

CITY OF SHANNON HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 6:03 p. m. Following the pledge of allegiance and invocation, roll was as follows:

Mayor Mike Kemp, present
Alderman Toni Blackwell, present
Alderman Jill Hatcher, present by phone
Alderman Mary Guinn, present by phone
Alderman Chris Smith, present
Alderman Scott Bennett, absent
Alderman Keith Andrews, present
Attorney Patrick Benca, absent
Treasurer Mary Meyers, present
Recorder Robin Baker, present



Ms. Meyers presented the financial report. There were no questions or comments from the council. Alderman Bennett made a motion to accept the financial report, Alderman Andrews 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 Hatcher gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Department head reports were provided to the council. Alderman Hatcher asked Chief Spears if the court date still stands if the ticket is ripped up. The chief advised that yes, it does. He also asked if the council could review the ordinance for loud music as a \$25 fine doesn't seem high enough. The council will review the ordinance and take necessary action. Chief Spears also spoke with the county judge who advised the second year jail inmate agreement has expired. The chief advised the new agreement shows the cost per inmate at \$.67 per day. Additionally, the jail will not accept anyone arrested on warrants unless the person has at least ten failures to appear. Alderman Blackwell asked what equipment the chief is asking for in his most recent grant request, to which he replied body cams.

Old Business:

Engineering Report. The mayor advised the council that there were two engineering letters to be forthcoming each month—Lemons Engineering and Halff Engineering. He reviewed each letter and project with the council.

New Business:

1. Shannon Hills Volunteer Fire Department. The council was informed Chief Riedinger resigned last week. According to fire department rules, the membership nominates the chief and forwards their nomination to the mayor, who could accept, reject or choose someone else. The department membership nominated Ronnie Spivey. The mayor accepted the nomination and supported it, appointing Ronie Spivey as the new chief. Alderman Bennett made a motion for a vote of confidence for Chief Spivey, seconded by Alderman Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Spivey introduced himself to the council.

Assistant Chief Meyers gave an update on Station 3, stating an 8" water line was found, which will make water availability easier. They are now waiting for a tap crew. The power is on, the doors need to be checked, and the propane-fueled generator needs to be installed.

2. Latest City Audit. Mayor Kemp confirmed all council members received hard copies of the audit and a copy was made available if any did not. Members discussed the audit results. For the record, the latest city audit conducted showed no major issues and is considered good.

Other Business:

Alderman Blackwell reminded all council members they must attend the eight-hour water board training ASAP. Alderman Smith asked if this could be done online. Alderman Blackwell referred the council to the Arkansas Rural Water site and the "Water Board Training" section.

Comments from the Floor:

Mayor Kemp opened the floor for comments. Candice Luper from First Electric introduced herself. She advised the council of FCC sponsored Affordable Connectivity Program. This program is designed to help low income households get \$30. Off internet service. Their staff will be at Shamrock Park on Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m.

A citizen thanked the council for helping get things cleaned up on Laddie Lane.

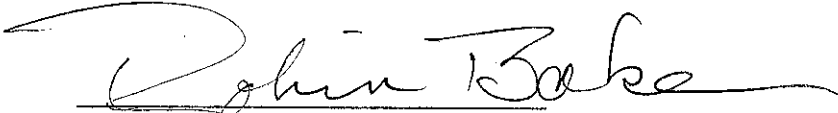
A spokesman for Southern Hearts Rescue advised that they accepted two neglected animals that were surrendered. Police report the owners were charged with animal cruelty.

Alderman Hatcher closed the meeting by stating she has known Chief Spivey for several years. She believes he is the best person for the job and will be an asset to the city.



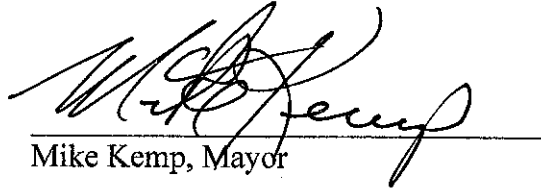
There being no further business brought before the Council and no further comments from the floor, Alderman Bennett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Smith. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Baker, Recorder

The above minutes were approved as written/corrected on 8.15-23.


Mike Kemp, Mayor