

December 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, December 24, 2012, and held on Thursday, December 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 City Attorney C. Jason Carter were also present.

The invocation was given by Alderman Baxter, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was led by Alderman Foutch.

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, December 10, 2012, and a Special Call meeting held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (8/0).

On the blanket motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, communications #1 and 2 were not read, but accepted and filed (8/0).

1. C. Jason Carter, City Attorney letter to City Clerk Diane Whitbey re: Notice of Public Hearing and Proof of Publication on Ordinance No. O-12-96.
2. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *application for Large Attendance Facility – Peter Laven – Change of Manager* for Dickey-Stephens Park, 400 West Broadway, by Paul D. Allen.

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

3. Logan Campbell, North Little Rock Police Athletic League (PAL) President letter to Mayor Hays and City Council members re: PAL Programs and funding.

Mayor Hays asked Mr. Graham Rich, CEO Central Arkansas Water to come forward. Mayor Hays briefly talked about the merger of North Little Rock Water and Central Arkansas Water several years ago. Mr. Rich provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding proposed rates for calendar years 2013-2015. The presentation included the rate adjustment timeline, factors affecting the rate increase, increase in annual debt service payments, Capital Projects 2001 – 2011, and factors affecting the rate increase. He also reviewed total operating expenses (less depreciation, expenses by natural

classification (2013 Budget)), labor and benefits expense (increase from 2008 actual to 2013 budget = 6.2%), depreciation expense, and factors affecting the same. A copy of proposed 2012 Rate Resolution (2013-2015) was provided. Residential customer, sprinkler, commercial and large volume customer impacts were reviewed. Regional rate comparisons along with local rate comparisons were also provided. In summary, the proposed resolution would take effect March 1, 2013. There would be increases in 2014 and 2015 (minimum residential bill increase .25¢ in 2014 and 2015, lowest use customers pay .21¢ per month, average residential customers pay .47¢ more per month). The primary rate increase driver is debt service (debt service increases 30% in 2013, recent and current major projects funded by debt: EPA Stage 2 Rules Compliance, Sodium Hypochlorite conversion and surge tanks on raw water lines). The department currently has 267 full-time positions. Alderwoman Ross commended Mr. Rich for his work and said he is one of the most accessible CEO's the council works with.

Mayor Hays asked Alderwoman White and her family members to join him at the podium. He then presented a Day Proclamation to Alderwoman White's mother, Mrs. Joan Scobie.

Mayor Hays asked his family members wife - Mrs. Linda Hays, daughter - Mrs. Josie Staggs, son-in-law - Mr. Brent Staggs, and grandchildren - Savannah Staggs, Isabella Staggs, Harper Staggs, and his brother Mike Hays to join him at the podium and presented each of them a Day Proclamation.

Alderman Witcher asked Mayor Hays to join him at the podium where he reminisced and then read a plaque which he presented to the Mayor from all of the city's elected officials (Aldermen Ross, White, Taylor, Robinson, Baxter, Foutch, Hight and Witcher, District Court Judges Jim Hamilton and Randy Morley, City Clerk Whitbey, City Attorney Carter and City Treasurer Mary Ruth Morgan). Mayor Hays said this has been a team effort and cited the approximately 900 employees who make this city a great place to live. He commended the Electric Department, Public Works, Police and Fire for their efforts this week during the winter storm in restoring power, removing debris, making roads passable and more. Mayor Hays advised Alderman Witcher was just reelected to the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities and is one of only three Aldermen in the state to have served as President of the Arkansas Municipal League. Mayor Hays said North Little Rock is the best city in the country.

Mayor Hays asked Mrs. Bernadette Rhodes and Mr. Rod Himon to come forward. A DVD was then shown highlighting 2010-2012 Fit 2 Live/Communities Putting Prevention to Work accomplishments. These included interviews with city officials, department heads and residents. Healthy food options, CPPW incentives and community gardens have been created and provided. A Joint Use Agreement was entered between the schools, community centers and Boys & Girls Club. The agreement includes free fitness classes, signage, fitness trails and built environment initiative. An Employee Wellness Program, employee group walks and a Health Matters newsletter have been provided to assist city employees with fitness options through work. Other activities include School Wellness, Safe Routes to School, Community Conversations and media promotion.

Mayor Hays advised O-12-96 will be held and refiled in 2013. Mr. Ron Hughes spoke regarding the legislation and said allowing more time for the public and building community to speak on this item is a good idea.

Without objection, O-12-96 was called.

O-12-96

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2011 ARKANSAS ENERGY CODE, PROVIDING MINIMUM ENERGY STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN OF NEW BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, OR PORTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS THAT PROVIDE FACILITIES OR SHELTER FOR PUBLIC ASSEMBLY, EDUCATION, BUSINESS, MERCANTILE, INSTITUTIONAL, STORAGE, AND RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES, AS WELL AS THOSE PORTIONS OF FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL OCCUPANCIES DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time November 26, 2012, was read a second time December 10, 2012, was read a third and final time this date. The legislation was then held. (*To be refiled in 2013*).

Mayor Hays reconvened a public hearing regarding R-12-226. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. Without objection, the legislation was called.

R-12-226 (RESOLUTION NO. 8227 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2013 FISCAL YEAR FOR 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 Witcher. After discussion and on the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the proposed 2013 Budget was amended as follows: *Exhibit “B” Special Appropriations, reduce Line Item 5998 – Youth Program to \$75,000.00, and add a new Line Item for the NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICIE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL) in the amount of \$25,000.00 (8/0)*. Alderman Witcher made a motion to adopt as amended which was seconded by Alderman Taylor. On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was again amended as follows: *attach North Little Rock Electric Department Budget Worksheet for 2013 (8/0)*. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

R-12-~~242~~ 243 (RESOLUTION NO. 8228 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM L. MONK FOR UNIMPROVED PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST BORDER OF AN ALLEY BETWEEN 10TH AND 11TH STREETS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was added to the December 27, 2012, agenda and read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by

Alderman Foutch. Mayor Hays said this property is in front of Bill's Lock and Safe and they would like to use it for parking. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows: *Lease Agreement 3. Rent change \$350.00 per year to \$350.00 PER MONTH (8/0)*. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0).

R-12-~~244~~ 245 (RESOLUTION NO. 8229 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE DOWNTOWN POST OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was added to the December 27, 2012, agenda was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Mayor Hays said the Public Building Authority is financing the property. The Library will pay off 100% of the funds the Public Building Authority borrowed. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-12-~~245~~ 246 (RESOLUTION NO. 8230 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS TO EXCHANGE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was added to the December 27, 2012, agenda was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson. Mrs. Donna Hardcastle, Executive Director of the Argenta Arts Foundation and Argenta Downtown Council spoke in support of the exchange. It was recommended that the property at 510 Main Street be made into the Argenta Plaza. She referenced the Downtown Master Plan and illustrations. The property has been used for various events including the Farmers Market, Wine Tastings, Foodie Fest, etc. In October, 850 people attended one event at the location. The exchange would include a payment to the city in the amount of \$85,000.00 (to be used to improve the property). They would like the Argenta Arts Foundation to be able to program the property and the Downtown Council maintain it. Mr. John Crow agreed with Mrs. Hardcastle's comments. Mayor Hays referenced the acquisition of the old Checkmate Club property located at 4th and Poplar Streets. Planning Director Robert Voyles was the liaison on the transaction. Mayor Hays said rehabbing the site and its historical value were considered. Acquisition and demolition totaled approximately \$495,000.00. The appraised value in March 2012 was \$400,000.00 and remained the same as there hadn't been any material changes since then. Alderwoman Ross said the city owned the Main Street property on Main Street and sold it to Mr. Sam Perroni. Alderman Ross said the city approved \$116,800.00 in August to demolish the Checkmate Club building. The appraisals were done in February, but council members were not provided the information. Mr. Voyles referenced an appraisal from 2010. Alderwoman Ross asked for the appraisal in August and stated concern that the property was being sold for less than the city has in it. The property on Main Street is a prime location. Mrs.

Hardcastle said they committed to the North Little Rock History Commission that the property on Main would not be used as a parking lot. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Aldermen Ross and Foutch who voted no, the resolution was adopted (6/2).

O-12-96 *called earlier in meeting.*

O-12-97

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A SELF-SERVE ICE VENDING UNIT IN A C-3 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1900 PIKE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time November 26, 2012, was called and held. (*To be refiled in 2013*). (*applicant: David Gatzke*)

O-12-101

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A CAR SALES LOT IN A C-4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4008 EAST BROADWAY IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time December 10, 2012, was read a second time. There being no motion to suspend the rules, the item was held. (*To be refiled in 2013*). The applicant, Mr. Gary Pierce is a retired Navy Veteran. He has agreed to all of the conditions from Planning. There are other car lots in areas of the city zoned C-4. He would add a lot of qualities to the area, including honesty and integrity. (*applicant: Gary Pierce*)

O-12-103 (ORDINANCE NO. 8491 – MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING AN OFF-PREMISE SIGN FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CRYSTAL HILL ROAD AND MAUMELLE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was added to the December 27, 2012, agenda, and was read this date. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Alderman Witcher, who voted no, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/1). On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Alderman Witcher, who voted no, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/1). The ordinance was read a third and final time. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Foutch. Alderwoman Ross asked why this did not go before the Planning Commission or Sign Board and why the Ward 2 Aldermen didn't sponsor it. Mayor Hays said this was on the agenda about a year and half ago. Mr. David Elrod, the applicant said the sign was on the original plans, but was overlooked. This location is on Maumelle Boulevard which is a major arterial road with traffic traveling at about 50 miles per hour. Alderman Baxter said

this legislation was on the agenda when there were two other council members representing Ward 2. Alderman Witcher asked about Wal-Mart's sign. Mr. Elrod said the existing sign is about 900 feet from this location. Alderman Witcher asked if they need both the existing sign and this sign. Mr. Elrod said this is a multi-use sign for the entire site (which covers 90 acres). They have been approached by a big box store and several home improvement projects. This would enhance the marketability of the site. Mr. Elrod then referenced the signs at Lakewood Village Shopping Center. Alderman Witcher then referenced the Sherwood Wal-Mart. Mr. Elrod said Wal-Mart is the only business at that location. The Sherwood project (which is 25 acres) was designed for individual out-lots. Alderman Witcher said that location has one monument sign. Alderman Witcher said the council has worked to control the proliferation of signs. Alderman Baxter referenced another shopping center in the area. He doesn't know what businesses are located there because they have insufficient signage. If a business cannot attract customers, they cannot collect sales tax funds. Alderman Witcher made a motion which was seconded by Alderwoman Ross to amend as follows:: *add a section* THE SIGN APPROVED BY THIS ORDINANCE IS CONDITIONED UPON THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING POLE SIGN, and the following members voted yes: Ross, White, Robinson, and Witcher and the following members voted no: Taylor, Baxter, Foutch, and Hight, the motion failed (4/4). 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, with the exception of Aldermen Ross, White and Witcher, who voted no, the ordinance was adopted (5/3). On the emergency clause, all members present voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Alderman Witcher, who voted no, emergency clause adopted (7/1). (*requested by: David Elrod*)

NEW BUSINESS

R-12-247 (RESOLUTION NO. 8231 – 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 Hight 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).

R-12-248 (RESOLUTION NO. 8232 – 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 4201 REDDING LANE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Ross. Mayor Hays convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the motion of Alderman Baxter and

seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows:: *attached* EXHIBIT “C” (8/0). On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0). (*amount – \$2,063.39*)

R-12-249 (RESOLUTION NO. 8233 – MAYOR HAYS AND ALDERWOMAN WHITE)
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING LICENSES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENTS WITH EDGEMONT IN PARK HILL, LLC, CITY GROVE, LLC, DARK HOLLOW CDC AND BAILEY CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH; 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 unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-12-250 (RESOLUTION NO. 8234 – MAYOR HAYS)
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF FAULKNER LAKE ROAD AND EAST OF INTERSTATE 440 IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK FROM I-440 BUSINESS FIBERPARK, LLC; 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 resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-12-251 (RESOLUTION NO. 8235 – MAYOR HAYS AND ALDERWOMAN WHITE)
A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A “FIT 2 LIVE” EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-12-252 (RESOLUTION NO. 8236 – ALDERMEN HIGHT AND TAYLOR)
A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE MONTHLY CAR ALLOWANCE FOR NORTH LITTLE ROCK ALDERMEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Alderman Hight said council members have received the same car allowance (\$100.00 per month) since 1980. He said council members attend a lot of meetings and check on various projects and complaints around the city. The cost of gas has increased a lot in the past 32 years. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows:: *Section 1: insert* \$250.00 (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Aldermen Ross, White and Foutch who passed, the resolution was adopted as amended (5/3). Mr. Carter said the attorney’s in the City Attorney’s Office also have a \$100.00 per month car allowance and that is insufficient to cover the costs of them driving to court, etc.

R-12-253 (RESOLUTION NO. 8237 – MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND HEARINGS TO BE HELD BY THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK PUBLIC LAND DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE; APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO PREPARE AND ISSUE ITS REPORT OR REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-12-104 (ORDINANCE NO. 8492 – ALDERMAN HIGHT)

AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 801 – 819 McCAIN BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM THE PRESENT C-1 TO R-4 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697; 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 Hight 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 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: Mike Sylvester*)

O-12-105 (ORDINANCE NO. 8493 – ALDERMEN BAXTER AND FOUTCH)

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON AUBURN DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS FROM C-4/R-4/R-3 TO O-1 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; ADOPTING AN AMENDED LAND USE PLAN FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; DECLARING AN 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: Tom Brockway*)

O-12-106 (ORDINANCE NO. 8494 – MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO REFLECT PROVISIONS OF THE HEROES EARNINGS ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF TAX ACT OF 2008 (HEART), THE EMERGENCY ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008 (EESA) AND THE WORKERS, RETIREE AND EMPLOYER RECOVERY ACT OF 2008 (WRERA); DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Hight 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 Taylor and seconded by Alderman Baxter, 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. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *attach EXHIBIT "B" provided this date* (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 as amended (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alderman Baxter thanked all city employees who worked during the recent winter storm to provide services to our residents. Mayor Hays thanked the residents who understood city crews were doing their best to restore power. The city will continue to keep the public informed via Facebook and Twitter regarding outages. Mr. Carter said the Electric Department crews have and continue to work to restore power to every North Little Rock Electric Department customer. Alderwoman White mentioned the warming center at the Community Center on Willow. People can go there and recharge their electronic devices. Mayor Hays and Mr. Harold Ford, Director of Sanitation advised Sanitation crews were already working one day-delayed due to the holiday this week. Crews will work Saturday and Sunday to pick up Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's delayed garbage routes. Leaves all fell around the same time this year. Leaf vacuums have not been able to run this week because of the snow. The vacuum crews are trying to catch up. Bagged leaves are picked up weekly on household trash day. Alderman Hight agreed with Alderman Baxter's comments. He said winter storm damage from the storm this week seemed worse than damage from the ice storm in 2000. Alderman Hight recognized Mrs. Bernadette Rhodes and said she is doing a great job with Fit 2 Live and working with the Bicycle Community. Alderman Hight said he has known Mayor Hays for 58 years and recalled events from their childhood growing up in Park Hill. Alderwoman Ross said Mr. Carter is working on contract approval guidelines for agencies, non-profits, etc. that receive funding from the city. Alderwoman Ross said it is illegal to fire weapons on New Year's Eve. Mayor Hays said the former Mayor of Denver's father-in-law died after being struck in the head by a bullet falling from the sky. Mr. Kevin Delgman lives in Ranch Estates on Idaho Drive (off of Military Drive). He has been without power since Christmas Day. During the ice storm in 2000 he was without power for 30 days. Mr. Carter will get Mr. Delgman's information and contact him in the morning regarding the status on the outage. Mr. Delgman said his neighbor on the left has power. Neighbors on the right do not. Alderman Taylor asked if there would be a 2013 Recycling Pickup Schedule from Waste Management. Mr. Ford said it is being worked on now. Mr. James Ard said he and Mayor Hays haven't always agreed however he has done a good job. Mr. Ard said the Alderman should be paid by the mile and not a monthly allowance. Mayor Hays thanked everyone for their kind comments. He thanked the voters and residents of North Little Rock for their support and endorsement during his 24 years in office. He is proud of the accomplishments in North Little Rock. He was born and raised here and it has been an honor to serve the community.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting which has been rescheduled to Monday, January 14, 2013, 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