

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MAUMELLE
AUGUST 16, 2021
6:00 PM
CITY HALL**

Mayor Norris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with all eight Council Members present.

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

SPECIAL GUEST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Norris recognized Keith Via as the March 2021 Employee of the Month and declared August 20, 2021 as Keith Via Day. Via has been with the Public Works Department for seven years. Via has proven himself as a valuable asset to the city by going above and beyond. He can be credited for many beautiful projects around the city.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- AUGUST 2, 2021

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chance Edge, 160 Calais Drive, spoke to the council about his concerns about lifeguards being inattentive while on duty and the lack of accountability.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW

Liz Mathis, Director of Finance, gave an update on the July financials. Mathis discussed the General Fund Revenues, General Fund Expenditures, General Fund Balance, Street Fund, Sanitation Fund, Police & Fire Fund, FEMA Grant Fund, and the American Rescue Plan Fund.

Council Member Gardner asked if a Budget Resolution is needed for the American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

Mayor Norris stated that when the funds are needed a resolution will be submitted.

Council Member Mazzoni commended all departments on staying on or below budget. Mazzoni voiced his concern about the County sales tax being high due to the pandemic.

Liz Mathis, stated that it will be a challenge going into the budget. She states that we do not want to put the city in a position to over budget revenues.

Council Member Mosley thanked Mathis for meeting with the council members about the financials.

Council Member Holt also thanked Mathis. Holt asked if there is a set timeframe in knowing the financial state of the city.

Liz Mathis stated that once 2020 is reconciled, the city will have a better picture of its current financial state. Mathis stated that 2019 reconciliations are complete and the Fund Balance is settled.

Council Member Mazzoni motioned to accept the July financials. Council Member Shinn seconded the motion, the motion passed by all in attendance.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

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

ORDINANCE 1037 ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF LAND, PINNACLE HEIGHTS PROPERTY

Council Member Mazzoni motioned to table the second reading of Ordinance 1037 until the first meeting in September. Council Member Shinn seconded the motion, the motion passed by all in attendance.

Council Member Holt stated that there is an enormous amount of dialogue and public comment on this matter and it may get sent back to the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE 1038 AMANENDMENT TO LAND USE PLAN & MAP

Council Member Mazzoni motioned to table the second reading of Ordinance 1038 until the first meeting in September. Council Member Shinn seconded the motion, the motion passed by all in attendance.

ORDINANCE 1039 AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP

Council Member Mazzoni motioned to table the second reading of Ordinance 1039 until the first meeting in September. Council Member Shinn seconded the motion, the motion passed by all in attendance.

ORDINANCE 1040 ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF LAND, BRADLEY PROPERTY

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for the second reading of Ordinance 1040, an ordinance accepting the annexation of land commonly known as the Bradley Property, to be titled the "Bradley Property Annexation" to the City of Maumelle, Arkansas. The City Clerk gave the reading.

Council Member Mosley stated that he spoke with a resident on Old Maumelle Highway. The resident stated their primary concern is traffic but could benefit from having the police readily availed.

With no further discussion, Ordinance 1040 will be on third reading at the next city council meeting.

ORDINANCE 1041 AMENDMENT TO LAND USE PLAN & MAP

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for the second reading of Ordinance 1041, an ordinance amending the Maumelle Land Use Plan and Map due to annexation and for other purposes. The City Clerk gave the reading.

With no further discussion, Ordinance 1041 will be on third reading at the next city council meeting.

ORDINANCE 1042 AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for the second reading of Ordinance 1042, an ordinance amending the Maumelle Land Use Plan and Map due to annexation and for other purposes. The City Clerk gave the reading.

With no further discussion, Ordinance 1042 will be on third reading at the next city council meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The city council appointed Mary Wnek to position 1 on the Planning Commission with a term ending in May 2025.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Norris stated that the city received the census report. Maumelle's population was reported as 19,251. The city experienced 12.2% growth over the last decade, which is the highest in Pulaski County. Mayor Norris stated that the city had the 2nd highest self-response rate.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Mosley spoke about developers requesting variances from the Planning Commission.

Council Member Williams invited the council and city administration to the street renaming reception of the Senior Center that will be held on October 1 at 11am.

CITY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Attorney Krebs notified all that we have received a designation order from the Public Service Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Holt motioned to adjourn the city council meeting. Council Member Saunders seconded the motion, the motion passed by all in attendance.

Mayor Norris adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm.

CALEB NORRIS, MAYOR

TINA TIMMONS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

APPROVED

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021