

CITY OF SHANNON HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kemp at 6:02 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, absent



Mrs. 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 Quinn gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from the prior meeting were provided to the council. Alderman Blackwell asked that a correction be made to the name Tiffany Walker as the correct spelling is Kiffany Walker under Other Business. Alderman Hatcher made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Alderman Smith gave the 2nd, the motion passed unanimously.

Emerald Mountain resident, Kiffany Walker, was applauded for her efforts in the Emerald Mountain Cleanup done on October 7, 2023. An award of appreciation will be presented at the next council meeting.

Department head reports were provided to the council. Jeff Reed noted that Clayton lift station issue has been fixed. He also gave an update on the progress of Fire Station #3. Mr. Reed gave notice that he will be resigning from his position as Director of Public Works effective November 10, 2023. Alderman Bennett expressed his appreciation for Mr. Reed's 18 years of service to the City.

Old Business:

Ms. Becca Horne explained that the city website is being decommissioned and a new website platform is required. Alderman Hatcher made a motion to approve, Alderman Blackwell gave the 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

The Public Works Department is in need of a refrigerator at the plant. Mayor Mike Kemp was able to provide them with one in the amount of \$150. Alderman Hatcher made the motion to approve, Alderman Blackwell giving the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

1. The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:21 p.m.

The ANRC Loan was discussed for improvements to our sewer and wastewater systems. State law requires a public hearing, notice of public hearing and approval of ordinance to proceed. The amount of loan is approx. \$823,500 with a lending rate of 1.7%, .75% interest and 1% service fee to ANRC over 20 years. Interest only being paid, until improvements have been made then payments will go to principal. Mr. Reed brought up that a 3% water rate increase after the 1st of the year is likely.

Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

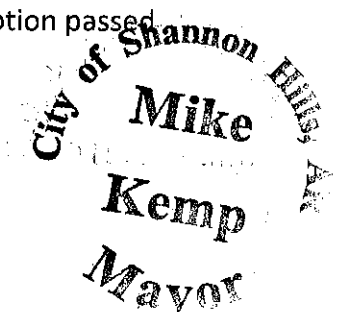
2. City Council meeting was resumed with reading of proposed Ordinance 2023-008 authorizing the construction of betterments and improvements to the water and sewer facilities of the city of Shannon Hills, Arkansas; authorizing the issuance of a water and sewer revenue bond for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of the betterments and improvements, providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bond; and prescribing other matters relating thereto. Motion was made to read the title only by Alderman Bennett and Alderman Blackwell gave the 2nd. The motion was passed unanimously.

First reading was made and Alderman Andrews made the motion to approve with Alderman Smith giving the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was given by Alderman Bennett and Alderman Guinn gave the 2nd. The motion was passed unanimously.

The second reading was made and Alderman Smith made the motion to approve with Alderman Andrews giving the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to suspend the rules and read by title only was given by Alderman Hatcher and Alderman Smith gave a 2nd. The motion was passed unanimously.

Third reading was made and Alderman Andrews made the motion to approve with Alderman Blackwell giving the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Mayor Kemp discussed Resolution 2023-13, Detention Center Agreement. The rate will be increased to \$1587 per month flat fee with a reevaluation to be done next year. Alderman Bennett made a motion to approve, with Alderman Hatcher giving the 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.



4. Mrs. Mary Meyers provided information on the annual increase for Qualchoice insurance for all city employees that are full-time. A motion to approved was made by Alderman Bennett with Alderman Hatcher giving the 2nd. The motion was passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Chief Allen Spears discussed a need for a generator at the Police Station due to frequent power surges and having to get assistance each time it happens. Mayor Mike Kemp believes there are funds in the general budget to allow this. Alderman Hatcher made a motion to approve for \$13,000. Alderman Smith gave the 2nd and the motion was passed unanimously.

Alderman Bennett requested that the stop sign in the cul de sac on Stallion Pass be raised to a higher level. Public Works agreed to fix this and raise it higher.

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 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Horne
~~Robin Baker, Recorder~~ Acting Recorder

The above minutes were approved as written corrected on November 21, 2023.

Mike Kemp
Mike Kemp, Mayor

