



City Council Meeting Minutes June 5, 2023

Sammy Hartwick, Mayor	Present
Kelly Knowland	Present
Mark Hardin	Present
Ty Kelso	Present
Larry Johnson	Present
Richard Weaver	Present
Matt Reynolds	Present

Roll call indicated a quorum was present.

Matt Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting as amended, Kelly Knowland seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Good Samaritan Award – Mayor & Ben Verell

The Mayor and Mr. Verell gave a presentation awarding the Good Samaritan Award to Boen Brakebill and Garrett McCoy for their help in an automobile accident several days ago near the Childcare Network property.

Chamber of Commerce Report – Ashton Pruitt

The Chamber received seven new members in the month of May. Junk & Drive on 65 was a huge success, with businesses all the way up to Clinton benefiting from the event. The City and Chamber has put together an Eclipse Task Force to help prepare the City for the events coming surrounding the Eclipse. There were three ribbon cuttings – Marketplace Boutique, Peachwave of Greenbrier, and Zeteo Coffee. They also held a Lunch & Learn and a meeting with the Arkansas Community Foundation of Faulkner County. Upcoming events include the “Movies at Matthews Park” with Central Christian Academy on June 16 and ribbon cuttings at Mel’s Grooming, the Tie Dye Dog, and the Hummingbird Café.

Larry Johnson was present following the Chamber of Commerce Report.

Naming of Old Pearce Building – Ashton Pruitt

The building was purchased and repurposed a couple of years ago to be used by the Chamber of Commerce and the Parks & Rec staff. The building will be named after Ola Hawks, a former Chamber President, who had a dream several years ago for the Chamber to have their own space and offices. It will now be called the “Ola Hawks Community Development Center”.

Resolution #2023-04 – TAP Program/Federal Aid Funds

This resolution is needed for the City to apply for an 80/20 TAP Grant for asphalt on walking trails in Matthews Park. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mark Hardin, seconded by Matt Reynolds, and passed unanimously.

Resolution #2023-05 – TAP Program/Federal Aid Funds

This resolution is needed for the City to apply for an 80/20 TAP Grant for a walking trail from City Hall to Matthews Park. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Kelly Knowland, seconded by Matt Reynolds, and passed unanimously.

Resolution #2023-06 – Outdoor Recreation Matching Grant

This resolution is needed for the City to apply for an Outdoor Recreation Matching grant. The purpose for this grant is for a multi-use pavilion at Matthews Park. The City has applied for this twice before, and are hoping they will receive the grant this year. The grant is a 50/50 grant up to \$250,000. This resolution requires a public meeting.

A public meeting was called by Mayor Hartwick. Many councilmembers voiced their approval of applying for the grant. Mayor Hartwick adjourned the public meeting.

After reading the resolution, Matt Reynolds made a motion to approve, Mark Hardin seconded, and all voted in favor.

Ordinance #2023-04 – Rezone 00 Hwy 25 – Jeremy Riddle

Mr. Riddle is in the process of purchasing some land past the High School on Highway 25 for the purpose of apartment buildings. The property is currently zoned R-1, and is requested to be changed to R-4. This ordinance is coming to the City Council on appeal after being denied by the Planning Commission in the May meeting.

The current plan for the property is to place 64 units of apartments. There were several questions posed by councilmembers about the site plans of the apartments, which are not currently ready but will be reviewed by the Planning Commission when appropriate.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mark Hardin, seconded by Matt Reynolds, and passed unanimously. A motion to approve was made by Mark Hardin, seconded by Matt Reynolds, and passed 5-1. A motion to approve the

emergency clause was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Mark Hardin, and passed unanimously.

Mayor Hartwick stated that a bid opening for the Garrett Road improvements will take place on June 6. There are also several upcoming improvements to streets and sewer around the City.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ty Kelso, seconded by Matt Reynolds, and passed unanimously.

Sammy Hartwick, Mayor

Hunter Thrasher, City Clerk/Treasurer