

Mayor Greg Hines delivered the State of the City Address in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Council meeting. (Included with the minutes)

MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines. The Invocation was given by Rev. Shane Pair of Oakley Chapel United Methodist Church. Those in attendance were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Gary Meeks, 3303 W. Quapaw Road, Rogers, a resident since 2010, presented a resolution for the council's consideration regarding human rights and said, "This is an opportunity for the City of Rogers to be seen as a progressive city and be recognized for its willingness to embrace human rights in the course of its business day to day. The decision you make related to who you do business with or buy anything from should show the diligence necessary to promote good will. There are forces in the world that do not recognize the importance of this. Countries or businesses whose practices egregiously contradict efforts put forth to improve human rights should be put on notice to change. So, in our small and efficient way, it is my hope, that the City of Rogers can seriously review this resolution and understand that with the adoption of this resolution we all in this community of Rogers can feel proud."

Meeks provided his documents to Senior Staff Attorney Jennifer Waymack.

There were no other comments.

The Public Forum was declared closed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Kruger, Buddy Wright, Betsy Reithemeyer, Gary Townzen, Clay Kendall, Jerry Carmichael, and Barney Hayes. Marge Wolf was absent.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

City Clerk-Treasurer Peggy David, City Attorney Andrew Hatfield, Senior Staff Attorney Jennifer Waymack, Director of

Finance Casey Wilhelm, Water Utilities, Superintendent Earl Rausch, Water Utilities Operations Manager Brent Dobler, Water Utilities Shared Services Manager Jené Huffman, Director of Parks & Recreation Jim White, Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Police Chief Hayes Minor, Community Development Director John McCurdy, Public Relations Specialist Ben Cline, City Planner Ethan Hunter, Project Engineer Nathan Becknell, Director of Human Resources Thomas Dunlap, Adult Wellness Center Director Lesli Ossenfort, Museum Director John Burroughs, District Judge Chris Griffin, Recycling Manager Jerrold Haley, Main Street Director Shey Bland, and Assistant to the Mayor Carey Anderson.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

(January 23, 2018)

Approves the suspending of rules for the meeting.

Motion by Wright, second by Hayes to approve the minutes of January 23, 2018 as submitted. Voice vote: Unanimous -Yes. ***Motion carried.***

Motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer to suspend the rules to consider all items on the agenda by title only and on a single reading. Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***Motion carried.***

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1)

ORD. #18-07 Waiving Competitive Bidding for the Purchase of a Sensor VantageRadius System for Use by the Rogers Street Department

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Kruger and read by title only by City Attorney Andrew Hatfield.

Kruger, chair of the Transportation Committee, reported the committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Project Engineer Nathan Becknell.

Becknell explained this new sensor system will detect the 13 traffic signals along New Hope Road corridor and will upgrade the sensors to eliminate the freeze-ups that have been experienced. The waiving of competitive bidding is required because this is a citywide

system that needs to be consistent with the total of 100 signals across the city.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The emergency clause is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #2)

RES. #R18-12 Authorizing the Purchase of a Sensor VantageRadius System for the Street Department; Amending the 2018 Budget to Appropriate Street Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$325,630.00 to Acct. #200-16-70930

The resolution was introduced by Kruger and read by title by Hatfield.

Kruger reported the Transportation Committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Becknell.

Becknell said this is the financial side for the previous item.

Motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #3)

RES. #R18-13 Authorizing the Purchase of a Dozer for the Street Department; Amending the 2018 Budget to Appropriate Street Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$153,223.00 to Acct. #200-16-80100

The resolution was introduced by Kruger and read by title by Hatfield.

Kruger reported the Transportation Committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Street Superintendent Frankie Gyll.

Gyll explained this dozer is a budgeted item for the Street Department fleet.

Motion by Hayes, second by Kruger to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #4)

ORD. #18-08 Accepting the Dedication of South 54th Street and Easements Therein

The ordinance was introduced by Kruger read by title by Hatfield.

Kruger reported the Transportation Committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Becknell.

Becknell explained this street dedication will connect to the Pinnacle Open Space property, which was landlocked because all of the roads in Village on the Creeks are private. This will allow access by way of a short north-South street from Stoneybrook Road to the open space property.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The emergency clause is adopted.***

(Agenda Item #5)

RES. #R18-14 Scheduling a Hearing Concerning the Vacation of a Certain Portion of Pecan Street; Directing Notice of the Hearing

The resolution was introduced by Kruger and read by title by Hatfield.

Kruger reported the Transportation Committee had met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Becknell.

Becknell explained when Rogers Water Utilities expanded their offices in the 1990s the street vacation did not happen. This begins the process to officially vacate the street.

Kruger noted the Public Hearing date has been set for March 27, 2018.

Motion by Hayes, second by Kruger to adopt the resolution.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***The resolution is adopted.***

ORD. #18-09 Amending Certain Provisions of Chapter 44 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rogers, AR; To Allow the Planning Commission to Deviate From the Provisions of the Sign Code Under Certain Circumstances; To Create an Historic Signs Register

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Carmichael and read by title by Hatfield.

Carmichael reported the Community Environment & Welfare Committee had met, recommended a “Do Pass” and recognized Director of Community Development John McCurdy.

McCurdy explained this change in Chapter 44 will create processes for signage that previously would have violated the current sign code. The changes would affect such signs as the “Susie Q” sign which is noncompliant of the existing sign code, but could be designated as a historical sign. The other change would be for the Planning Commission to consider signage that is architecturally interesting but would violate the current sign code.

The Mayor asked, “Shall the ordinance pass?”
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The ordinance is adopted.***

The Mayor asked, “Shall the emergency clause pass?”
Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***The emergency clause is adopted.***

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Hines recommended the reappointment of Travis Greene to the Rogers Water Utilities Commission, with a new term to expire on February 1, 2026.

Approves the reappointment of *Travis Greene* to the **Rogers Water Utilities Commission**, term to expire on February 1, 2026

Motion by Kruger, second by Townzen to approve the reappointment of Travis Greene to the Rogers Water Utilities Commission as recommended.
Voice vote: Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Hines also recommended the reappointment of Hannah Cicioni to the Board of Adjustments;

with a new term to expire on November 1, 2021.

Approves the reappointment of *Hannah Cicioni* to the **Board of Adjustments**; term to expire on November 1, 2021

Motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer to approve the reappointment of Hannah Cicioni to the Board of Adjustments as recommended. Voice vote: Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

There being no further business, motion by Kruger, second by Reithemeyer to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Peggy David, City Clerk-Treasurer

C. Greg Hines, Mayor