

December 27, 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, December 25, 2017, was rescheduled (due to the Christmas Holiday) to Wednesday, December 27, 2017, and 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). City Clerk Diane Whitbey, Deputy City Clerk/Enforcement Officer Shannon Carroll and City Attorney Amy Fields were also present.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Mayor Smith.

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

On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Witcher, and by consent of all members present, communication #1 was not read, but was accepted and filed (8/0).

1. Nathan Hamilton – NLR Proud Projects – December 2017 – Report.

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

2. C. Jason Carter, Carter Law Firm, LLC, memorandum re: Risk Management Committee Quarterly Report (Q3, FY17).

Mr. Carter, who represents the North Little Rock Electric Department advised energy transactions have slowed due to reaching purchasing limits as constrained by the Risk Management Policy and that there were capacity purchases.

Mayor Smith announced a Special Call meeting.

December 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 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at City Hall Council Chambers, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The following will be on the agenda:

R-17-217 – AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF A USED FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPER DUTY RESCUE TRUCK TO THE CITY OF LAKE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Sponsor: Mayor Joe A. Smith

O-17-106 – AMENDING THE ALL NIGHT OUTDOOR LIGHTING SERVICE (L-4) RATE SCHEDULE (EXHIBIT B TO ORDINANCE NO. 8957) TO CORRECT THE PERCENTAGE RATE REDUCTION ON RESIDENTIAL BILLS BEFORE APPLICATION OF FRANCHISE FEES AND TAXES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Sponsor: Mayor Joe A. Smith

I have also included a communication from the Risk Management Committee regarding their third quarter activity.

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,
Amy Beckman Fields
City Attorney

SPECIAL CALL

R-17-217 (RESOLUTION NO. 9334 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF A USED FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPER DUTY RESCUE TRUCK TO THE CITY OF LAKE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Ross. Mayor Smith said this vehicle is no longer useful to the City of North Little Rock. It has 150,000 miles and the pumper is broke. (Lake Village) Mayor (Jo Ann) Bush and Fire Chief Sammy Angel said they can repair and use the pumper. There being no discussion and on the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-17-106 (ORDINANCE NO. 8971 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ALL NIGHT OUTDOOR LIGHTING SERVICE (L-4) RATE SCHEDULE (EXHIBIT B TO ORDINANCE NO. 8957) TO CORRECT THE PERCENTAGE RATE

REDUCTION ON RESIDENTIAL BILLS BEFORE APPLICATION OF FRANCHISE FEES AND TAXES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Witcher, 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 Baxter, 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).

There were no public comments on legislation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

NEW BUSINESS

R-17-213 (RESOLUTION NO. 9335 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND WELLS TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-17-214 (RESOLUTION NO. 9336 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING EDWARD WALLACE TO THE POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY JACKIE ALEXANDER ON THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK PLANNING COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

Mayor Smith thanked both gentlemen for their service. The Oath of Office was then given to both Mr. Wells and Mr. Wallace by City Clerk Whitbey.

Without objection, O-17-105 was called.

O-17-105 (ORDINANCE NO. 8972 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBINSON AND TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ROCKWATER BOULEVARD AND PARKER STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM PUD AND R-4 TO PLANNED USE DEVELOPMENT (PUD) CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY;

AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, 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 Robinson, 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). (*applicant: McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc.*)

R-17-215 (RESOLUTION NO. 9337 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2017 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Taylor. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows: *substitute copy distributed this date* (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0).

R-17-216 (RESOLUTION NO. 9338 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DIAMOND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE MAIN STREET GRAVITY/PUMP STATION STORMWATER OUTFALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$314,845.00; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; 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 resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-17-103 (ORDINANCE NO. 8973 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROSS)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6478 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS COMPOSING THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK TREE BOARD; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Ross 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 Robinson. Council Member Ross said there is an individual who would be perfect for the Tree Board, however, the composition is five (5) members. By adding a member the total will be six (6). Council Member Taylor asked what will happen if there is a tie vote on a subject. Mayor Smith said he would break a tie and that the board doesn't have any authority. It serves more as an advisory council. 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-17-104 (ORDINANCE NO. 8974 – COUNCIL MEMBERS WITCHER AND HIGHT)
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A WAIVER OF SECTION 14.26 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE
TO ALLOW AN OFF-PREMISE SIGN ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4339
WARDEN ROAD IIN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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). Council Member Hight said would not be a LED Changeable Copy Sign. This is not the first time something like this has been allowed on Warden Road. All of the businesses are working together to make sure signage is visible from Warden Road. This hotel is the only business that does not have a sign on Warden Road. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Ross, 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). (*applicant: Ace Sign Company of Arkansas*)

O-17-105 was called earlier in meeting (see above).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Ross said the Old Mill has been nominated by USA Today as one of the top ten attractions in our state. People can vote online on Facebook or at 10Best.com (attractions) until January 15, 2018. Currently the Old Mill is in First Place. Council Member Harris asked the status of naming the downtown Plaza. Mayor Smith said 106 nominations have been turned in. A committee of six (6) will narrow it down to five (5) each. An announcement should be made in January. Mayor Smith asked City Engineer Chris Wilbourn to stay after the meeting to schedule meetings with council members to discuss projects for 2018 that will be funded by Ward funds. Mayor Smith said 2017 has been a good year. A lot of good things have taken place for the future of our city. The City Council works together and members are respectful of each other.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, January 8, 2018, 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