

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 21, 2023
6:00 PM
CITY HALL**

Mayor Norris called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with seven Council Members present. Council Member Mosley was absent.

Mayor Norris gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL GUEST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Norris recognized Sargent Joshua Caudell for his heroic service. Caudell gave his life for the community as a whole when he assisted local law enforcement one year ago with a wellness check.

Pastor Chris Perry from Christ church said a special prayer for the family. Mayor Norris read a proclamation to honor the life of Sergeant Caudell and to express gratitude to his family for his service. Chief Corey Pickard presented the Caudell family with the Maumelle flag that was flown at half-staff in remembrance of Sgt. Caudill. Chief Pickard also gave a challenge medallion to the children of Sergeant Caudell.

Mayor Norris also recognized the staff of the Department of Corrections and the Arkansas Association of Correctional employees for their support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Council Member Tierney motioned to adopt the minutes as submitted. Council Member Williams seconded the motion, the motion passed by all in attendance.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW

Liz Mathis, Finance Director presented the financial report for December. Mathis stated the January report will be presented at the next meeting.

Council Member Holt made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Council Member Tierney seconded the motion, the motion passed by all in attendance.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Council Member Tierney motioned to have all ordinances and resolutions read by title only. Council Member Gardner seconded the motion, the motion passed by all attendance.

ORDINANCE 1085 ANNEXATION OF LAND, ASCENT DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for the reading of the ordinance 1085 to accept lands contiguous to and adjoining the City. Clerk Timmons gave the reading.

With no further discussion Ordinance 1085 will be on the third reading at the next meeting.

ORDINANCE 1086 AMENDMENT TO LAND USE PLAN

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for the reading ordinance 1086 to amend the current Land Use Plan from ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) to O-S (Open Space), and SUR (Special Use Residential). Clerk Timmons gave the reading.

With no further discussion, Ordinance 1086 will be on the third reading at the next city council meeting.

ORDINANCE 1087 AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for the reading of Ordinance 1087, an ordinance amending the current zoning map previously designated as COUNTY is hereby changed to O-S (Open Space), FW (Flood Way), and PRD (Planned Residential District). Clerk Timmons gave the reading.

With no further discussion, Ordinance 1087 will be on the third reading at the next city council meeting.

ORDINANCE 1088 AMENDING COMPETITIVE BIDDING & PURCHASING

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for the reading of Ordinance 1088, and ordinance amending the competitive bidding and purchasing procedures. Clerk Timmons gave the reading.

City Attorney Andrew Thorton introduced the ordinance.

Thorton stated the General Assembly increased the threshold for purchasing. In the past if the cost was more than \$20,000 the purchase would have to go out for bids. The amount has increased to \$35,000 before bidding is required. Thorton also stated the process can be done by resolution instead of by ordinances. Thorton stated City code needs to reflect the update.

Council Member Gardner asked if we would have to update our ordinance every five years. Attorney Thorton said we would.

PARK ON THE RIVER

Mayor Norris stated Council Member Mosley requested to table this discussion since he is unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Council Member Shinn made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting. Council Member Holt seconded the motion and the motion passed by all in attendance.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Norris thanks Chief of Staff Jay Grelen for his work putting together the recognition ceremony of Sergeant Caudill.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Williams motioned to adjourn the City Council meeting. Council Mazzoni seconded the motion, the motion passed by all in attendance.

Mayor Norris adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm.

MAYOR CALEB NORRIS

TINA TIMMONS CITY CLERK/TREASURER

APPROVED
February 21, 2023