

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MAUMELLE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021
6:00 PM
CITY HALL**

Mayor Norris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with all eight Council Members present, Council Member Gardner gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL GUEST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Norris postponed the Employee of the Month proclamation until the next city council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- AUGUST 20, 2021

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christopher Williams, 8 Haven wood Lane, requested that the council to enact ways to increase salaries, morale, and retention for the Police Department.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW

Liz Mathis, Director of Finance, reported on the August financials. The report covered the General Fund, Street Fund, Sanitation Fund, and an update on the 2018, 2019, 2020 audits.

Council Member Holt motioned to accept the August financials. Council Member Tierney seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

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 ANNEXATION OF LAND, PINNACLE HEIGHTS PROPERTY

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for the third reading of Ordinance 1037, an ordinance accepting the annexation of land commonly known as the Pinnacle Heights Property, to be titled the ‘Pinnacle Heights Property Annexation’ to the City of Maumelle, Arkansas, and making the Pinnacle Heights Property a part of the City of Maumelle, and for other purposes. Clerk Timmons gave the reading.

Mayor Norris thanked the applicant and applicant representative for hosting a public hearing.

Council Member Mazzoni also thanked the applicant and applicant representative for hosting a hearing.

Council Member Mosley thanked the applicant for making an effort. Mosley stated he and the residents close to the development are concerned about drainage and the dog park.

Council Member Gardner motioned to adopt Ordinance 1037. Council Member Williams seconded the motion, the motion passed 6-2. Council Members Mosley and Holt voted no.

ORDINANCE 1038 AMENDMENT TO LAND USE PLAN & MAP

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for the third reading of Ordinance 1038, amending the Maumelle Land Use Plan and Map due to annexation and for other purposes. Clerk Timmons gave the reading.

Council Member Williams motioned to adopt Ordinance 1038. Council Member Tierney seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1039 AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for the third reading of Ordinance 1039, amending the Maumelle Zoning Map due to annexation and for other purposes. Clerk Timmons gave the reading.

Council Member Tierney motioned to adopt Ordinance 1039. Council Member Williams seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1044 AMENDMENT TO LAND USE PLAN & MAP

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for the second reading of Ordinance 1044, amending the Maumelle Land Use Plan and Map and for other purposes. Clerk Timmons gave the reading.

Council Member Mazzoni spoke about the effects of the increase in residential areas within the city. Mazzoni stated that residential areas increase government expenditures.

Council Member Mosley seconded what Council Member Mazzoni said, he also stated that upside is that there will be no traffic issues.

Council Member Shinn asked the developers about how many jobs will be created.

Scott Hollman, SWD Architects, stated that about 35 full time well-paying jobs will be created

With no further discussion, Ordinance 1044 will be on third reading at the next city council meeting.

ORDINANCE 1045 AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for second reading of Ordinance 1045, amending the Maumelle Zoning Map and for other purposes. Clerk Timmons gave the reading.

With no further discussion, Ordinance 1045 will be on third reading at the next city council meeting.

ORDINANCE 1043 ADOPTING PROVISIONS FOR SICK LEAVE ACCRUAL

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for second reading of Ordinance 1043 adopting provisions for the Police Office sick leave accruals and for other purposes. Clerk Timmons gave the reading.

Mayor Norris prefaced that this Ordinance would increase the amount and rate of sick leave accrual for law enforcement.

With no further discussion, Ordinance 1043 will be on third reading at the next city council meeting.

RESOLUTION 2021-27

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for the reading of Resolution 2021-27, approving and certifying amount of liens to be filed with the Pulaski County Tax collector against certain real property in the City of Maumelle, Arkansas as a result of grass cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances; and for other purposes Clerk Timmons gave the reading.

Council Member Mosely asked the Deputy Director of Planning and Permits about details.

Trent Carter, Deputy Director of Planning and Permits, stated that the owner is a decedent with not heirs. The property has not been preserved and the back yard has over growth.

Council Member Gardner motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-27. Council Member Tierney seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2021-28 APPROVING CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING AGREEMENT

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for the reading of Resolution 2021-28, approving an agreement regarding a grant for crisis intervention training incentives between the City of Maumelle and Pulaski County Arkansas. Clerk Timmons gave the reading.

Mayor Norris stated that this program would allow Maumelle law enforcement to get training on how to identify persons that should go to an intervention institution.

With no further discussion, Council Member Gardner motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-28. Council Member Tierney seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 1046 AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 94-353

With no objections, Mayor Norris called for first reading of Ordinance 1046, amending section 94-353 of the Maumelle City Code to change multifamily residential uses as permitted in the R-3 district from a permitted use in a C-2 district to a conditional use in a C-2 district and for other purposes. Clerk Timmons gave the reading.

With no discussion, Ordinance 1046 will be on second reading at the next city council meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Mosley asked about the option to go back to hybrid meetings pursuant to the most recent State of Emergency from the state. Mayor Norris stated that if the new State of Emergency is still valid, it is up to the council to decide to enact hybrid meetings.

Council Member Saunders spoke in favor of reinstating to hybrid meetings due to health reasons.

Council Member Gardner stated that the Governor signed a new State of Emergency in July and it is active through the end of September. Council Member Gardner stated he sees no issue with going back.

Attorney Krebs stated that the city should monitor the State of Emergency to be in compliance.

Council Member Tierney and Council Member Williams both stated that they are in support of hybrid meetings.

Mayor Norris stated that assuming there is an active State of Emergency declaration, the city will transition back to hybrid meetings.

CITY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Attorney Krebs mentioned to opioid litigation. The state of Arkansas along with 41 states, have agreed to participate. She stated that more information will be coming soon, before the city decides to sign on and get on board.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Tierney motioned to adjourn the city council meeting. Council Member Saunders seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Norris adjourned the meeting at 6:52pm.

CALEB NORRIS, MAYOR

TINA TIMMONS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

APPROVED

OCTOBER 4, 2021