

CITY OF SHANNON HILLS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 6:00 p. m. Following the pledge of allegiance and invocation, roll was as follows:

Mayor Mike Kemp, present  
Alderman Toni Blackwell, present  
Alderman Jill Hatcher, present  
Alderman Mary Guinn, present  
Alderman Chris Smith, present  
Alderman Scott Bennett, present  
Alderman Keith Andrews, present  
Attorney Patrick Benca, present  
Treasurer Mary Meyers, present  
Recorder Robin Baker, present



Ms. Meyers presented the financial report. There were no questions or comments from the council. Alderman Bennett made a motion to accept the financial report, Alderman Guinn gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from the prior meeting were provided to the council. Alderman Blackwell made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Alderman Andrews gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Department head reports were provided to the council. Alderman Blackwell noted that there were several street signs knocked down on Emerald Mountain. Public Works will handle needed repairs. Also noted was the fact that boring crews hit a total of four sewer lines during their drilling.

Fire Station 3 is waiting for concrete which is not available until the end of September.

Mr. Reed also advised that the cost of pump rebuilds on the mountain has risen from \$1540 to \$1923.

Old Business:

Engineering Report. The mayor advised there were no reports from either engineering firm. He stated he will advise each of the importance of updating the council. However, Mayor Kemp did

inform the council that both the new bridge plans are at 90% and the park improvement plans are at 60% due to both projects will be going on at the same time.

New Business:

1. Shannon Hills Volunteer Fire Department Vehicles. Mayor Kemp presented the council with Resolution 2023-011, Approving the Surplus Sale, Purchase and Outfitting Fire Department Vehicles. Attorney Benca read the resolution in full, and the council was advised of the costs by Chief Spivey—Sale of vehicle for \$20,500; two new vehicles would be added at a cost of \$31,000; and \$20,000 for equipment. After further discussion, Alderman Bennett made a motion to accept the resolution. Alderman Smith gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Ordinance 2023-07, Zoning Change. Mayor Kemp introduced Ordinance 2023-007, Zoning Change. Attorney Benca read the ordinance in full and also assisted in discussions and clarification with the audience regarding this issue. Alderman Blackwell asked [the Planning Commission why just one parcel not a larger area? Planning Commission Chairman Lamar Johnson answered that only one parcel was involved in the request brought forward for the zoning change.] An audience member commented to the effect that lights will be a nuisance, and it is against all applicable current zoning. Mr. Benca replied that all paths leading to this discussion were legally followed. A representative from Dollar General spoke to those concerns advising that after rezoning, design issues, such as lights, fences, etc., will be addressed by their design team. He also advised that lighting can be placed to protect surrounding properties. After discussion, Alderman Bennett made a motion to accept the ordinance. Alderman Smith gave the second, and after a roll-call vote of six (6) aye votes, the ordinance passed the first reading.

Alderman Bennett made a motion to suspend the rules and add the ordinance to the agenda for the second reading. Alderman Hatcher gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously. Attorney Benca read the ordinance in its entirety; and after discussion, Alderman Guinn made a motion to accept the second reading. Alderman Andrews gave the second, and after a roll-call vote of six (6) aye votes, the ordinance passed the second reading.

Alderman Andrews made a motion to suspend the rules and add the ordinance to the agenda for the third and final reading. Alderman Smith gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously. Attorney Benca read the ordinance in its entirety; and after discussion, Alderman Andrews made a motion to accept the third and final reading. Alderman Smith gave the second, and after a roll-call vote of six (6) aye votes, the ordinance passed the third and final reading.

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Alderman Bennett made a motion to enact the emergency clause within the ordinance. Alderman Smith gave the second, and the motion passed with a roll-call vote of six (6) aye votes.


3. Latest City Audit. Mayor Kemp informed the council that the latest audit had some minor issues, but all in all, was a good audit.

Other Business:

None.

There being no further business brought before the Council and no further comments from the floor, Alderman Andrews made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Bennett. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robin Baker, Recorder

The above minutes were approved as written/corrected on

9-19-23

  
Mike Kemp, Mayor

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