

October 8, 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, October 8, 2018, was called to order at 6:03 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, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, and MURRY WITCHER (6/0). Council Members BETH WHITE and CHARLIE HIGHT were absent. City Clerk Diane Whitbey, Deputy City Clerk/Revenue Officer Shannon Carroll, and City Attorney Amy Fields were also present.

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

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 held on Monday, September 24, 2018, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (6/0).

On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Members Taylor and Robinson, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were not read, but were accepted and filed (6/0).

1. Karen Scott, North Little Rock Finance Director re: Utilities Accounting Department Financial Statements and Supplemental Information with Independent Auditor's Report, December 31, 2017 and 2016.
2. Rick Ashley, Owner – The Ashley Group letter to Mayor Joe A. Smith re: Conditions at North Little Rock Airport.
3. Dennis Oakley, President – Bruce Oakley, Inc. letter to Mayor Joe A. Smith re: Conditions at North Little Rock Airport.
4. Keith Richardson, Owner – Richardson Properties, LLC letter to Mayor Smith re: Conditions at North Little Rock Airport.
6. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: Restaurant Mixed Drink – NEW for Longhorn Steakhouse, 3911 McCain Boulevard, by Anthony L. Hubbard.
7. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: Retail Beer off Premises, Small Farm Wine, Grocery Store Wine & Wine – Sampling – Change of Manager from Matthew Sims, for Wal-Mart Supercenter #4460, 12001 Maumelle Boulevard, by Tiffany S. Johnson.
8. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: Restaurant Beer and Wine – NEW for Smokey Joe's Restaurant, 13503 Crystal Hill Road, by Khader A. Qandah.

9. Karen Scott, Finance Director and Chair Energy Risk Management Committee memorandum to City Clerk Diane Whitbey re: Power Cost Adjustment rate (PCA) – October, 2018 (.0049/kwh [positive]).

Mayor Smith referenced communications from several North Little Rock business leaders regarding the North Little Rock Airport. Bruce Oakley, Inc. has international offices and plans to build a new building (in North Little Rock) with 200 employees. Mr. Williams' business expands across North America.

On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, communication #5 was read, accepted and filed (6/0).

5. Steve Williams, Chairman and CEO Maverick Transportation, LLC letter to Mayor Smith re: Conditions at North Little Rock Airport.

Mayor Smith read a Proclamation titled *Imagine A Day Without Water* which highlighted the importance of water in our everyday lives and activities. He then presented the proclamation to Mr. Doug Shackelford, Central Arkansas Water.

No one signed in to speak during public comment on legislation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

None filed.

NEW BUSINESS

R-18-198 (RESOLUTION NO. 9533 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED ITEMS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS; PROVIDING FOR AUCTION THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0).

R-18-199 (RESOLUTION NO. 9534 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2018 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO REAUTHORIZE AND INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR SPECIFIED DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was

made by Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross. Finance Director Karen Scott advised these were previously budgeted items and the budget needed to be amended to reflect the same. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0). (*Street Fund and Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund*)

R-18-200 (RESOLUTION NO. 9535 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE ENERGY ATTRIBUTES SALE AGREEMENT WITH L'OREAL USA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0).

R-18-201 (RESOLUTION NO. 9536 – MAYOR SMITH, COUNCIL MEMBERS ROSS, WHITE, ROBINSON, TAYLOR, BAXTER, HARRIS, WITCHER AND HIGHT)

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK FIRE FIGHTERS UNION LOCAL 35 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS (“IAFF”) ON THEIR 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY, was read. Without objection, all eight (8) Council Members were added as cosponsors. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Ross. Mayor Smith said Captain Wallace Dereuisseaux was not present but highlighted the fact the North Little Rock Fire Fighters Union Local No. 35 will celebrate their 100th Year Anniversary. He then read a Proclamation proclaiming *Firefighters 100th Anniversary* and advised Local 35, which established in 1918, currently represents 153 firefighters who staff 11 fire stations throughout the city. Mayor Smith then commended the fire fighters for their efforts and declared this date as *Local 35 Day* in the City of North Little Rock. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0).

North Little Rock Fire Chief Gerald Tucker came forward and invited the public to attend the Annual Fire Fest Festival that will be held Tuesday, October 9, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the McCain Mall parking lot (off of McCain – in the South parking lot). This event will be the largest one in the history of North Little Rock Fire Department hosting the event.

Note: Mayor Smith called a group public hearing on Clean Up Liens for the following locations: 114 S. Redwood Street, 713 Vine Street, 6505 Medford Lane, 1823 Schaer Street, and 126 Marvin Street.

R-18-202 (RESOLUTION NO. 9537 – 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 114 S. REDWOOD STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing that included all Clean Up Liens filed on this agenda (R-18-202, R-18-203, R-18-204, R-18-205 and R-18-206). There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing(s) were adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0).
(amount: \$2,053.07)

R-18-203 (RESOLUTION NO. 9538 – 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 713 VINE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0). (*amount: \$5,739.72*)

R-18-204 (RESOLUTION NO. 9539 – 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 6505 MEDFORD LANE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 adopted (6/0). (*amount: \$5,036.89*)

R-18-205 (RESOLUTION NO. 9540 – 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 1823 SCHAER STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0). (*amount: \$7,038.62*)

R-18-206 (RESOLUTION NO. 9541 – 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 126 MARVIN STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 adopted (6/0). (*amount: \$5,718.06*)

R-18-207 (RESOLUTION NO. 9542 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CERTIFYING THE 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 Baxter 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 (6/0).

O-18-81 (ORDINANCE NO. 9049 - MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS 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 Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (6/0). On the motion of Council Member Ross 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 (6/0). Emergency clause adopted (6/0). Council Member Ross commended North Little Rock Electric Department General Manager Scott Springer and Business Director Jill Ponder for their efforts on this project.

O-18-82 (ORDINANCE NO. 9050 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POWER COST ADJUSTMENT FOR ELECTRIC RATES FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT CUSTOMERS; 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 (6/0). 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 adopted (6/0). Emergency clause adopted (6/0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jimmy Ard said he learned a lot about why a better airport was needed in North Little Rock due to the presentation held before the council meeting this date. He reminded everyone of the upcoming (Friendly Chapel) Brother Paul Fish Fry (which is Friday, October 19, 2018). Mr. Doug McDowall reminded everyone the deadline to register to vote in the November General Election is Tuesday, October 9, 2018. He also reminded the public that if a voter had not voted in the previous two (2) Presidential Elections that they would no longer be registered voters. He said people can check their status by going to the following website: rockthevote.org. Mayor Smith advised Neighborhood Services Director, Dan Scott lost his wife (Sherry) over the weekend. Todd Larson, Economic Development Director's sister also died. Mayor Smith extended condolences on behalf of the City Council. Mayor Smith said there was an article in the paper today regarding a new theater being built in Fayetteville through a partnership of their Advertising and Promotion Commission and City Council. He referenced another article from October 4, 2018, regarding U. S. workers rising health costs and the challenges employers across the country are facing. Mayor Smith also referenced a DRAFT of a Contract for Residential Recycling with Waste Management. He is working with Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola, Sherwood Mayor Virginia Young and attorneys for all of the cities involved. A meeting is planned for this week. Mayor Smith distributed copies to all council members

and reporters who were present. His intent is to bring this back to the council on October 22, 2018. He encouraged Council Members to review the DRAFT and contact him with their thoughts or concerns. Council Member Ross asked if the Contract would include a good contact number and referenced an issue from last week. She said they need a point-of-contact.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. (6/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, October 22, 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