

September 25, 2017
Six 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, September 25, 2017, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Joe A. Smith.

The roll having been called and the following Council Members answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, BETH WHITE, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, CHARLIE HIGHT and MURRY WITCHER (8/0). Assistant City Clerk Katelyn Thomas, Deputy City Clerk/Enforcement Officer Shannon Carroll, and City Attorney C. Jason Carter, and Deputy City Attorney Amy Fields.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Council Member Taylor.

On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Ross and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting and Special Call meeting held on Monday, September 11, 2017, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (8/0).

On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, communications #1 and 2 were accepted and filed (8/0).

1. J. E. Barnes, letter to City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey re: City Contract with Burns Park Athletic Association.
2. C. Tad Bohannon, Chief Executive Officer, Central Arkansas Water, letter to Mayor Smith re: proposed Issuance of Special Revenue Bonds to Complete Transfer of Wye Mountain Assets and the Adoption of a Debt Surcharge on Wye Mountain Customers for Repayment of the Bonds.

Mayor Smith announced a Special Call meeting.

September 22, 2017

Special Meeting of the North Little Rock City Council

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 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2017, at City Hall Council Chambers, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The following will be on the agenda:

O-17-77 – AMENDING CHAPTER 2 (ANIMAL CONTROL) OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING KEEPING OF HOGS, GOATS OR SHEEP UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Sponsors: Mayor Smith, Council Members Witcher and Hight

I have also included a copy of the Exhibit “A” document for attachment to Resolution R-17-166.

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

Respectfully,
C. Jason Carter,
City Attorney

SPECIAL CALL O-17-77

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 (ANIMAL CONTROL) OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING KEEPING OF HOGS, GOATS OR SHEEP UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time and held.

Mayor Smith unveiled the design for the new Downtown Plaza which is based on the oxbow lakes which were created by the Arkansas River on the eastern side of the city. The plaza will be the “front porch” of our city. He then presented a video illustration of the area and comments. Mayor Smith referenced an audio/visual component that will include a screen that will allow for seasonal changes, movies, etc. Mayor Smith also referenced the water features. A three story building will also be a part of the area, which would hopefully include a restaurant and other businesses. Grassy areas are to be raised to encourage sitting in the areas as opposed to just walking through the area and to maintain the integrity of the grass, which would be in the oxbow design. The goal is to break ground on the project after the first of the year with a grand opening by Christmas (2018). Mayor Smith said the public is encouraged to submit recommendations to name the plaza. Council Member Ross asked about funding. Mayor Smith said the city has set aside funds over the past five (5) years and will not use any of the funds from the new one-cent sales tax (that will go into effect January 1, 2018). Mayor Smith said the video that was shown is on the city’s website.

Mayor Smith announced citizen public comment on legislation. Mr. Ron Threlkeld who lives on Brown Drive spoke on behalf of residents in the area regarding O-17-74. There are about 20 homes in the neighborhood which are zoned R-1. The residents asked that the council not allow mobile homes in the area. Mr. Threlkeld described structures (residential) at the corner of Crystal Hill Road and Brown Drive. He described some of the concerns the neighbors have with regard to a mobile home and rental property, etc. This is a quiet, well-kept neighborhood. He asked the city council to consider the request of residents and oppose the special use request. Without objection, Mayor Smith pulled the legislation.

O-17-74

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3815 CRYSTAL HILL ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS FROM R-1 TO R-2 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A MOBILE HOME IN AN R-2 ZONE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross, and the roll having been called, and all members present, having voted no, the ordinance failed (0/8). (*applicant: A. J. Lewis*) Council Member Ross asked what the next step would be. Mr. Carter said the city will have to enforce the law. Mayor Smith said Code Enforcement will be involved.

Mayor Smith recessed the meeting briefly at 6:21 p.m. to allow those who were present on the legislation above to leave the council chambers.

Mayor Smith reconvened the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

There being no one else wishing to be heard in public comment, Mayor Smith called for unfinished business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O-17-68 (ORDINANCE NO. 8942 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 4 (BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS) REGARDING FEE SCHEDULES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time September 11, 2017, was read a second time this date. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading. The ordinance was read a third and final time. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Baxter. Mayor Smith said fees haven't been adjusted in over 17 years. On the previous motion 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).

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

NEW BUSINESS

R-17-164 (RESOLUTION NO. 9286 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 27TH AND 28TH AS “ELECTRONICS RECYCLING UNPLUGGED DAYS” IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-17-165 (RESOLUTION NO. 9287 – COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE)

A RESOLUTION RENEWING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*amount \$700.00*). Council Member White commended Community Garden volunteers and their efforts.

R-17-166 (RESOLUTION NO. 9288 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE SALE AND DONATION AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Ross. Council Member Ross referenced an amendment which Mr. Carter said was distributed with the Special Call notice. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows: *attached Exhibit “A” provided this date* (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0).

R-17-167 (RESOLUTION NO. 9289 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 4816 EAST BROADWAY 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 Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member 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). (*owner: G&J LLC, Stella's Liquor*)

R-17-168 (RESOLUTION NO. 9290 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 105 EAST EMILY STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member 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). (*owners: William (Billy) B. Whitley and Ruth Ann Whitley*)

R-17-169 (RESOLUTION NO. 9291 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 4709 ATKINS 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 Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member 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). (*owner: Entropy Systems, Inc. c/o Imran Bohra*)

R-17-170 (RESOLUTION NO. 9292 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 400 VALLEY VIEW DRIVE 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 Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Baxter. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. A woman who identified herself as the property owner (provided no name) spoke. She advised the property is being reconstructed. She has started cleaning up the exterior. Mayor Smith advised her she would have to go to the City Attorney's Office to set up an appointment and work out an agreement with them as well as post a (cash) bond. 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 (8/0). (*owner: Ervin D. Shabriann*)

R-17-171 (RESOLUTION NO. 9293 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1006 NORTH E 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 Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member 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). (*owner: Keith Ingersoll as Trustee Ingersoll Financial No. 41 Land Trust*)

R-17-172 (RESOLUTION NO. 9294 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 613 POE 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 Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member 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). (*owner: Stephanie Jefferson aka Stephanie D. Nelson*)

R-17-173 (RESOLUTION NO. 9295 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 4705 ATKINS 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 Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross. 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). (*owner: Byron K. Campbell*)

R-17-174 (RESOLUTION NO. 9296 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 8030 RAINS ROAD 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 Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member 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 all members present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Curt Douglas Fulmer*)

R-17-175 (RESOLUTION NO. 9297 – 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 212 EAST 18TH STREET (AKA 1723 MAGNOLIA STREET) IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to

adopt was made by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross. 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 - \$2,518.32*)

R-17-176 (RESOLUTION NO. 9298 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CERTIFYING AMOUNTS OF LIENS TO BE FILED WITH 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 Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member

Ross. 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).

O-17-71 (ORDINANCE NO. 8943 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK FOR THE POLICE PENSION AND RELIEF

FUND, THE FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUND, THE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY FUND, AND THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK GENERAL FUND; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR

OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Mayor Smith said this is an annual ordinance required for the county to collect and distribute the millage tax. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by

Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0).

On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Harris, 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). (*total 10 mills*)

O-17-72 (ORDINANCE NO. 8944 – MAYOR SMITH AND COUNCIL MEMBER ROSS)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ENERGY RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND

FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0).

Mr. Carter explained the change in procedure regarding member attendance and an alternate member. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-17-73 (ORDINANCE NO. 8945 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2017 QUOTA ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 8871) FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, PARKS & RECREATION AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight, and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Hight. Council Member Ross asked about the position of Chief Information Technology Officer that is being added to the Administration Department. Mr. Carter said Chief of Staff Danny Bradley and Finance Director Karen Scott have been working on this recommendation. Several departments have their own IT teams (Electric, Police, Utilities). Business is becoming more IT centric. The city needs to keep up with these changes. Mayor Smith said in 2018, the position will be part of the Administration staff. In 2019, the employee will transition to another area. Mayor Smith said staff will begin cross-training with the other IT teams. On the previous motion, 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-17-74 *called earlier in meeting.*

O-17-75 (ORDINANCE NO. 8946 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW OUTDOOR AUTO STORAGE IN AN I-1 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7303 HIGHWAY 70 IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all member present, the readings were suspended (8/0). Council Member Robinson met with residents of the Meadow Park area and they have no objections to this request. Council Member Ross referenced employees. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0).

(applicant: Jeff Hooker)

O-17-76 (ORDINANCE NO. 8947 – COUNCIL MEMBER BAXTER)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW CABINET MANUFACTURING IN A C-3 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5513 MACARTHUR DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND

FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). Council Member Baxter said the residents at 5919 and 5917 Parkway are having drainage issues that may be a result of the fence and buffer running along the property line (on the south) or another drainage issue. The fence between 5919 Parkway and 5513 MacArthur is in disrepair and overgrown. Central Arkansas Water has checked meters in the area. Council Member Baxter referenced the location of drainage pipes in the area. Mayor Smith asked if the water was chlorinated. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *Section 2 e) add CLEAN AND REPAIR to the beginning and strike through ~~are to remain~~; and add new Section 2 i) COOPERATE IN* RESOLUTION OF DRAINAGE PROBLEM ON ADJACENT PROPERTY (8/0). Council Member Ross asked about the house on the property. The applicant said there are no plans to use it at this time and that it may be sold in the future. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Harris, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0). (*applicant: Matt Hardin*)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Smith introduced Mr. Shannon Carroll, who is a new member of the City Clerk/Treasurer staff. He will serve as Deputy City Clerk/Enforcement Officer and will be involved with Special and Conditional Uses and Business/Privilege Licensing issues.

Note: Council Member Taylor left the council chambers at 6:59 p.m.

Ms. Kristen Westmoreland said she is a dog groomer. She has extensive personal and professional experience with depression and anxiety. She referenced the benefits of pet ownership. She also discussed different dog breeds and their characteristics and the city's ban on Pit Bull breeds. She said any dog can bite and the ones that bite her most frequently are small breed dogs. Her customers are unable to bring their "bully" breed dogs in (North Little Rock) for grooming which affects her income. Breed Specific Laws (BSL) discriminate against service animals if they are members of the bully breed. Physical appearance should not be used to determine a dog's disposition or ability. Education is a better solution. She encouraged the council to repeal the BSL legislation. Ms. Jill Walker also spoke against BSL legislation which effects all dog lovers. She referenced various agencies and their findings regarding (Pit Bull) breeds. Dog owners should be held accountable for the actions of their dogs, regardless of the breed. A vicious dog ordinance would be a more effective way to keep our city safe. She is in the process of getting signatures of North Little Rock residents on petitions to be presented to the city council at a later date. Ms. Terri Lindsey lives in Vilonia. Ms. Lindsey said she was present to show support to her friends who are trying to repeal North Little Rock's BSL Ordinance. These people are good loving families and citizens. The current law is discriminatory. Ms. Lindsey said the American Bar Association has also urged a repeal of all BSL laws. Ms. Tamara Baker shared an experience that resulted in the loss of a family pet due to its resemblance to a Pit Bull.

The Animal Shelter allowed her to be present when her dog had to be euthanized. She also spoke against BSL legislation. Mr. Atticus Franke said he cannot imagine the pain of a child who lost their pet. People are taught to love unconditionally. A dog is a great example of this. Mr. Franke referenced a speech former President Barack Obama made regarding breed specific legislation in 2013. Dogs of any breeds can be dangerous if they are raised to be aggressive. Mr. Jake Perritt has been a resident of North Little Rock 12 years. He had a Pit Bull puppy when he purchased his home and was unaware of the breed ban. Former Mayor Patrick Henry Hays and Animal Control worked with his family so they could keep their pet. Mr. Perritt also spoke against BSL legislation. He encouraged responsible pet ownership as an option. Ms. Courtney Mixon also spoke against BSL legislation and referenced friends who had lost their pets and animals that were euthanized because of their breed. She said BSL legislation is ineffective and recommended vicious dog legislation. Mr. Guy Choate said he and his wife live in Ward 4, work in Ward 3, and own property in Wards 2 and 1. He spoke against BSL legislation and said dog breeds are not the problem. He referenced a dog owner who broke into the Animal Shelter to retrieve his dog before it was euthanized. The shelter director said the owner visited his dog every day. The owner should have figured out another option. He asked the council to represent him and his neighbors. Mr. Choate then read from a note provided to him by Ms. Mixon thanking the council for their time and referenced the petitions they are circulating. Mr. James Ard referenced concerns he brought to the council several months ago regarding J Hook (Wrecking). He spoke with the owner tonight who said he was unaware of the issue and invited him to come out and talk about the issue.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting which will be held on Monday, October 9, 2017, at six 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