

February 25, 2019  
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, February 25, 2019, was called to order at 6:01 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, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, JANE GINN and CHARLIE HIGHT (7/0). Council Member LINDA ROBINSON was absent. City Clerk Diane Whitbey and City Attorney Amy Fields were also present.

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

On the motion of Council Member Hight 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, February 11, 2019, 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 not read, but was accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer off Premises & Small Farm Wine – NEW*, for Valero Prothro Jct (Junction), 2541 Highway 161, by Samina Kousar.
2. Kristian Nelson, letter "To Whom It May Concern" from John Johnson, Owner/Producer Gold Productions Inc. / Girls Night Out The Show.

Mayor Smith advised The White Pig Inn located on Broadway will close in two weeks. Mayor Smith encouraged everyone to stop by before the business (which has been in operation in our city for 100 years) closes.

Mayor Smith announced citizen public comment on legislation. Mr. Nick Franke spoke against R-19-05. He reiterated comments he made at previous City Council meetings regarding the North Little Rock Airport. He also referenced an email he sent to Council Members. Mr. Robert Fureigh spoke regarding R-19-05. He reiterated previous comments he made at City Council meetings. Mr. Fureigh said the Airport Commission is made up of seven (7) members. Five (5) of the terms have expired. Mr. James Ard spoke in support of R-19-05. He said improvements at the airport are needed. However, the residents shouldn't have to pay the money.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**R-19-05 (RESOLUTION NO. 9619 – MAYOR SMITH)**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING AN INTENT TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK AIRPORT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ENGAGEMENT LETTERS WITH BOND COUNSEL AND UNDERWRITERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,** was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Harris. Mayor Smith advised this legislation authorizes him to take the next step, which is to expand the drawings provided this date to give a better idea of the costs associated with the project and the ability to apply for grants through the State Aeronautics Board. Council Member Ross said without this resolution, the city cannot get the plans needed to move forward and recommended taking this one step at a time. Council Member White asked if there would be any money needed at this time. Mayor Smith said there may be architectural fees in the amount of approximately \$10,000.00. Council Member Ginn referenced the illustrations provided this date (by Garver). Mayor Smith said those provided this date have been updated. Council Member Ginn asked if there would be a feasibility study. She also asked how much revenue the airport brought in in 2018. Mayor Smith said the city contributed \$100,000.00 last year, which has not been spent. He referenced another \$50,000.00 from (airport) income. Council Member Ginn said less than one-percent of residents use the facility. Mayor Smith said this is an Economic Development Project. The city was approached by some of the large business operators in the area (Maverick Trucking, Oakley, Inc.) regarding upgrading the facility. The city isn't in the business of making money. Finance Director Karen Scott estimated \$400,000.00 has been placed into a construction account for the airport. Council Member Hight referenced several customers of the airport who agree that updates are needed to take care of existing customers and entice new ones. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Ginn, who voted no, the resolution was adopted (6/1). (*\$4 million*)

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

By consent of all members present who voted “aye”, consent items, R-19-37, and R-19-38 were adopted (7/0). R-19-36 was pulled and called under new business.

**R-19-37 (RESOLUTION NO. 9620 – 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).

**R-19-38 (RESOLUTION NO. 9621 – MAYOR SMITH)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FIBER OPTIC LINES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,** was adopted (7/0).

**NEW BUSINESS**

R-19-36 (RESOLUTION NO. 9622 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. JAY BARTH TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS WATER; 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 adopted (7/0). Mayor Smith thanked Dr. Barth for his service. Dr. Barth then received the Oath of Office from Ms. Whitbey.

R-19-39 (RESOLUTION NO. 9623 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO HYDCO, INC. FOR THE REPAIR OF THE LAMAN LIBRARY FOUNTAIN; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Ross. Mayor Smith said these funds are necessary as the storm water (run-off) has to be diverted from the area. There are also some leaks that will require additional funding in the future. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*\$11,661.00*)

R-19-40 (RESOLUTION NO. 9624 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019 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 Ross and seconded by Council Member Taylor. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows: *substitute Exhibit "A" provided this date which removed a Community Development item and added a repair at The Old Mill to the Parks Fund (Budget Only)* (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted as amended (7/0).

R-19-41 (RESOLUTION NO. 9625 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1724 FRANKLIN STREET (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 1316 WEST SHORT 17<sup>TH</sup>) 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 adopted (7/0). (*owners: Henry and Ida B. Thomas*)

R-19-42 (RESOLUTION NO. 9626 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 3618 GUM 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 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 (7/0). (*owners: William W. and Jean I. Crowder*)

R-19-43 (RESOLUTION NO. 9627 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1604 NORTH OLIVE 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 adopted (7/0). (*owner: Reggie L. Carter*)

R-19-44

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1001 FERRY 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 called and withdrawn by the sponsor, Mayor Smith. (*owner: Argenta River Investors LLC*)

Mayor Smith advised the Planning Department followed up on some previously approved Conditional Uses that were not followed through. Therefore, several revocation ordinances are on the agenda for this meeting and the next two meetings. Planning Director Shawn Spencer said the applicants did not follow through with getting a business license or opening.

O-19-16 (ORDINANCE NO. 9081 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 7722 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4407 CAMP ROBINSON ROAD IN 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 Ross, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). 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 adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

O-19-17 (ORDINANCE NO. 9082 - MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 7732 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1400 LOCUST STREET 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 (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, 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-19-18 (ORDINANCE NO. 9083 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 7848 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4232 BAUCUM PIKE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 (7/0). 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 adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

O-19-19 (ORDINANCE NO. 9084 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 8058 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2204 HIGHWAY 161 IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Harris 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-19-20 (ORDINANCE NO. 9085 - MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 8062 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4008 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 White 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 Harris, 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-19-21 (ORDINANCE NO. 9086 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 8126 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10401 RIVERVIEW CORPORATE DRIVE IN 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 (7/0). 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, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

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O-19-22 (ORDINANCE NO. 9087 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 8172 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2730 PIKE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Taylor 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 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 adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

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O-19-23 (ORDINANCE NO. 9088 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 8239 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1819 MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Ginn 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).

On the motion of Council Member Ginn 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-19-24 (ORDINANCE NO. 9089 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 8289 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3604 HIGHWAY 161 IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Harris 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 Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross, and the roll having been called, and

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all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

O-19-25 (ORDINANCE NO. 9090 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO ARKANSAS POWER STEERING AND HYDRAULICS FOR THE REPAIR OF A CITY SANITATION TRUCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

was read. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member White, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). Mayor Smith said the city began working on the truck and determined it would be cheaper to take it to a vendor. 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 in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (\$22,271.18)

O-19-26 (ORDINANCE NO. 9091 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE LOSS AND BUSINESS INTERRUPTION INSURANCE FOR THE MURRAY HYDROELECTRIC PLANT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INSURANCE AGREEMENT;

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 (7/0). Mayor Smith said this is an annual procedure. 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 in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*Lloyds – annual premium \$182,635.84*)

O-19-27

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING A STREET-RAILROAD CROSSING ON 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET OVER THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE

ROCK; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A RAILROAD HIGHWAY CLOSURE AGREEMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to suspend all readings was made by Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Baxter. Council Member Ross said a pedestrian bridge is needed in the area. There are children on the other side of the (railroad) tracks who cross to get to the Boys (and Girls) Club. Trains sit on the tracks for over an hour at a time. Children are not going to walk multiple blocks to get across. Mayor Smith said he has not found any options. The (wooden) bridge is in disrepair and the railroad wants it removed. Council Member Ginn asked how much it would cost to put in a pedestrian bridge. Mayor Smith said it would be cost prohibitive. Council Member Taylor asked what would happen if the council doesn't approve this legislation. City Attorney Fields said she would look into the question. Council Member White asked if people are using the bridge. Police Chief Mike Davis advised people are walking across the bridge. Council Member White asked if the

bridge could be converted to pedestrian only. Mayor Smith said the railroad will not want the liability. On the previous motion, and the following members having voted yes: Baxter, Harris, Ginn, Hight and Mayor Smith, and the following members having voted no: Ross, White and Taylor, the motion to suspend the readings failed (5/3). The legislation having been read one time will be held until the next meeting. Council Member Ross said she has received a lot of complaints about kids crossing through a (stopped) train (between the cars). Mayor Smith asked City Engineer Chris Wilbourn to look into the possibility of turning the bridge into a pedestrian bridge.

O-19-28 (ORDINANCE NO. 9092 – COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A HOTEL IN A C-6 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 501 MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Hight, 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: Nathan Hamilton*)

O-19-29 (ORDINANCE NO. 9093 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROSS)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A CAR LOT IN A C-4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3535 HIGHWAY 161 IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; 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 readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross. Council Member Ross asked the applicant, Mr. Tim Blair if he understood that the pavement has to be either asphalt or concrete. Mr. Blair said he did. Council Member Baxter asked about the hours of operation and referenced Section 2: 1. 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *Section 2: 1. strike through 5:00 a.m. and insert 9:00 a.m.* (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted as amended (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Tim Blair*)

O-19-30 (ORDINANCE NO. 9094 – COUNCIL MEMBER BAXTER)

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A SPECIAL USE FOR A BINGO HALL IN A C-3 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2655 PIKE AVENUE 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 Ross, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by



Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross. Council Member Ginn asked the applicant, Ms. Keitra Murdock where their church was located. Ms. Murdock said she lives in Bryant and the non-profit (Highly Favored Ministries) is registered in Bryant. They (she and her daughter) are currently working with churches in the area through outreach programs. Mayor Smith asked the goal of the non-profit. Ms. Murdock said they raise funds to help women who have been incarcerated or had drug problems transition back into society in a spiritual way. Council Member White asked about a letter that was included in the Planning Commission packet that referenced eight (8) different fundraising activities: Bingo Hall, Raffles, Car Washes, Walk-a-thons, Talent Shows, Women's Conferences, Special Events, etc. which may include but not be limited to Telethon's, Bake Sales, Garage Sales, etc. The letter included that the organization has 60 members who have the right to attend conferences at a discounted rate and use the facilities (when available) at no cost. Council Member White asked if this was an Event Center. Ms. Murdock said it is not. Mayor Smith asked if the events listed above would be at this location. Ms. Murdock said some of them would be and referenced a fish fry or garage sale. Council Member White asked if alcohol would be served or allowed to be brought in. Ms. Murdock said no. Council Member White reiterated that they could not rent out their facilities. Mayor Smith asked if the Special Use, as written would include an event center. Mr. Spencer advised it would not. Council Member Taylor asked if state licensing was required for a Bingo Hall. Ms. Murdock has applied for her state license and said she should receive it within a few days. Council Member Ross referenced state requirements for a Bingo Hall and reviewed the list of requirements which indicate that all persons working there must be volunteers (no paid employees). Ms. Murdock said volunteers would be family and acquaintances and that she will be on site at all times. Council Member Ross asked if security would be provided. Ms. Murdock said she will hire a local security company. Council Member Ross asked about the age limit. Ms. Murdock said no one under the age of 18 years will be allowed. Mayor Smith asked if a fish fry, as an example could be held at any time or only on Saturday or Sunday as included in this ordinance. Ms. Murdock said Saturday and Sunday is for the Bingo only. Mr. Spencer said other activities previously described are allowed by right. Council Member Ross asked if shelter (for women) would be provided. Ms. Murdock said they would offer counseling only. Council Member Ross asked if they would receive state funds. Ms. Murdock said they are not professional counselors. This is something they are doing based on faith. On the motion of Council Member White and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows:: *add Section 2: 7. THE OPERATION WILL NOT INCLUDE AN EVENT CENTER (7/0)*. Council Member Hight asked how they would solicit patrons. Ms. Murdock said she would market through email, Facebook, etc. Attendees would purchase a 'pack' which would cover the player for the night. A motion to adopt as amended was made by Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Council Member Ross asked if food or drinks would be sold during Bingo. Ms. Whitbey advised if they sell prepared food they will be required to get an A&P permit and pay taxes. Ms. Murdock said the location does not have a grease trap. They could sell prepackaged food. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted as amended (7/0). Council Member Ross said the city is not requiring security. Chief Davis

said they are not required to have security, however, the Police Department encouraged the use of security. Ms. Murdock said The Ashley Group provides 24-hour security, but she will have security as well. Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Keitra Murdock and Corichia Brisco – Highly Favored Ministries*)

O-19-31 (ORDINANCE NO. 9095 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBINSON AND TAYLOR)  
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST TO WAIVE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASTER STREET PLAN FOR HALF STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG CHERYL AND GRIBBLE STREETS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 (7/0). 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 in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Mayor Smith said this will help the Oakley Company build their corporate headquarters in the city where they will have 200 employees. (*Tim Cummins –Bruce Oakley, Inc.*)

O-19-32 (ORDINANCE NO. 9096 – COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR)  
AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1518 PARKER STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM R-3 ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO PLANNED USE DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ZONING 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 Ross, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, 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: Mike Marlar – Marlar Engineering (nka Half + Marlar)*)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Council Member Hight asked to be excused to attend his grandson's basketball game. (*Note: Council Member Hight left the council chambers at 7:15 p.m.*) Mr. Jerry Havens said he contacted the city approximately three (3) years ago regarding an issue with a culvert that collapsed. Mr. Havens said he spent \$4,000.00 due to the city's neglect. He said once he talked to Mr. Taylor, the city engineer got involved and the problem was resolved. Mr. Havens said the ditch behind North Shore has been stopped up for over a year and has standing water. The ditch used to run to Faulkner Lake. Mr. James Ard said residents are not allowed to feed stray animals. However, when it's been really cold, the animals need food or water. Council Member White said she was recently at a neighborhood meeting and heard complaints from members regarding children crossing the train tracks between train cars when the trains are stopped. As a result, she spoke with Security Personnel with Union Pacific

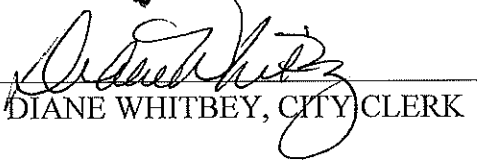
(Railroad) and Chief Bradley regarding the concerns. The Security officer said the reason the trains are stopping for so long is because they are trying to keep the area of 15<sup>th</sup> Street clear. Mayor Smith said there are miles of railroad tracks in residential areas across the state. The issue is a lot of trains are traveling North and South (through North Little Rock). He has talked to Railroad representatives and offered suggestions regarding dispatching within the yard. Council Member White said there are a lot of considerations that can delay the trains in the area. Council Member Ginn said parking at Crestwood Elementary School has been an issue over the years. She spoke with the school principal and City Engineer regarding the possibility of a driveway that runs to the left of the school and out the other side. This would allow parents to drive through to pick up and drop off their children.

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 7:24 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, March 11, 2019, 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