

December 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 presentation by Nathan Hamilton, Communications Director, scheduled for Monday, December 23, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

December 17, 2013 (via email)

Subject: Presentation to North Little Rock City Council

Honorable Members of the North Little Rock City Council:

The purpose of this e-mail is to advise you the following presentations will be made in the City Council Chambers on December 23, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting:

1. An overview of the new NLR (North Little Rock) website: including the process, vendor, and goals for the finished product.
2. An overview of the mobile app (application): including the process, vendor and application to city communications.

All are invited to attend.

I am attaching a copy of the revised 2014 budget exhibit to R-13-228 to be considered on the unfinished business agenda.

For the Mayor,
City Attorney C. Jason Carter
By: Matthew W. Fleming
Assistant City Attorney

Mr. Hamilton advised a committee met with several vendors and worked with the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to access the communication needs for the city. A comprehensive communication strategy included: community participation, advanced technology, social media, and standard use policies. To advance participation, the City of North Little Rock must bridge gaps between government officials and the community; through new technologies, the city can open new

pathways to connect to citizens. The use of new technologies – Internet, text messaging and mobile applications enhances the city’s ability to provide information and services, and potentially reach those previously unreached. Social media platforms can be used to communicate information to citizens. By creating standard use policies, the city can govern employee use and conduct, standard responses, record retention, and disclosure issues.

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council scheduled for Monday, December 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, CHARLIE HIGHT AND MURRY WITCHER (8/0). City Clerk Diane Whitbey and Assistant City Attorney Matt Fleming were also present.

The prayer was given by Alderman Taylor followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was also led by Alderman Taylor.

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 9, 2013, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (8/0).

On the blanket motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 3, 4, and 5 were accepted and filed (8/0).

1. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor’s Office memorandum re: *Wholesale Liquor – Transfer of Location from 8030 Count Massie Road* for Natural State Distributing, LLC by Jenny Ross.
3. Jerry Copeland, email to Alderman White re: Ho3 and in support of the same.
4. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor’s Office memorandum re: *Restaurant Mixed Drink – Replacement from Darshan Patel*, for Midas Restaurant Solutions, LLC fka Hilton Garden Inn, 4100 Glover Lane, by Charlie D. Todd.
5. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor’s Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer off Premises and Small Farm Wine – NEW*, for Kum & Go #144, 5216 JFK (John F. Kennedy) Boulevard, by Cory A. Boyd.

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

2. Julie Fisher, Mayor’s Office (via email) re: Special Call Resolution No. 8239 – December 27, 2012 (4th and Poplar).

Alderman Foutch asked about Argentco, LLC. Mayor Smith said Mr. Harold Tennebaum and a group of investors make up the members of the LLC. Alderman Foutch asked if the money (\$83,755.00) the city had received would be held in reserve until improvements were made. Mayor Smith said the city currently owns the property. Mayor Smith said several property sells will be coming before the council in the next few months.

Mayor Smith opened citizen public comment on agenda item O-13-115. Alderman Witcher asked if those present in support of this legislation would stand. He then asked if those present who were against this legislation would stand. Mr. Steve Giles, Attorney at Law represents Mr. Koy Butler, the applicant. This would be a low-intensity use of the property, much less than other businesses in homes in the neighborhood. This is a residence for three disabled individuals and a caretaker. Mr. Butler asked for a permit for this use. The national average on trips to and from the residence is ten (10) trips per day. Mr. Butler's property would average five (5). Mr. Giles asked if the city would consider waiving the not-for-profit definition of a family business. Mr. Ken Sullivan, Executive Director Lakewood Property Owners Association (LPOA), said this is a good cause, however, a lot of money is spent each year to maintain properties and values in the area. They are opposed to zoning a home on Arlington (which is residential) for a business use. Mr. Koy Butler is the owner of the property. He wants to provide a home environment in a neighborhood to provide care for individuals. He called the city to see if this was permissible. He received a letter from Planning Director Robert Voyles advising he could. He then became contractually obligated to purchase the property. He was later advised that (Mr. Voyles) had rescinded the previous decision. Disabled individuals deserve to live in a home in a residential neighborhood. This would allow people with disabilities to live in a home and not an institution. Mr. Butler then referred to the Fair Housing Act pertaining to people with disabilities. Mr. Mark Ruble is a member of the board of the Lakewood Recreational Improvement District. This issue was discussed at their last meeting. The board voted not to allow this zoning. Concerns were that if this is allowed others will be requested. They do not want to see multi-family dwellings in the area. Mr. Jim Smedley said his dad has Parkinson's Disease. He has a friend who recently committed his mother to a nursing home. He would like a place for his dad like this one. He referenced problems regarding the Fair Housing Act and a federal investigation regarding this matter. His home has been broken into twice. He would rather see money spent on police enforcement, roads, litter clean up, etc. He would welcome a home like this one in his neighborhood. Many homes already have two or three unrelated families living in them. He spoke in favor of this type of concept. Mayor Smith said there is not a federal investigation. Mr. Butler has filed a Fair Housing Complaint. Mr. Steve Moss lives behind 4404 Arlington. He is against the proposed zoning change from R-1 to R-2. An R-2 allows other types of businesses including churches, community centers and parking lots. Mr. Moss said he worked as an Architect for 30+ years and never saw an occupancy revert back to its original use (R-2 back to R-1). Ms. Vickie Tankersley's mother is a patient at House of Three in Little Rock. Her mother is in her fourth year of suffering from Vascular Dementia. She watched her go from being vibrant, passionate and full of life to totally incapacitated. Her mother has been in a nursing home, two rehab facilities and Hospice facility. She did not receive adequate care. Ms. Tankersley has known the Butler family for 30 years and said they are outstanding model Christian citizens. Her mother has received outstanding care at House of Three. The home looks like any other residential home and will not devalue homes in the neighborhood. Alderman Hight asked if there was a charge. Ms. Tankersley said they pay a monthly fee. Alderwoman Robinson said each person in the home pays a standard rate. In her opinion this is a business. Mr. Justin March lives on Arlington. His family moved to their home three (3) years ago. They choose that neighborhood for several reasons including the location, schools,

etc. Rezoning the property would be a disservice to the residents in the community. Mrs. Cara Coulter rents her home from McClanahan Realty. Mr. Butler was told he could proceed with his request before he purchased the home. The city rescinded approval after he had purchased the home. Mrs. Debbie Barker and her husband have lived in North Little Rock for many years. She has a 15 year old daughter with Down's Syndrome. She said she hopes her daughter will be able to live independently in a home environment and encouraged the council to support the requested rezoning and special use. Mrs. Kathy Jackson lives next door to the property. On her block there are businesses operating from residential homes, rental property, disabled individuals and several families living in the same home. Her son has ALS. She would rather have him in the house next door than at the Nursing Home at the end of the street. Alderman Foutch works for Pathfinders which has many types of residential facilities in neighborhood settings across the state. When they are looking at a new facility, they contact the property owners and others in the neighborhoods to see if they will be welcome in the area. Pathfinders has hundreds of individuals living in residential facilities. Many require home care. Some are ten (10) bed facilities. Ms. Krista Hughes, Director Division of Aging and Adult Services, State of Arkansas spoke in support of the proposed legislation. There are 10's of thousands of people in Arkansas who need long term care on various levels. Everyone wants to age in place or in a home. She encouraged council members and the neighborhood associations to embrace this concept. Ms. Hughes said state law limits the number of unrelated individuals allowed in Adult Family Homes to three (3). Alderwoman Robinson asked Mr. Voyles if this application was considered a group home. Mr. Voyles said the current zoning ordinance allows up to five (5) unrelated individuals to live in a home and is designed for non-profit. He referenced people living together without being married. This would be a for-profit business. Mr. Voyles said the closest definition in the zoning ordinance would be a convalescent home. Alderman Taylor said the issue appears to be rezoning from R-1 to R-2. Dr. Mark Weatherton, retired Professor University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences supports this concept. He worked with geriatric patients over the years. Dr. Weatherton said a plumber runs a business out of his home in his neighborhood. He is a freelance writer and has visited the House of Three in Little Rock for research purposes. He supports this request. Mr. Learn Dalby is an LPOA member. He said Mr. Butler is not interested in rezoning the property. There is an opportunity and a compromise is possible. Mr. Chris Coulter said they lease their home in an R-1 zone. He asked if he needed to have a nurse come into his home, would it be allowed. This is a fantastic opportunity to help (disabled) people. Mr. Jeff Linker also said this is a unique situation. His father has Alzheimers and Dementia and is in a nursing home with multiple patients. He does not get one-on-one care like he would if he were at House of Three. Mr. Linker is also an LPOA member. People in a facility like this one thrive. Alderman Taylor asked how many facilities Mr. Butler owned. This location would be the second one. Alderwoman Robinson said going from R-1 to R-2 would be a downgrade. Mayor Smith then closed public comment on this item. Without objection, the legislation was called.

O-13-115

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4404 ARLINGTON IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS FROM R-1 TO R-2; GRANTING A

SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW THREE DISABLED PERSONS AND A CAREGIVER IN A RESIDENCE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Witcher 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 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. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Foutch. Alderwoman Ross has had a lot of calls and emails regarding this item. Those from residents in the neighborhood who contacted her were unanimously against the rezone from R-1 to R-2. The concern was not about Mr. Butler, but about the use of the property in the future if Mr. Butler was no longer in service and what could come in under R-2 zoning. Mr. Fleming said Mr. Giles had proposed an amendment to the legislation that should this residence cease to be used as a residence by the House of Three, it would automatically revert back to an R-1, Single Family Residential Classification. Alderwoman White said this is an amazing concept. This rezone is opposed by the residents who have contacted her. Alderman Taylor asked Mr. Voyles if Mr. Butler sells the property, would the special use go away. Alderwoman Robinson asked if the Special Use went with the business if Mr. Butler sells it. Alderwoman Robinson suggested conditions to the Special Use. Alderman Hight asked if medically necessary Medicare Services would be provided. Mr. Butler said no. He is fine with the R-1 zoning. He was told by the city that he had to request the R-2 zoning. Alderman Witcher said people should be able to choose how they will live. He is opposed to changing the zoning but in favor of the Special Use. Mr. Fleming said the council can choose to do both, one or neither. Alderwoman Ross asked about the costs comparison between a nursing home and a facility like this one. Mr. Butler said it would be hard to find someone to provide 24-hour care giver for less than \$12.00 an hour. Utilities, home maintenance, etc. have to be considered, too. A private room in a nursing home care in North Little Rock will run between \$6,000.00 - \$8,000.00 a month. In Little Rock the amount would be around \$15,000.00. Mr. Butler is able to consolidate those costs among the three residents. The costs is then around \$5,000.00 a month. Alderwoman Ross asked if this business met the definition of a "home" business. Mr. Voyles said it did not. Alderman Foutch said keeping the business at three (3) persons keeps it to a level that does not require (state) licensure or certification. Ms. Hughes said her staff has visited Mr. Butler's property and looked through his manuals. Alderwoman Ross then reviewed the allowed uses in an R-2. There being no further discussion and on the previous motion, and the roll having been called, and the following members having voted yes: Aldermen Taylor and Witcher, and the following members having voted no: Ross, White, Robinson, Baxter, Foutch, and Hight, the motion to adopt failed (2/6). (*applicant: Koy Butler*)

Alderman Hight suggested reviewing the zoning ordinance regarding Adult Home Care. The issue on this item was rezoning the property. Mayor Smith said another individual has requested the same type business. Mayor Smith then recessed the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:47 p.m. Mayor Smith then continued public comment on legislation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

R-13-228 (RESOLUTION NO. 8464 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2014 FISCAL YEAR FOR 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 Hight. On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows:: *attach amended budget* (8/0). A motion to adopt as amended was made by Alderman Hight. Alderman Foutch said the city is losing Sales Tax revenue to surrounding communities. The city is spending millions on Trolleys, Submarines and Bicycle Trails. Priorities need to get back to the basics. The city cannot afford the “fluff” anymore. There are millions in bonds that will be coming due in the future. Alderwoman Ross said she appreciated being included in the budget process. She agreed with Alderman Foutch regarding hard decisions in the future. Alderman Hight said the cost of doing business with and for the City of North Little Rock have gone up every year while revenue has gone down. Something needs to be done to generate more revenue. Our employees are important. If we do not increase revenue, layoffs may be necessary. Alderman Baxter said we have to meet the needs of the citizens of the city. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Alderman Foutch, who voted no, the resolution was adopted as amended (7/1).

O-13-110

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING A CERTAIN PORTION OF EAST 23RD STREET LOCATED BETWEEN MAIN AND NORTH POPLAR STREETS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read three times December 9, 2013, was called. Mayor Smith spoke with North Little Rock School District Superintendent Kelly Rogers who advised they would be closing on the remaining property January 2, 2014. The legislation was then held by the sponsor, Mayor Smith. (*North Little Rock School District*)

O-13-114

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A TIRE STORE IN A C-4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1600 EAST BROADWAY IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held by the sponsor, Alderman Taylor. (*applicant: Jim Butler*)

CONSENT AGENDA

None filed.

NEW BUSINESS

R-13-230 (RESOLUTION NO. 8465 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF ADVANCED CABLING SYSTEMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706(D) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight. Alderwoman Ross asked if this applied to the construction costs only. Mayor Smith said it was. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-13-231 (RESOLUTION NO. 8466 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3913 EAST BROADWAY IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO HUM'S HARDWARE & FURNITURE, INC.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Alderman Baxter asked if this was included in the city owned property inventory presented to the Land Task Force. Mr. Voyles said it was. Mayor Smith said it is a warehouse. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (\$145,000.00)

R-13-232 (RESOLUTION NO. 8467 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A SIXTH AMENDMENT TO EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MAPLE HOLDINGS, LLC AND 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. Alderwoman Ross said the Rye Building property is being held up by one piece of property. She asked if the potential owners have considered trying to work out something else. Mayor Smith said the city hasn't closed on any of the properties. Mayor Smith said this is the last piece of property and it had some contamination. The city received a grant from Pulaski County to remove the gas tanks. Alderman Foutch asked if Maple Holdings, LLC and New Argenta Fund, LLC were subsidiaries of one another or separate entities. Mayor Smith said it is Harold Tennebaum and his partners. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Alderwoman Ross who voted no, the resolution was adopted (7/1).

R-13-233 (RESOLUTION NO. 8468 – 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 Taylor 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 unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-13-234 (RESOLUTION NO. 8469 – 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 1212 WEST 18TH STREET 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 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 unanimously adopted (8/0). (*amount - \$2,966.20*)

R-13-235 (RESOLUTION NO. 8470 – 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 1212 ½ WEST 18TH STREET 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 Hight. 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 unanimously adopted (8/0). (*amount – \$3,116.03*)

R-13-236 (RESOLUTION NO. 8471 – 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 1813 WEST LONG 17TH STREET 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 Alderwoman Robinson. 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 unanimously adopted (8/0). (*amount - \$3,236.08*)

R-13-237 (RESOLUTION NO. 8472 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2014 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT; 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).

O-13-115

Called earlier in meeting (see above).

O-13-116 (ORDINANCE NO. 8596 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ANNUAL CHARGES FOR PROPERTIES LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE YOUNG ROAD MULTI-PURPOSE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 33 OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 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. Alderman Witcher asked if a public hearing was needed. Mr. Bob Hardin, Attorney at Law said there were no objections filed to the Assessments, therefore a hearing was not needed. Alderwoman Ross asked how the Assessors were chosen. Mr. Hardin said they were adopted by the council through previous legislation. They also have to reside within the City of North Little Rock. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-13-117

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A SPECIAL USE FOR A TATTOO STUDIO IN A C-6 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 111 WEST 7TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held by the sponsor, Alderman Taylor. (*applicant: Chris Schee*)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Thomas Crnko asked if there was an update regarding Nevada Railroad Materials and the nuisance business. This has been ongoing for a year. The noise has gotten worse since the leaves have fallen. Thirty (30) people came in and provided depositions to the North Little Rock Police Department. The material is there daily. There has been standing water with creosote on the top. Shutting down the business would require excessive cleanup. The gray shell in the area is now black. Mr. Crnko referenced a rezoning issue earlier in the meeting. Alderman Witcher said tar or something is being tracked into the street in the area, too. Mr. James Ard said the council should have held the legislation on Home Care and worked on it. He had to take care of his mother for 16 years. He would not have been able to do it without the help of a care giver. The city was wrong to tell the applicant that he could go in at that location and then change the decision later. Alderman Foutch commended the North Little Rock Department and Officer Tommy Norman for the continued success of the Shop With A Cop Program. He also thanked the people who donated money and time to the efforts. He thanked everyone who participated in the Polar Bear Plunge and the Fire Department for their Bicycle Fundraiser program. Mayor Smith attended a Retirement Party for Alderwoman Linda Robinson who retired from the State of Arkansas after 33 years of service. Mayor Smith then presented her a proclamation making it her day in honor of her service. Mayor Smith said the city is trying to get the

word out regarding separation of waste (green waste) for pickup. He has considered a mail out which will cost about \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00 and asked council members for their feedback. Alderman Taylor said the city picks up (vacuums) leaves for free. The heavy rains over the weekend washed the leaves that were raked into the street into the storm drains. The city picks them up for free, pays money to have them composted and then has to pay to clean out the drains. This is a perpetual problem.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, January 13, 2014, 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