

September 23, 2013
Six-thirty o'clock P.M.
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chambers
300 Main Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Mayor Joe A. Smith announced a SPECIAL PRESENTATION by Bobby Whitfield of Stephens Insurance, LLC scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. to order.

September 17, 2013 (via email)

Subject: Special Presentation to the North Little Rock City Council

Honorable Members of the North Little Rock City Council:

This notice is to advise that there will be a special presentation to the North Little Rock City Council on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. immediately preceding the regularly scheduled North Little Rock Council meeting. The agenda for this presentation includes:

A review of the 2014 Major Medical Insurance Program for North Little Rock Employees. The presentation will be presented by Bobby Whitfield with the Stephens Group.

All NLR City Council members are asked to attend. The public is invited.

For the Mayor,

By: Matthew W. Fleming
Deputy City Attorney

Mayor Smith advised he, Mrs. Karen Scott, Finance Director, Ms. Stephanie Thomas, Assistant Finance Director, Chief of Staff Danny Bradley and Alderwoman Debi Ross have met several times the last few months to go over bids for City Employee Insurance Coverage. He will sponsor legislation at the next council meeting to allow employees time to make decisions regarding their health insurance. Mayor Smith said there will be changes as a result of the Affordable Health Care Act. Mr. Bobby Whitfield, Senior Vice President, Stephens Insurance, LLC referred to Exhibit 2 and advised a Gross Increase from QualChoice of 14.5% (8.8% Medical and Prescription Drugs and 5.7% Affordable Care Act taxes, etc.). With no plan changes, the increase would be \$810,435.00. Exhibit 3 included a renewal plan with changes which included an increase of \$84,006.52. Mr. Whitfield then referred to and reviewed Exhibit 1 which compared the current (QualChoice) plan, alternate proposed (QualChoice) plan and a proposal from the Arkansas Municipal League. The deductible listed is

\$500.00. The city provides a HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) for employees in the amount of \$150.00. Mr. Whitfield said deductibles and co-pays will now apply to out-of-pocket payments. The major change will be in co-insurance (90% to 80%). Out of pocket maximum will increase from \$1,000.00 to \$4,000.00 for single coverage and from \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00 for family coverage. Co-insurance will change from \$10% to 20% for in-network services. There is no deductible on Wellness checkups. Emergency Room deductible increase from \$150.00 co-pay plus 10% to \$250.00 co-pay plus 20% (waived if admitted in both scenarios). Mr. Whitfield then compared to QualChoice Proposal to the one from the Arkansas Municipal League. He said the Class 3 plan shift risks to the employee. Mr. Whitfield then reviewed Exhibits 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Alderman Foutch said the State of Arkansas is setting up an Exchange under the new ACA Requirements and asked if employees would be able to convert to that program. Mr. Whitfield said if an employer offers (certain) benefits, and the premium does not exceed 9 1/2 % of the single rate of the employees rate, then yes, the employee could go to the exchange and it could be beneficial to the employee. However, in the event that the employer based formula is based on the CORE Plan of 100% for the employee premium and 75% dependent premium and subject to the Internal Revenue Code Section 125, this could affect the employee if they choose to purchase an Exchange. The Wellness Clinic will continue for employees. Mayor Smith encouraged council members to contact Mr. Whitfield if they had any questions. The discussion concluded at 6:20 p.m.

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the honorable Mayor JOE A. SMITH. The roll having been called and the following Aldermen answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, BETH WHITE, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, BRUCE FOUTCH, and MURRY WITCHER (7/0), Alderman CHARLIE HIGHT was absent due to illness. A quorum was declared. Assistant City Clerk Linda Marshall and Assistant City Attorney Matt Fleming were also present.

Alderman Witcher led the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was also led by Alderman Witcher.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Foutch and by consent of all members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on Monday, September 9, 2013, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (7/0).

Mayor Smith announced a Special Call scheduled for this date.

September 20, 2013 (via email)

Subject: Special Call for Monday, September 23, 2013

Honorable Members of the North Little Rock City Council:

The purpose of this e-mail is to advise you that Mayor Smith has called a special meeting of the North Little Rock City Council at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, September 23, 2013, at City Hall Council Chambers, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The following will be on the agenda:

- 1) R-13-189 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO EXTEND SERVICES TO THE BAYOU METO WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Sponsor: Mayor Joe A. Smith

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.

City Attorney C. Jason Carter
By: Matthew W. Fleming
Deputy City Attorney

Special Call R-13-189 (RESOLUTION NO. 8410 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO EXTEND SERVICES TO THE BAYOU METO WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson. Mr. Carter, Interim General Manager of the North Little Rock Electric Department said the Bayou Meto Project is funded by the Corps of Engineers and will provide irrigation to farm lands to the east by getting them off of ground water and on surface water, along with wildlife and wetland management. There are many public purposes to support this project. In January the City of North Little Rock annexed the area. The city has contacted Entergy about taking over and maintaining this facility. Bids were taken. The most qualified Design Firm was Fisher & Arnold at \$610,500.00. The lowest construction bid was from Power Secure at \$6,677,679.00 plus tax. The lowest bid for transformers was Virginia Transformer at \$1,414,335.48 plus tax. The city negotiated construction cost with the Corps of Engineers for total cost of \$9,712,928.00 which includes the city's internal cost of bonding, training, labor, material and management cost. Federal money for this project will be available until October 1st. Alderman Foutch asked about payments. Mr. Carter said payments will be made to the city and contractor. There are allowances for unexpected expenses. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Alderman Witcher, who passed due to a conflict, the resolution was adopted (6/1).

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Foutch, and by consent of all members present, communication #1 was accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer Off Premises – Replacement from Esmaeil Adineh-Kharat / Small Farm Wine – NEW* for Paradise Stores at 9128 Highway. 161, by Asif Hussain (7/0).

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, communication #2 was read by title only, accepted and filed (7/0).

2. Shirley Abel, Neighborhood Services memorandum re: North Little Rock National Night Out Events, Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

Mayor Smith invited Mr. Randy Naylor, Keep North Little Rock Beautiful to come forward. Mr. Naylor announced the second Annual Great Arkansas River Cleanup on Saturday, October 5th. Everyone will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Riverside RV Park Pavilion for a light breakfast and the cleanup will be from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Last year more than 50 volunteers picked up over 1,000 pounds of trash along the shore of the Arkansas River in less than 2 hours. Volunteers can sign up on line or at the event. Alderwoman Ross asked who people should contact to Adopt a Street. Mr. Naylor said the office of Neighborhood Services.

Mayor Smith announced citizen comment on agenda legislation. Steve Price spoke regarding R-13-187 and said he has been working on repairing the house and seeking a loan. Boards have been placed on all the broken windows. Mayor Smith instructed him to talk with Tom Wadley, Director of Code Enforcement.

Mayor Smith asked Joan Bohannon – Community Development Director to come forward and convened a public hearing for the HUD 2014 Annual Action Plan Approval (R-13-176). There being on one wishing to speak the hearing was adjourned.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

R-13-174 – R-13-176.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by voice vote and all members present having voted aye, consent agenda items R-13-174 through R-13-176 were adopted (7/0).

R-13-174 (RESOLUTION NO. 8411 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARY RUTH MORGAN TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-13-175 (RESOLUTION NO. 8412 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RICHARD BLANKENBEKER TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-13-176 (RESOLUTION NO. 8413 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2014 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, INCLUDING THE 40TH YEAR (2014) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME PROGRAM PROJECTS AND BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

NEW BUSINESS

R-13-177 (RESOLUTION NO. 8414 – MAYOR SMITH)

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 Foutch and seconded Alderwoman White. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-13-178 (RESOLUTION NO. 8415 – MAYOR SMITH)

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 1302 EAST 16TH 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 Taylor. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*amount - \$6,586.75*)

R-13-179

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 5206 SCHAER STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was called and withdrawn by the sponsor, Mayor Smith.

R-13-180 (RESOLUTION NO. 8416 – MAYOR SMITH)

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 1310 WEST 10TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderwoman White and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*amount - \$2,990.05*)

R-13-181 (RESOLUTION NO. 8417 – MAYOR SMITH)

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 1308 WEST 10TH 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 Foutch. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*amount - \$4,817.76*)

R-13-182 (RESOLUTION NO. 8418 – MAYOR SMITH)

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 1317 WEST 15TH 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 Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*amount - \$4,104.30*)

R-13-183 (RESOLUTION NO. 8419 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1512 HWY. 161 - #20 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 Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: Rachel Gill*)

R-13-184 (RESOLUTION NO. 8420 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1103 / 1105 PARKER 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 Baxter. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. Alderwoman Ross asked if this was for the garage only or the house, too. Mr. Wadley said the house is in foreclosure. This is for the detached garage only. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: Regions Bank c/o Miller Properties and Rentals*)

R-13-185

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 3003 EAST 4TH 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 and held by its sponsor, Mayor Smith. A public hearing will be called on October 14, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. (*owner: Freddy and Mary Sullivan*)

R-13-186 (RESOLUTION NO. 8421 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 200 MOUNT OLIVE 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. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. Alderwoman Ross asked if their business license could be revoked. The city has condemned properties for Mr. Bora before. Deputy City Attorney Fleming said Mr. (Imran) Bora's son is taking over his father business and has contacted the city. The son is eager to straighten out things. Mr. Fleming will pass on the council's concern regarding this (and any other) property. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: Entropy Systems*)

R-13-187 (RESOLUTION NO. 8422 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1513 WEST 12TH 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 Alderwoman White and seconded by Alderman Foutch. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. Mr. Price (who spoke earlier) stated he working on getting a loan to hire a contractor to do the work. Mr. Fleming instructed Mr. Price to meet with Code Enforcement and the City Attorney for an Abatement Agreement. Action will be based on that agreement. There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: Steve Price*)

R-13-188 (RESOLUTION NO. 8423 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 515 WEST 17TH 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 Smith convened a public hearing. Mr. Robert Coates spoke on behalf of his mother. He talked with Mr. Wadley and has reached an agreement on getting the property fixed. There being no one else 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 (7/0) (*owner: Derotha Coates*)

O-13-85

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF A PORTION OF NORTH BORADWAY TO DIAMOND BEAR WAY IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and read one time and held by sponsors, Mayor Smith, Aldermen Taylor and Robinson.

O-13-86 (ORDINANCE NO. 8569 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE REVISING NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT SERVICE SCHEDULE RATES FOR ALL NIGHT OUTDOOR LIGHTING; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross 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 (7/0). On the motion of Alderwoman Ross 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 (7/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Ross. Mr. C. Jason Carter – Interim Manager of North Little Rock Electric Department advised they are trying to simplify inventory management and discontinue the use of high-pressure sodium lights and offer a new 250 watt metal halide light. Alderwoman Ross asked if the lights dim. The high pressure sodium lights emit a deep yellow color whereas the light projected by the metal halide are more attractive and highly sought after. There are approximately 11,000 street lights in the city. Alderman Taylor requested lights from Bethany Road to I-40 on Highway 161. There are no street lights in the area. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

O-13-87 (ORDINANCE NO. 8570 – ALDERMAN TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW TWELVE (12) MOBILE HOMES AND TWO (2) HOUSES IN A C-4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4715 EAST BROADWAY IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 (7/0). The ordinance was read a second time. A motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Alderwoman Robinson would like a privacy fence along Poe Street. Mr. Norman Clifton said approved a fence and it would not be a problem. On the motion of

Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Taylor the ordinance was amended as follows:: *insert Section 2. e) PROPERTY THAT ABUTS POE STREET WILL HAVE A PRIVACY FENCE (7/0).* Alderwoman Ross referenced a walking tract illustrated in “Exhibit C. She also referenced landscaping on Poe Street. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was again amended as follows:: *insert Section 2. f) WALKING TRACK TO BE INSTALLAD AS PER PROPOSAL (7/0).* The ordinance was read a third and final time. A motion to adopt as amended was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Alderwoman Ross asked if tenants would bring their own mobile homes or Mr. Clifton’s homes. Mr. Clifton said there are three mobile homes being rented to long-term tenants. He owns two of the mobile homes. The intent is to put in mobile homes. If a person wants to bring their own mobile home they will have to meet his criteria before they would be allowed in. Alderman Baxter asked if someone brings in a mobile home and then leaves, does the Special Use go away. Mr. Robert Voyles, Planning Director said the Special Use if for the number of mobile homes. Alderman Taylor said the Special Use stays with the applicant. Alderman Foutch said several people have applied for a Special Use recently for mobile homes and have been denied. Mr. Voyles said this is a trailer court that Mr. Clifton has acquired. The pads are already there. On the previous motion to adopt as amended, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted as amended (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).
(*applicant: Norman Clifton*)

O-13-88 (ORDINANCE NO. 8571 – ALDERMAN TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW FOOD PROCESSING, PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION IN A C-6 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 201 WEST 4TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of

Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, all reading were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Ross. Alderman Baxter asked the difference between this grant (which funding the project) and a Community Garden grant. Mrs. Bernadette Rhodes, Fit 2 Live Coordinator said the Community Garden Program is city funded and not a grant. Funding is provided in exchange for building a garden, etc. The kitchen was funded through the Communities Putting Prevention To Work Grant which was a Federal Grant. Part of the grant was to provide incentives to community partners to expand and increase access to healthy food. The church started a community garden and wanted to expand their church kitchen to commercial grade to allow garden members use of the kitchen, free of charge, to either provide educational programs or process their produce for resale at Farmers Market locations or the garden site. Alderman Foutch asked if there were any fees to the users. Mrs. Rhodes said not to the partner. The kitchen is rented for \$18.00 an hour for processing and freezing their product. The money goes back into operations (maintenance, etc.). Alderwoman Robinson asked if this was a one-time grant. Mrs. Rhodes advised the Communities Putting Prevention To Work Program no longer exists. Reverend Anne Russ is the Pastor at First Presbyterian. Their intention is

for the program to go on indefinitely or as long as there are community gardens funded by the city. People will be able to use the kitchen for canning, freezing, etc. Users do have to schedule a time to use the facility. This is not intended to be a profit location, but an incubator kitchen. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Thomas Crnko played an audio recording of the ongoing noise in his neighborhood that he recorded from his back yard. He is not able to record the smell of the Creosote but advised it is bad. He cautioned the council about the renaming the street after a business. Once the business leaves, the neighborhood is stuck with the name. The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure route goes by the location. Participants will be walking/running through an area where they will be exposed to cancer causing creosote. Alderwoman White said Saturday, October 5, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, a Child Safety Seat event will be held at McCain Mall. Alderman Witcher said letters will be sent to residents who live within the area of the newly created Indian Hills Parking District. Signs regarding the same will also be posted. Mayor Smith advised the first City Council meeting in November is Monday, the 11th, which is Veteran’s day and a holiday for city employees. The meeting would normally be rescheduled to the following day. However, the majority of the council members will be attending the National League of Cities Conference (out of state) which begins that date. He asked council members to consider whether to reschedule the meeting to another date or hold it on the 11th.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, October 14, 2013, at six thirty o’clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 300 Main Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR JOE A. SMITH

ATTEST: _____
DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK