

MINUTES

The Rogers City Council met in *regular session* in the Council Chambers of the Maurice H. Kolman City Hall Building on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Hines. The Invocation was given by Rev. Randy Parks of Grace Baptist Church. Those in attendance were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

James Queary, 1708 W. Cypress, requested that the city extend additional drainage improvements to the work that is being done in the area including up to 15th Street.

Queary said water runs across his property and even this summer when there hasn't been a lot of rain fall, when it rained just a few days ago, the water came across his property.

Director of Planning & Transportation Steve Glass reported that the Street Dept. is doing some drainage improvements along Pine Street and a larger sized pipe is being installed which will hopefully carry the water away from Queary's property.

There were no other comments from anyone in the audience.

The Public Forum was declared closed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Goodwin, Mark Kruger, Larry Daniel Buddy Wright, Betsy Reithemeyer, Gary Townzen, Marge Wolf, and Dan Brown were present.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

City Clerk Peggy David, City Attorney Ben Lipscomb, Water Utilities Superintendent Tom McAlister, Water Utilities Engineer Mark Johnson, Director of Planning & Transportation Steve Glass, Treasurer Jerry Hudlow, Director of Parks Barney Hayes, Project Engineer Lance Jobe, Main Street Director Kerry Jensen, Director of Code Management James Willett, Police Chief James Allen, Fire Chief Tom Jenkins, Parks Superintendent Stan Weaver and Administrative Assistant to the Mayor Lynn Keith.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

July 26, 2011

Motion by Wright, second by Reithemeyer to approve the minutes of July 26, 2011 as submitted.

Voice vote: Unanimous – Yes. ***Motion carried.***

Motions by Daniel, second by Kruger to suspend the rules, consider each item on a single reading, by title only and to package agenda items #5 & #6 together.

Roll call: Unanimous – Yes. ***Motion carried.***

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

(Agenda Item #1)

ORD. #11-73 Appropriating \$30,000 from ACT 988 Fund Reserves to ACT 988 Acct. #339-39-80100

The ordinance was introduced by Council member Daniel and read by title only by City Attorney Ben Lipscomb.

Daniel, chair of the Finance Committee reported the committee had met to consider this item, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized Fire Chief Tom Jenkins.

Jenkins reported that this appropriation will be used to purchase an ATV, equipped to carry a patient who is immobilized, to be used along the city’s trail system and could be used at a large venue event where emergency vehicles could not get to such as an the Susan G. Komen’s Race for the Cure.

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)

ORD. #11-74 Appropriating \$115,000 from General Fund Reserves to Fire Acct. #100-04-80100

The ordinance was introduced by Daniel and read by title only by Lipscomb.

Daniel reported the Finance Committee had met, heard a report from Fire Chief Tom Jenkins and recommended a “Do pass”

Jenkins reported this ordinance is to replace the roof at Fire Station #1. A check for \$64,000 has been received from the insurance company for the replacement of the roof which was damaged by hail. Once the job is completed the insurance company will issue another check for the remainder of the \$115,000, less the \$5000 deductible.

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 #3)

ORD. #11-75 Appropriating \$5,300 from General Fund Reserves to Acct. #100-13-61145

The ordinance was introduced by Daniel, and read by title only by Lipscomb.

Daniel reported the Finance Committee had met, heard a report from Director of Code Management James Willett, and recommended a “Do pass”.

Daniel recognized Willett.

Willett reported an employee at the animal shelter will be going on maternity leave. This appropriation is the amount that will be needed for a temp worker to work as a kennel tech, moving an existing kennel tech to the front office during the time while the employee is out.

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 #4)

ORD. #11-76 Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Accept a Community Development Block Grant in the Amount of \$387,795

The ordinance was introduced by Daniel and read by title only by Lipscomb.

Daniel reported the Finance Committee met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized the Administrator of Community Development Block Grants Donna Johnston.

Johnston said this is the entitlement grant that the city has been receiving since the 1990s. The amount to be received is \$387,795 and will be used to rehab houses that qualify under the guidelines.

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)

ORD. #11-77 Appropriating \$8,000 from General Fund Reserve to Improvements and Furnishings Acct. #100-05-70210

The ordinances were introduced by Daniel, and read by title only by Lipscomb.

Daniel reported the Finance Committee met, recommended a “Do pass” and recognized City Attorney Ben Lipscomb.

(Agenda Item #6)

ORD. #11-78 Amending the 2011 Budget of the City Attorney’s Office; Appropriating \$35,362 from General Fund Reserve

Lipscomb said the City is once again the legal representative for Rogers Water Utilities. In accepting this Rogers Water has agreed to provide \$55,000 for a third attorney in his office with the city providing the benefits package.

The first ordinance is an appropriating for the remodel of the Law Library to make an office for the new attorney.

Lipscomb said he interviewed six individuals for the position, and was extremely happy when Chris Griffin expressed an interest in coming back as Deputy City Attorney.

Lipscomb said the amount that had been agreed upon was for an entry level attorney, but because of Griffin's experience the amount was increased to compensate him for his years of experience with the City Attorney's office and in private practice. "There will be no training period. Griffin will be ready to hit the road running when he starts." The second appropriation is for the difference in the amount originally set for Griffin's salary (\$55,000 to be paid by RWU) and an additional \$15,000 salary, monthly mileage of \$200 per month and benefits for the remainder of the year.

The Mayor asked, "Shall the ordinances pass?"
Roll call: Unanimous - Yes. ***The ordinances are adopted.***

The Mayor asked, "Shall the emergency clauses pass?"
Roll call: Unanimous - Yes. ***The emergency clauses are adopted.***

(Agenda Item #7)

RES. #R11-21 Expressing the Willingness of the City of Rogers to Utilize Federal-Aid Enhancement Funds for the Rogers I-540 Trail Project

The resolution was introduced by Council member Kruger and read by title only by Lipscomb.

Kruger reported the Transportation Committee had met, heard a report from Director of Planning and Transportation Steve Glass and recommended a "Do pass."

Kruger recognized Glass.

Glass reported this resolution is for the 80/20 grant for the trail system. An ordinance will be on the next agenda requesting the 20% match amount for approval.

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

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

(Agenda Item #8)

RES. #R11-22 Accepting Donations of Obsolete Material from U.S. Armed Forces for Veterans Park

The resolution was introduced by Council member Kruger and read by title only by Lipscomb.

Kruger reported the Transportation Committee had met, heard a report from Project Engineer Lance Jobe and recommended a “Do pass”.

Kruger recognized Jobe.

Jobe reported he had contacted the Army and Navy to acquire obsolete materials from the U. S. Military for display at Veteran’s Park. A tank has been requested from the Army, but has not yet been approved. The Navy will be donating a 16-inch diameter artillery shell that weighs 2,200 lbs and stands 4-ft. tall. The only cost to the city will be the cost of transportation to the park.

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

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

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE:

Council member Goodwin, chair of the Public Safety Committee, reported that the committee had met prior to the council meeting to approve a request from the Police Dept. to consolidate two part-time positions into one full-time position, which will be a cost savings to the city.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lipscomb announced the addition of Chris Griffin to the City Attorney’s staff. Griffin will begin working on August 15, 2011.

There being no further business, motion by Kruger, second by Daniel to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Peggy David, City Clerk

C. Greg Hines, Mayor