

CITY OF SHANNON HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 6:02 p. m. Following the pledge of allegiance and the invocation, roll was as follows:

Mayor Kemp, present
Alderman Blackwell, present
Alderman Hatcher, present
Alderman Guinn, present by phone
Alderman Smith, present
Alderman Bennett, present
Alderman Andrews, present
Attorney Benca, absent
Treasurer Mary Meyers, present
Recorder Robin Baker, present



Financial information was provided to the council in their packets. Alderman Blackwell asked if Line Item 58608 was on the wrong line, Fees and Memberships. Ms. Meyers advised that yes, and that it would be corrected. Alderman Hatcher made a motion to accept the financial report, Alderman Blackwell gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from the prior meeting were provided to the council. Alderman Blackwell made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Alderman Andrews gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Department head reports were provided to the council. Alderman Hatcher again asked Mr. Reed about the potholes on Emerald Mountain and South Fork. He explained the issue would be addressed as weather permits; and also if the road is concrete, a different approach has to be taken.

Interim Police Chief Dudderer advised one of the police cars is down with a broken timing chain which will cost about \$3,000 to repair. Options are being explored.

Chief Riedinger addressed the council asking if a line item for capital expenses for Station 3 be created in the fire department budget. Alderman Hatcher made a motion to create such a line item and Alderman Smith gave the second. During discussion, the chief also explained that moving forward, the department will need to purchase a new rescue vehicle and would like to

use capital expenses for the purchase. The council will discuss the purchase of a vehicle at the next meeting.

Alderman Blackwell informed the council that she had been ~~again~~ approached by the curator of the Little Rock Fire Museum asking if we would consider donating the old yellow engines to the museum for spare parts and made a motion to do so. Alderman Bennett gave the second, and after discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Engineering Report. Mayor Kemp referred the council to the letter from Lemons Engineering. There were no questions or comments.

New Business:

1. Resolution 2023-03, State Street Aid Project. Mayor Kemp introduced and read the resolution in its entirety. Alderman Bennett made a motion to accept the resolution, Alderman Blackwell gave the second, and Resolution 2023-03, Utilizing State Aid Street Monies, passed unanimously.
2. Water/Wastewater Public Hearing. Mayor Kemp explained the reason for the public hearing and declared the hearing open at 6:20 p.m. Mr. Johns, the bond attorney, explained to the council and the audience why water/wastewater rates are going up. He advised he had confirmed with Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) that despite its small size, Shannon Hills would not receive any financial assistance on any state-mandated fiduciary requirements in order to maintain compliance, thus the reason for bonds. Mr. Johns explained the payment schedule, interest rates and responsibilities of the city. Mr. Reed spoke again about Act 605 and advised the city is now mandated by law to keep a certain amount of cash in reserve for water and wastewater. He also informed the council and audience that Central Arkansas Water (CAW), the entity from which the city buys its water, has already advised they are raising rates exponentially through 2032. Mayor Kemp asked for questions and/or comments from the audience. As there were none, he declared the public hearing closed at 6:43 p.m.
3. Ordinance 2023-04, Water/Wastewater Rates. Mayor Kemp presented Ordinance 2023-04, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2008-02, Fixing the Water and Sewer Rates to be Charged for Water and Sewer Services to Users of the City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas, Water and Sewer System; and Declaring an Emergency. Due to the public hearing held prior to this Item, Alderman Hatcher made a motion to suspend the rules and read only the title of the ordinance. Alderman Smith gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor Kemp read the title of Ordinance 2023-04, and Alderman Smith made a motion to accept Ordinance 2023-04 for the first reading. Alderman Blackwell gave the second and after a voice vote of six ayes, the ordinance passed the first reading unanimously.

Alderman Andrews made a motion to suspend the rules and add Ordinance 2023-04 to the agenda for the second reading, reading the title only. Alderman Hatcher gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kemp read the title only of Ordinance 2023-04, after which Alderman Bennett made a motion to accept the ordinance for the second reading. Alderman Andrews gave the second, and after a voice vote of six ayes, Ordinance 2023-04 passed the second reading unanimously.

Alderman Hatcher made a motion to suspend the rules and add Ordinance 2023-04 to the agenda for the third and final reading, reading the title only. Alderman Andrews gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kemp read the title only of Ordinance 2023-04, after which Alderman Blackwell made a motion to accept the ordinance for the third and final reading. Alderman Andrews gave the second, and after a voice vote of six ayes, Ordinance 2023-04, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2008-02, Fixing the Water and Sewer Rates to be Charged for Water and Sewer Services to Users of the City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas, Water and Sewer System; and Declaring an Emergency, passed the third and final reading unanimously.

Alderman Bennet then made a motion to accept the emergency clause within Ordinance 2023-04. Alderman Blackwell gave the second, and the motion to accept and employ the emergency clause passed unanimously.

4. March 18, 2023, Citywide Yard Sale. The council is reminded of the first of two citywide yard sales this year on March 18. The second will be held in October, the date not yet set.

Other Business:

A resident came before the council stating city workers destroyed an established plant which had been inadvertently planted in a right of way. After a review of the pictures and discussion by the council and resident, Alderman Hatcher made a motion to pay the resident \$50.00 to replace the plant, and it was made clear nothing could be erected or permanently planted in the easement. Alderman Bennet gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

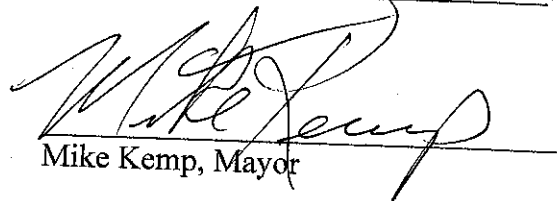
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There being no further business brought before the Council and no further comments from the floor, Alderman Bennett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Blackwell. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Robin Baker, Recorder

The above minutes were approved as written/corrected on 3-21-23.


Mike Kemp, Mayor

