

CITY OF SHANNON HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 17, 2024
(Rescheduled from Weather Delay 011624)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 6:12 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, absent
Alderman Chris Smith, present
Alderman Scott Bennett, present
Alderman Keith Andrews, present
Attorney Patrick Benca, present via phone
Treasurer Mary Meyers, absent
Recorder Robin Baker, present



As the financial report was included in the members' packets and due to the absence of the treasurer, the only comment regarding this report was Alderman Bennett asked if the "invalid after 90 days" notation had been added to the city checks. He was advised a stamp is being ordered. There were no other questions or comments from the council. Alderman Bennett made a motion to accept the financial report, Alderman Andrews gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from the prior meetings (including special meeting December 28, 2023) were provided to the council. Alderman Hatcher made a motion to accept both sets of minutes as written, Alderman Blackwell gave the second, the motion passed unanimously.

Department head reports were provided to the council. There were no questions or comments from the council.

Old Business:

Engineering Report. Mayor Kemp referred the council to the letter from Lemons Engineering.

New Business:

1. 2024 Meeting Times, Procedures, and Rules. Mayor Kemp explained that the council follows Robert's Rule of Order as far as rules and procedures and advised the council that this would be the time to change the meeting time if necessary. Alderman Hatcher made a

motion to change the regular meeting time to 5:30 p.m., requesting a sign-in sheet at the door for people attending and one for citizens wishing to speak with a three-minute limit regarding issues on the agenda. After discussion, Alderman Blackwell gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Alderman Hatcher made a motion to suspend the rules and move Item 4 of the meeting's agenda to the forefront at this time (new Item 2) and allow public comment on this issue as there were several constituents in the audience who wished to be heard. Alderman Bennett gave the second and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution 2024-03, Accepting Improvement District Dissolution. Mayor Kemp read the resolution in its entirety and explained its need. Alicia Kendall asked what entity would maintain infrastructure such as roads, water, etc., and was informed the city maintains roads and water.

Alderman Bennett made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-03, Accepting Dissolution of Southfork Municipal Recreational Improvement District Number Four (4) of Shannon Hills, Arkansas. Alderman Blackwell gave the second and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution 2024-01, Balancing 2023 Budget. Mayor Kemp read the resolution in its entirety and explained its need. After discussion, Alderman Andrews made a motion to accept the resolution, with Alderman Smith giving the second. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Resolution 2024-02, Accepting Sidewalk Project Bids and Contract Awarded. Mayor Kemp read the resolution in its entirety awarding the contract to Township Builders, Inc., with the base bid amount of \$299,536. He explained this is an 80/20 grant with the city contributing 20 percent. After discussion, Alderman Bennett made a motion to accept the resolution, and Alderman Smith gave the second. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Ordinance Number 2024-01, Authorizing Treasurer Employment if Needed. The mayor read the ordinance in its entirety and explained its need. After discussion, Alderman Blackwell made a motion to accept the ordinance for the first reading. Alderman Hatcher gave the second, and after a voice vote of five aye votes, Alderman Guinn absent, Ordinance 2024-01 passed the first reading.

Alderman Hatcher made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the agenda for the second reading, reading the title only. Alderman Bennet gave the second, and this motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kemp read the title only of Ordinance 2024-01, and Alderman Bennett made a motion to accept the ordinance for the second reading. Alderman Hatcher gave the

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second, and after a voice vote of five aye votes, Alderman Guinn absent, Ordinance 2024-01 passed the second reading.

Alderman Bennett made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the agenda for the third and final reading, reading the title only. Alderman Blackwell gave the second, and this motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kemp read the title only of Ordinance 2024-01, and Alderman Smith made a motion to accept the ordinance for the third and final reading. Alderman Andrews gave the second, and after a voice vote of five aye votes, Alderman Guinn absent, Ordinance 2024-01 passed the third and final reading.

6. Ordinance Number 2024-02, Authorizing F.A.S.T. Solutions if Needed. Mayor Kemp read the ordinance in its entirety and explained its need. After discussion, Alderman Bennett made a motion to approve the ordinance for the first reading. Alderman Hatcher gave the second, and after five aye votes, Alderman Guinn absent, Ordinance 2024-02 passed the first reading.

Alderman Bennett made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the agenda for the second reading, reading the title only. Alderman Blackwell gave the second, and this motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kemp read the title only of Ordinance 2024-02, and Alderman Hatcher made a motion to accept the ordinance for the second reading. Alderman Andrews gave the second, and after a voice vote of five aye votes, Alderman Guinn absent, Ordinance 2024-02 passed the second reading.

Alderman Bennett made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the agenda for the third and final reading, reading the title only. Alderman Andrews gave the second, and this motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kemp read the title only of Ordinance 2024-02, and Alderman Smith made a motion to accept the ordinance for the third and final reading. Alderman Hatcher gave the second, and after a voice vote of five aye votes, Alderman Guinn absent, Ordinance 2024-02 passed the third and final reading.

7. ANRC Water/Wastewater Project Financing. Mayor Kemp advised the loan has been approved and the first to be paid will be the smoke testing company. Alderman Blackwell asked Ms. Hamby if the testing will cover the entire city. Ms. Hamby yes, but the report has not been received at this time.

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8. Statement of Financial Interest. The mayor reminded all council members that the statements of financial interest are due in the recorder's office no later than January 31 at close of business.

Other Business:

None.

Comments from the Floor:

Dale Blackwell asked who is responsible for cleaning sidewalks in town, which is the homeowner's responsibility.

Janelle Johnson in Southfork advised she had water in her meter box and stated it had no cover. She was advised that water in the box is okay, and she would be supplied a box cover.

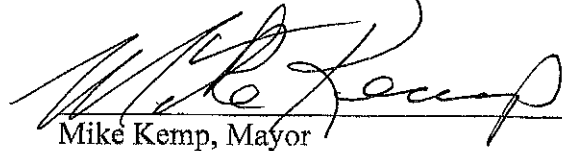
There being no further business brought before the Council and no further comments from the floor, Alderman Smith made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Bennett. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Baker, Recorder

The above minutes were approved as written/corrected on 2-20-24



Mike Kemp, Mayor

