

April 23, 2018
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, April 23, 2018, was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Joe A. Smith.

The roll having been called and the following Council Members answered to their names: BETH WHITE, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, CHARLIE HIGHT, and MURRY WITCHER (7/0). Council Member DEBI ROSS was absent. City Clerk Diane Whitbey, Deputy City Clerk Talor Shinn and City Attorney Amy Fields were also present.

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

On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Hight and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting held on Monday, April 9, 2018, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (7/0).

On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, communication #1 was read by title only, accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Email from Jan Eberle, Parks and Recreation re: Employee Weight Watchers Program and update. Mayor Smith said the program has been very effective. 41 employees lost of total of 830 pounds during a 12 week period of time.

On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, communication #2 was read, accepted and filed (7/0).

2. Mayor Smith letter to City Council Members re: 14th Street Viaduct (structural stability). Council Member White advised several people who live near the bridge were present and wanted to speak. Ms. Shanna Broadway lives in the area. The bridge has been closed. She thought it was for repairs and learned after contacting the Mayor's Office the closure was permanent. She asked if there was an alternative to either keep it open or repair it until another bridge can be built. A lot of traffic uses the bridge. This is a busy area. When a train comes through it sits on the tracks for long periods of time. She suggested the train not block the tracks for 30 – 40 minutes at a time. There are alternate routes, 13 blocks up at Pershing or several blocks down to the riverfront area. Mr. Keith Broadway lives on Sycamore. He said police use the bridge a lot. The bridge is a link between two sides of the city. This afternoon, a train was stopped at 13th Street, which is the main crossing. City vehicles and others turn around on the sidewalk to go to the crossing at Pike. There have been several close calls (accidents) due to people turning around. The thoroughfare is needed. If the bridge cannot be

replaced, then trains should not be allowed to stop on the tracks. When stopped, crossings can be blocked all the way to Pershing. The Broadway underpass is also in bad shape. Ms. Kyong Son owns the Super Stop Convenience Store at 1400 Main. The store was in bad shape before she purchased the business. She remodeled and increased her business. However, since the bridge has been closed, she is struggling. She works very hard and asked the council to either fix the bridge or replace it. Ms. Jean Morris said children who walk to school are having to take a different route. Her son has been harassed by people in a car. She would like for him to be able to cross the bridge. Ms. Morris suggested providing another bridge in the area. Council Member Hight asked if there was any thought of converting the bridge to pedestrian use only. Mayor Smith said the railroad does not want the bridge. City Engineering has been looking at this. The city drew up plans for a new bridge on 15th Street, but couldn't get funding or neighborhood support. The city will visit with the railroad regarding city law that prevents an intersection from being blocked for more than 20 minutes.

On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Witcher, and by consent of all members present, communication #3 was not read, but was accepted and filed (7/0).

3. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Restaurant Beer & Wine – NEW* for Mug Café, 515 Main Street, by Michael Hickmon.

On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, communication #4 was read by title only, accepted and filed (7/0).

4. Mayor Smith letter to North Little Rock Employees re: December death of Electric Department employee.

Mayor Smith said the city has been meeting with the Department of Labor and OSHA about options and things that can be done better. He met with Electric Department employees last week and advised the city has hired a part-time Safety/Inspector Director who has 40 years of experience with Entergy as their Safety Director. The employee will work for the mayor. Employees who violate safety regulations will be written up and possibly sent home. The letter provided this date will be sent to other departments.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Randy Naylor to come forward to announce The Great North Little Rock Cleanup, scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2018. Mr. Naylor said this is part of a nationwide program through Keep America Beautiful. More volunteers are needed. There will be a celebration following the cleanup at the John Irvin Pavilion. Ms. Shelly Jones is a teacher at North Little Rock Middle School. She recently became involved with Keep North Little Rock Beautiful through the involvement of her children. The local Keep North Little Rock Beautiful organization and the Downtown Council were recently awarded a \$2,500.00 Grant from Keep America Beautiful Cigarette Litter Prevention Program. \$295,000.00 was awarded to 42 organizations. Funds will be used to purchase cigarette receptacles for the Argenta Area where cigarette butts are found. The Argenta Green Team will maintain them. Cigarette and cigar litter are also toxic to waterways. Grant funds will also be used to purchase car and pocket disposal containers. Ms. Johnson also announced "So You Think You Can

Bark” dog costume contest and agility show on May 5, 2018, at the North Little Rock Middle School, 2400 Lakeview Road. All proceeds will benefit North Little Rock Friends of Animals Spay or Neuter program. Also, the annual Dog Town Derby will be October 27, 2018.

Mayor Smith invited Mayor’s Youth Council Member Mr. Phillip Drake, a freshman at North Little Rock High School, to come forward. Mr. Drake, who is 14 years old, said volunteering is important and keeps a community going. It gives people a way to bond within their community and strengthens their sense of belonging. Last summer, he was searching for volunteer opportunities but couldn’t find a reliable source online. Mr. Drake said 67% of volunteers find their opportunities online. He has created a website where volunteer organizations can submit volunteer opportunities and volunteers can see what is available. The website would be www.nlr.volunteering.weekly.com which he would support through his senior year of high school. He asked for support of the City Council and to link the website to the city’s official website. Mayor Smith said he did not know that city volunteers had to be 18 years of age before they can volunteer and would work with Mr. Drake on his project.

Mayor Smith read a proclamation proclaiming National Arbor Day in the City of North Little Rock. He then invited North Little Rock Tree Board Chair Ian Hope and Krista Quinn, with the Arkansas Forestry Commission to come forward. Ms. Quinn is an Urban Forester. The commission assists communities throughout the state to manage and conserve community trees through education and technical assistance. They are also the local coordinators of the Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA Program. She thanked residents and community leaders for recognizing trees as valuable resources for the city. North Little Rock has been a Tree City USA for 21 years. Ms. Quinn also commended Tree Board Chair Hope for his efforts in North Little Rock. She then presented Mayor Smith an Arbor Day flag. A tree planting will be at the Argenta Branch Library tomorrow (April 24, 2018), at 2:00 p.m. Free trees will be given away. The public was invited to attend.

Mayor Smith said the annual Police and Fire Awards ceremony was held recently. He introduced the North Little Rock Police and Fire Videos and thanked all of our first responders for their service and efforts. He also thanked Rusty Gatrell, North Little Rock Police Department who produced the videos.

Mayor Smith reconvened a public hearing regarding O-18-26 – establishing Electric Rates for the North Little Rock Electric Department at 6:38 p.m. Ms. Brenda Hampton lives in the Military Heights community. Her concerns are for senior citizens and low income residents. The city had a (recent) sales tax increase. Increasing electric rates will add a burden to many residents. If there is an increase, can the city reconsider (payment) extensions that used to be in place and referenced the previous “arrangement” policy for residents who were on the cut-off list. Ms. Artis Boykin said the proposal is to allow the North Little Rock Electric Department to eliminate debt and create savings for future use. As a private citizen, she would like to do the same for her personal finances. She has to budget and conserve energy. The city began collecting an additional one-cent sales tax (this year). The addition of an electric increase will cut into their (personal) funds. The Electric Department has a policy in

place to handle late and non-payers. Ms. Boykin asked the city to consider residents who act responsibly who pay their bills on time and may be on a fixed income. Mayor Smith reminded everyone the proposed legislation is a rate restructure. Ms. Jean Morris works and has children. A rate increase is not in her budget. She asked if there were other alternatives. Mrs. Phyllis Hodges has had a small business (Carousel Fitness) in North Little Rock for the past 17 years. She loves the city, but cannot afford her utilities to increase. Most of her clients have been complaining to her about rate increases. Some have indicated they cannot continue to go to her wellness center if their electric rates go up. She said it's not just a place to exercise, she also teaches her clients how to destress and get off of medication. Some of her clients are on fixed incomes. She received a courtesy call from the utility company last month as her bill was past due. Mrs. Hodges said the actual due date had not passed. She asked why the people don't get a chance to vote on this issue. Ms. Tammie Lewellen is the manager of Parkstone Place Retirement Living. If their bill goes up, they have to pass the increase on to their residents. When Mr. Bill Clements (was the Housing Authority Director) he said Parkstone Place was built to provide affordable housing for the retirement community. Ms. Lewellen referenced a number of residents who were also in attendance. Mayor Smith said the General Fund and the recently passed sales tax have nothing to do with the Electric Company. They are separate. The city council serves as the board of directors for the Electric Department. This is a business decision. Pastor Daryl Dandredge is the pastor of New Creation Bible Church. He understands inflation and the costs of goods and services increasing. However, income has remained the same. Many churches in the area are trying to help people with (financial) issues. It appears that this item was "slid" in and they had to find out from other sources about the proposal. Ms. Juanita Butler represents the Dark Hollow neighborhood. She said inflation is increasing but incomes are staying the same. Ms. Beatrice Akins lives in Argenta. She and her husband are self-employed business owners who are trying to establish themselves. An increase would not be helpful. Ms. Evelyn Coley lives in the Argenta area. Her mother is a senior citizen who is on a fixed income. The children are helping her (financially). This will cut into their budget, too. Mayor Smith said the average customer uses 1,000 kilowatt hours. Average users will see a decrease in their rate. Ms. Pamela Huff lives in Sherwood. She is a customer of North Little Rock Electric. She served in the military for 42 years and is now retired. She understands that some rates will increase and some will decrease. It's important for the public to have open communication and be informed. Ms. Sandra Ramsey moved to North Little Rock in 2015. North Little Rock Electric rates are a lot more here than in other cities. Her bills in Craighead County were half what she pays now. Her January bill was \$190.00. She said the city should decrease its rates. Byron Hodges is part owner of The Carousel. He did not see the need for a rate increase and the community should be the ones to decide the outcome. Mr. James Ard said he doesn't want or need the increase. The money would be used to buy spare parts and transformers, etc., which the city needs. City equipment is getting old and will need to be replaced. Mr. Ard said he is on a fixed income and has a hard time. Mr. Harlan Hunter said part of the one-cent sales tax is for infrastructure, (including) transformers and such. Mr. Hunter agreed that transformers are old and that they are part of the infrastructure. When a pole goes down, it is also part of the infrastructure. Mr. Hunter opposes any electric increase at this time. Older homes are not properly insulated and have poor windows. A lot of

senior citizens use fans instead of air (conditioning) in the summer. North Little Rock Electric Department Attorney C. Jason Carter thanked everyone for attending and asking questions and sharing comments. There have been no rate increases. The department has actually decreased the cost of operations over time by seeking more efficient ways of operating. In answer to the question of what additional funds would be sued for, Mr. Carter said it is so the department can manage its capital expenses and maintain reserves for responses to storms and outages. Since 2012, the department has not borrowed money. The department uses its cash reserves which saves money and reduces operational expense by not having to issue bonds, pay interest on the bonds, or hire bond counsel. A lot of concerns have been mentioned regarding rate increases. Mr. Carter reiterated what Mayor Smith had said regarding the base or average customer who will spend less money for electricity. There being no one else who signed in to speak, Mayor Smith recessed the public hearing until Monday, May 14, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. He said North Little Rock Electric Department staff which, included rate analysts and accountants, were present and will be in the lobby to answer questions. They can also look up accounts to check rates and estimate the fee under the new structure. Mayor Smith then recessed the meeting briefly.

Mayor Smith reconvened the meeting and announced citizen public comment on legislation. Mr. Ard referenced the street name change and the expense to the business owners on the street. Mayor Smith said there was only one and they had approved the change. Mr. Ard referenced legislation regarding an electronic changeable copy sign for at the Methodist Church. When the Catholic Church made the same request, it had to go before the Planning Commission first.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O-18-25

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A WAIVER OF SECTIONS 14.19 AND 14.23 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ELECTRONIC CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6701 JOHN F. KENNEDY BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time April 9, 2018. Council Member Hight asked that this item be called following O-18-27. (*see below*)

O-18-26

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ELECTRIC RATES FOR NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT CUSTOMERS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time April 9, 2018. A public hearing was convened and recessed until this date. The public hearing was reconvened (see above) and recessed until Monday, May 14, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. The ordinance was read a second time and held by the sponsor, Mayor Smith.

CONSENT AGENDA

By voice vote of all members present, consent items R-18-82 and R-18-83 were adopted (7/0).

R-18-82 (RESOLUTION NO. 9420 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 23, 2018 AS “ELECTRONICS RECYCLING WEEK” IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

Mayor Smith reminded the public Electronic Recycling will be at Verizon Arena this week (Wednesday and Thursday).

R-18-83 (RESOLUTION NO. 9421 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED ITEMS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS; PROVIDING FOR AUCTION THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

NEW BUSINESS

R-18-84 (RESOLUTION NO. 9422 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF PROCEEDS OF SALE OF CERTAIN VACANT PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ALONG THE NORTH BANK OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER BETWEEN THE RIVER AND ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY 165 TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK WASTEWATER UTILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (\$93,924.42)

R-18-85 (RESOLUTION NO. 9423 – COUNCIL MEMBERS WHITE AND ROSS)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL AID FUNDS FOR THE LEVY AND PARK HILL JUMP START IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO APPROPRIATE AGREEMENTS OR CONTRACTS WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ARDOT); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-18-86 (RESOLUTION NO. 9424 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBINSON AND TAYLOR)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL AID RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDS FOR WITKOWSKI PARK DEVELOPMENT OR IMPROVEMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-18-87 (RESOLUTION NO. 9425 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBINSON AND TAYLOR)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL AID RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDS FOR

7TH STREET (FROM MAPLE TO WILLOW STREETS) DEVELOPMENT OR IMPROVEMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-18-88 (RESOLUTION NO. 9426 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1404 W. SHORT 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 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 adopted (7/0). (*owner: James Rommel*)

R-18-89

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 219 E. 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 OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was withdrawn by the sponsor, Mayor Smith at the request of Code Enforcement. (*owner: Joe M. Wadley*)

R-18-90

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 120 E. 19TH 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 withdrawn by the sponsor, Mayor Smith at the request of Code Enforcement. (*owner: Billy Mac Laman Revocable Trust*)

R-18-91 (RESOLUTION NO. 9427 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CERTIFYING AMOUNTS OF LIENS TO BE FILED WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY 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 Witcher and seconded by Council Member 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).

O-18-27 (ORDINANCE NO. 8996 – COUNCIL MEMBER HIGHT)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 (“THE ZONING ORDINANCE”) AND
ORDINANCE 8808 TO EXTEND THE BOUNDARY PARAMETERS OF THE JFK (JOHN F.
KENNEDY) BOULEVARD SIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to suspend the readings was made by Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member 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, with the exception of Council Member White, who voted no, the readings were suspended (6/1). On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member White, who voted no, the ordinance was adopted (6/1). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

Without objection, O-18-25 was called.

O-18-25 (ORDINANCE NO. 8997 – COUNCIL MEMBER HIGHT)
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A WAIVER OF SECTIONS 14.19 AND 14.23 OF THE ZONING
ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ELECTRONIC CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN ON CERTAIN REAL
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6701 JOHN F. KENNEDY BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time April 9, 2018. The ordinance was read a second time this date. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the remaining readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hight. City Attorney Fields referred to an amendment provided to council members this date which changed whereas clauses to reflect the expansion of the district (*see O-18-27*). On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Witcher, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Witcher, who voted no, the ordinance was amended as follows: *substitute copy provided this date* (6/1). Council Member Witcher asked why the sign request was going from 6 to 9 feet. Mr. Jay Wedaman, is the Business Administrator at North Little Rock First United Methodist Church said they would utilize the base from their existing sign. This would not be a new sign, but a modification. Council Member Hight said the sign is not in the city right-of-way. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Members White and Witcher, who voted no, the ordinance was adopted as amended (5/2). Emergency clause adopted (6/1), council member Witcher voted no.

O-18-28 (ORDINANCE NO. 8998 – COUNCIL MEMBERS BAXTER AND HARRIS)
AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF THE EAST-WEST PORTION OF COUNTS
MASSIE ROAD TO WHITE OAK CROSSING IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK;
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 (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Taylor, 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-18-29 (ORDINANCE NO. 8999 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW TWO SEASONAL HIGH TUNNELS IN AN R-3 ZONE ON CERTAIN PROPERTY OFF OF POWERLINE DRIVE 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 Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Robinson, and seconded by Council Member Baxter, 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). (*applicant: Patrick Cullivan*)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bobby Taylor said he attended the Rose City Crime Watch meeting last week. One of the council members attended the meeting and brought signs that read “*Welcome to Rose City.*” There was a question and answer session where people talked about grass being put in the street and drains. A lady had a problem with standing water and was advised to contact the Health Department. Mr. Taylor said he had a comment but was unable to speak. Mr. Taylor said he visits with a lot of people at his shop. Mr. Ard said he has watched Electric Department employees at work. They are very professional, safety minded and go above and beyond the call of duty. Mayor Smith said the employees at the Electric Department have a dangerous job. Mayor Smith then showed a photograph of Mr. Ard attending a council meeting in 2004. Council Member Robinson said she attended the Rose City meeting and took notes, which she shared with the necessary (city) department heads. Mrs. (Shirley) Abel was provided a copy of the notes. Council Member Robinson asked Mr. Robert Birch, Special Assistant to the Mayor for information regarding city wards. Ward 1 has 15,245 residents; Ward 2 has 15,363 residents; Ward 3 has 15,975 residents; and Ward 4 has 15,721 residents. Ward 2 has the most acreage with 15,385 acres.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, May 14, 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: Joe A. Smith
MAYOR JOE A. SMITH

ATTEST: Diane Whitbey
DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK