

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MAUMELLE
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016
6:00 PM
CITY HALL**

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with seven members present. Ward 3 Position 1 was vacant.

Mayor Watson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Watson introduced Carolyn Korte and stated she would be the new Finance Director and that she would be starting on October 3, 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

Alderman Vaprezsán motioned to approve the September 6th minutes. Alderman Timmons seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by all in attendance.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW

Tasha Thompson presented a PowerPoint presentation on the current month's financials.

Alderman Vaprezsán asked about the status of the audit. Ms. Thompson stated that all the information had been received, but there had been a delay with the auditors.

Alderman Anderson motioned to approve the current month's financials. Alderman Saunders seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by all in attendance.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Alderman Vaprezsán moved to have all ordinances and resolutions read by title only. Alderman Saunders seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by all in attendance.

ORDINANCE 911 – AMENDING MAUMELLE LAND USE PLAN

With no objections, Mayor Watson called for the second reading of the ordinance amending the current Land Use to show that the land use on the area identified as "Rezone from R-2 to R-1" with the legal description as stated on the survey attached hereto as Exhibit A, a part of the SW1/4 NW1/4 and a part of the NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 29, T-3-N, R-13-W, Pulaski County, Arkansas, dated August 4, 2016 without revision, that was previously designated as MFA

(MultiFamily Attached) to SFD (Single Family Detached) to accommodate the anticipated use by the applicant. The Deputy City Clerk gave the reading.

Jim Narey, Director of Planning and Zoning, stated that the gentlemen who bought this property want to build single-family homes and not apartment buildings; therefore, they are asking for a re-zoning of 16 acres of the 43 acres.

ORDINANCE 912 – AMENDING MAUMELLE ZONING MAP

With no objections, Mayor Watson called for the second reading of the ordinance amending the current Zoning Map to show that the land use on the area identified as “Rezone from R-2 to R-1” with the legal description as stated on the survey attached hereto as Exhibit A, a part of the SW1/4 NW1/4 and a part of the NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 29, T-3-N, R-13-W Pulaski County, Arkansas, dated August 4, 2016 without revision, that was previously designated as R-2 to R-1 to accommodate the anticipated use by the applicant. The Deputy City Clerk gave the reading.

ORDINANCE 913 - AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46 OF MAUMELLE CITY CODE

With no objections, Mayor Watson called for the first reading of the ordinance amending Chapter 46, Parks and Recreation; Article I, In General; Section 3, Maumelle Veteran’s Memorial – Access to and use of limited, of the Maumelle City Code. The Deputy City Clerk gave the reading.

Alderman Kelley stated he wanted to clarify the language in the ordinance to specify that the memorial is there for veterans and that only their activities should be approved by the Parks Department.

The Mayor stated that a group was there celebrating a wedding engagement. They were veterans, but the Memorial was not being used for its intended purpose, and it was not cleaned up after the event.

Alderman Mosley asked if there was a sign in the area. Mayor Watson stated there is a sign that references the original ordinance.

Alderman Anderson asked how the Parks Department is going to be able to decide if the function specifically honors the veterans and if there will there be an appeals process.

City Attorney Norris stated there is no appeal process, but it does go to the Maumelle Veterans Memorial Committee for further review.

Alderman Anderson stated he would like to see an appeals process. Alderman Kelley stated that the ordinance currently covers that matter.

Alderman Saunders stated that the sign needs to reflect the changes made to the ordinance.

Alderman Timmons asked if we have signed agreements for any event that takes place at the memorial. Mayor Watson stated no.

DECLARING A VACANRY FOR WARD 3 POSITION 1 ALDERMAN

Mayor Watson stated Alderman Lewis moved from Ward 3, as of September 16, 2016, and he resigned from his position.

Alderman Anderson motioned to declare a vacancy for Ward 3 Position 1. Alderman Kelley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by all in attendance.

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT FOR ALDERMAN AND CITY CLERK/TREASURER FOR OCTOBER 3, 2016

Alderman Saunders asked if anyone has turned in a resume for the alderman position. City Attorney Norris stated yes; one person has applied - Mrs. Terry Williams.

Mayor Watson stated Mrs. Terry Williams is running unopposed for the alderman position Ward 3, Position 1. No matter who the Council appoints for the remainder of the term for Ward 3, Position 1, Mrs. Williams will begin serving the term in January 2017.

Alderman Kelley motioned to appoint the alderman position first and then the City Clerk/Treasurer position second. Alderman Anderson seconded the motion, and it passed with Alderman Mosley voting no.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Watson stated that resumes for City Clerk/Treasurer are due September 26, 2016 no later than 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Watson stated the Traffic Committee meeting will be September 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Watson stated the Bash on the Boulevard had over 4,000 people in attendance. Mayor Watson stated the vendors had a great time and would love to come back.

Alderman Timmons stated it was also good for the merchants located in Town Centre.

Mayor Watson reminded everyone about the comment form that was distributed at the I-40 Interchange public hearing, held last Thursday (September 15, 2016). Mayor Watson stated the forms are due on October 4, 2016.

ALDERMAN'S COMMENTS

Alderman Mosley mentioned an incident where AT&T cut power to his house, and Entergy came to his home and restored power quickly and efficiently.

Alderman Mosley asked where Zone Mart was located. Mayor Watson stated that it is the old Jr. Mart, located at I 430 and Maumelle Blvd.

Alderman Vaprehsan stated the Maumelle rings look nice, but there is an obstruction to the view of the bottom portion of the display. Mayor Watson stated the Arkansas Highway Department was very clear that dozers were not allowed there; so for now, it will stay as it is.

CITY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

City Attorney Norris addressed the question concerning a lower amount of court revenue. He stated part of it has to do with the normal fluctuation of how many people are getting cited. He stated that it is also due to differences in how he and the former City Attorney handled cases.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Saunders seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by all in attendance.

Mayor Watson adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

MAYOR MICHAEL WATSON

City Clerk

APPROVED

October 3, 2016