MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 26, 2024

1. The city council of Prairie Grove, Arkansas met in a regular session on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Prairie Grove District Court. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Faulk, presiding officer.
2. On roll call the following was recorded:
   1. Present: Alderman Rick Ault, Rick Clayton, Sue Cluck, Tony Cunningham, Paula Ditmars, Brea Gragg, Chris Powell, and Doug Stumbaugh
   2. Absent: None
   3. Others present: Public Works Director Chuck Wiley, Steven Parker, Police Chief Chris Workman, and Fire Chief JC Dobbs.
3. Mayor Faulk; State of the City Address
4. Public Comment Period
5. Approval of the January 22,2024, regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Ault, second by Gragg to approve. Ayes: 8 Nayes: None. Motion carried.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Unfinished Business
   1. Ordinance to amend Food Cart regulations. Motion made by Stumbaugh, second by Clayton to place the ordinance on second reading by title only. Ayes:8 Nayes: None. Motion carried. Motion made by Stumbaugh, second by Clayton to waive the third reading and pass the ordinance. Ayes: eight. Nayes: None. Motion carried.
   2. Highway 170 name change discussion. Motion made by Stumbaugh, second by Cunningham to name Hwy 170 inside Prairie Grove city limits Walnut Grove Rd and addresses for those residents will be changed.
8. New Business
   1. Ordinance to approve rezone on Hwy 62 A-1 to B-2. Motion made by Stumbaugh, seconded by Ault to place the ordinance on first reading by title only. Ayes: eight. Nayes: None. Motion carried. Motion made by Stumbaugh, seconded by Ault to waive the second and third reading and pass the ordinance. Ayes: eight. Nayes: None. Motion carried.
   2. Resolution to approve 2023 budget reconciliation. Motion made by Cunningham, seconded by Ault to approve. Ayes: 8 Nayes: None. Motion carried.
   3. Resolution to approve Standard Operating Guidelines for the Fire Dept. Motion made by Clayton, second by Gragg to approve. Ayes: 8 Nays: None. Motion carried.
   4. Resolution to waive competitive bidding and purchase a used mini excavator. Motion made by Gragg, seconded by Stumbaugh to approve. Ayes: eight. Nayes: None. Motion carried.
   5. Ordinance to approve doing business with a City Councilman. Motion made by Stumbaugh, seconded by Gragg to place the ordinance on first reading by title only. Ayes: eight. Nayes: None. Motion carried. Motion made by Stumbaugh, seconded by Gragg to waive the second and third reading and pass the ordinance. Ayes: eight. Nayes: None. Motion carried.
   6. Discussion on downtown parking. The owner of the property is asking $72,000. Motion made by Powell, second by Clayton to offer $50,000 for the property. Ayes: seven. Nayes: 1(Gragg). Motion carried.
   7. Discussion of fireworks. A resident has requested that we change and or add days allowed for shooting fireworks. More discussion next month.
   8. Discussion on changing employee birthday holiday to Juneteenth holiday.
9. Reports of Committees:
   1. Sanitation
      1. NNR
   2. Street
      1. One lane traffic downtown while crews are working construction. There has been some confusion on the detour routes or residents.
      2. Crews on working on sidewalks.
      3. Viney Grove phase 2 is estimated to be completed this summer.
   3. Water/Sewer
      1. No complaints about water quality.
   4. Court
      1. Rachel sent out a monthly report.
   5. Fire
      1. Busy
   6. Parks and Recreation
      1. Crews are working on getting fields ready for baseball season.
      2. New handicap swing at Muddy Fork Park has been installed.
      3. Bleachers purchased for Tennis courts.
      4. Added heat in bathrooms at Rieff Park.
   7. Police
      1. NNR
   8. Long-Range Planning
      1. Approved conditional use permit for 3100 E Heritage Parkway.
   9. Senior Citizen
      1. Construction starts this week.
   10. Library
       1. NNR

1. Announcements- Tour of new football field on Saturday. Masonic Lodge breakfast on Saturday morning.
2. With no further business before the council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 pm by Cunningham, second by Stumbaugh to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

