whether or not Sherwood remains a customer is uncertain and will impact the city. Alderwoman Robinson said she would like to see a Fire Station in the eastern end of the city and understood that building the station is not the issue. She then asked Finance Director Bob Sisson, what portion of the city's budget went to Safety (Police and Fire). Mr. Sisson said it is 62-63%. Alderwoman Robinson asked what is covered under Safety. Mr. Sisson advised Police and Fire salaries and all expenses related to those departments. Alderwoman Robinson said that leaves 37-38% for operating the city, employee salaries, maintenance and operations of all remaining departments. She has talked with employees who are concerned if the Fire Station is built that money to staff it will come from the remaining departments. Mr. Sisson said it will cost about \$900,000.00 annually to operate a new station. New revenue or cuts in other areas would be necessary. Mayor Hays asked Mr. Robert Voyles, Planning Director to clarify the square miles of the city in 1990 and 2012. In 1990, the city was about 41 square miles and is now 54.8 square miles. Mayor Hays asked Fire Chief Bob Mauldin about the city's fire rating in 1990 compared to now. Chief Mauldin advised the ISO (Insurance Service Organization) Rating was 4. It has since improved to a 2. Mayor Hays said this is based on availability of fire hydrants, communications, equipment, response times, etc. The current population of the city is approximately the same as it was in 1990. Alderwoman Ross said she and Alderman Witcher requested a monthly financial report to be presented to the City Council. Alderman Witcher said the City Budget is posted to the website, however, not everyone has access. Mayor Hays said closing the Park Hill Fire Station and reorganizing staff was considered as a way to staff a new station. Has a recent Sales Tax proposal passed, it would have provided funding for a new station, economic development, etc. Alderman Witcher asked for an update on the law suit involving the North Little Rock School District. Mr. Carter said the city has met with district representatives to discuss efforts to resolve the lawsuit. The increased school millage tax resulted in reallocating funds from operations and maintenance to debt service. This made the funds unavailable for Tax Increment Financing (TIF). The city has offered compromises which have been rejected. The only site to produce an increment (TIF funds) is the Enclave, which is \$31,000.00 a year. The ballot title precluded any future TIF Districts from being created. Mayor Hays said the city funds all of the eight (8) School Resource Officers at approximately \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 each per year. The city has also resurfaced the field at the school. Alderman Baxter asked about the turbines at the Hydro Electric Plant. Mr. Russ said a couple of components were fabricated wrong. One of the units is being completed. The hub on the turbine is going to be pulled, maintenance etc. will be conducted at that time. There have been ongoing issues with the seals. Generation is behind due to lack of (low) water on the river. Alderman Hight said the annual North Little Rock Sertoma Club Christmas Parade will be Sunday, December 2, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. Alderman Hight thanked his constituents for their support and vote and commended his opponent, Jane Ginn on her efforts. He received a letter from the International Association of Fire Fighters Local #35 requesting a meeting to negotiate a new contract for 2013. Mayor Hays sent the union a letter asking them to contact Mr. Sisson, Finance Director and state their amendments, etc. in a new contract. Alderman Hight suggested the union make a

presentation to the City Council. Mr. Sisson had not been contacted as of this date. Alderman Taylor thanked his constituents for the support and votes in the recent election. Mayor Hays advised the second City Council meeting in December is scheduled for Monday, December 24, 2012, which is Christmas Eve. The next day is Christmas Day. Alderman Ross made a motion for a Voice Vote to reschedule the December 24, 2012, City Council meeting to Thursday, December 27, 2012, which was seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the motion was adopted (8/0). Alderwoman Ross announced Wednesday, November 21, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., a ribbon cutting will be held under the Levy Bridge (at Pike Avenue and 33<sup>rd</sup> Street). Mayor Hays advised the leaf vacuums are running and reminded residents not to put leaves in the street as they wash into the storm drain and cause drainage issues. City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, 2012, in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays. Alderwoman White asked people to not put their leaves in spillways or lakes. Alderman Witcher presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "The Unsustainable Path." Citizens are encouraged to contact Congressional Officials and ask them to work toward a common goal. Federal spending is up, while tax revenues are down. Alderman Witcher then reviewed cuts in various federally funded programs including reduction in job training, highways, Community Development Block Grant Funds, COPS programs, Clean Water, etc. Alderman Witcher referenced an on-going issue between two neighbors on Pontiac Drive. Police and Code Enforcement have been called. One neighbor is harassing and threatening another. Alderman Hight has visited with one of the residents.

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, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, November 26, 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