## CITY OF SHANNON HILLS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 21, 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, absent
Alderman Keith Andrews, present
Attorney Patrick Benca, absent
Treasurer Mary Meyers, present
Recorder Robin Baker, absent



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

Minutes from the prior meeting were provided to the council. Alderman Hatcher made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Alderman Smith gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion passed unanimously.

Department head reports were provided to the council. Public works addressed the sidewalk problem at Ms. Betty's.

The Police Department was thanked for assisting county with an incident on Kling Road.

Chief Allen Spears recently had surgery and asked to be kept in prayers.

## Old Business:

Engineering report was presented in the city council packet.

Kiffany Walker received her Certificate of Appreciation mentioned in the last meeting.

## New Business:

The Public Works Department announced Kim Hamby and Chris Abbott as the new heads of the water/wastewater department. Jason Temple will be signing off on paperwork until Kim and Chris get the certifications they need. This will cost approximately \$500-1000 per month.

Ronnie Spivey, Fire Chief, requested approval from council to get a credit card for the Fire Department. Alderman Hatcher made the motion to approve, Alderman Smith gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion passed unanimously.

He also requested a separate line item in the fire budget. Alderman Blackwell made the motion to approve; Alderman Andrews gave the  $2^{nd}$ , the motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission approved site plans for Dollar General and addressed all concerns. Motion was made by Alderman Andrews to approve the site plan as well, Alderman Hatcher gave the  $2^{nd}$ , the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the planning commission authorized change of the name of a new subdivision being built in west Shannon Hills to 'Emerald Mountain South Estates'. Motion was made by Alderman Hatcher and Alderman Guinn gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing for Water/Sewer Rates

1. The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Increase rate on upper rates not basic rates and is expected to be approx. \$1.15 per month increase effective Dec 1/2023. This helps continue to meet 2014 bond & ANRC bond requirements of 110% income.

Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

2. City Council meeting was resumed with reading of proposed Ordinance 2023-009

Motion was made to read the title only by Alderman Hatcher and Alderman Guinn gave the  $2^{nd}$ . The motion was passed unanimously.

First reading was made and Alderman Blackwell made the motion to approve with Alderman Andrews giving the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Alderman Bennett joined by phone at 6:48 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to suspend the rules place the ordinance on the agenda for the second reading and read by title only was given by Alderman Andrews and Alderman Guinn gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was passed unanimously. The ordinance was read, a motion to approve was given by Alderman Bennett with Alderman Andrews giving the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to suspend the rules place the ordinance on the agenda for the third and final reading and read by title only was given by Alderman Blackwell and the 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Alderman Bennett, motion passed unanimously. The ordinance was read for the third and final time. Alderman Smith made the motion to approve with Alderman Guinn giving the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion for the emergency clause was given by Alderman Bennett with a  $2^{nd}$  from Alderman Guinn. The motion passed unanimously.

## Other Business:

Lela Chism asked about the improvement district issues in Southfork Ranch. Mayor Kemp advised he is seeking to find information and determine the city's authority pertaining to the improvement district and is trying to fix the issues.

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 Smith. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Meyers, Treasurer

**Acting Recorder** 

The above minutes were approved as written/corrected on

Mike Kemp, Mayor

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