CITY OF SHANNON HILLS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 19, 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 by phone
Alderman Chris Smith, present
Alderman Scott Bennett, present
Alderman Keith Andrews, present
Attorney Patrick Benca, absent
Treasurer Mary Meyers, present
Recorder Robin Baker, present



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

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

Department head reports were provided to the council. Alderman Hatcher asked if the sidewalk near Betty Riley's house was repaired. She was advised it has not been done yet.

Alderman Bennett asked if the city checks could have a notation imprinted on them saying "not valid after 90 days." Ms. Meyers advised she would ask the bank to add this to the new checks.

Alderman Blackwell asked Chief Spears if he had received a grant for radios. He advised yes. She also inquired about the raise in dues for the fire department. Chief Spivey stated it had been several years since the dues were increased, and he would like the council to approve the increase of \$1.00 per house effective immediately. Mayor Kemp advised that he first would have to check with Municipal League and the city attorney to find out if this change needs to be handled with a resolution or ordinance. Additionally, as Chief Spivey had already figured his budget to include the \$1.00 increase. The mayor asked that the increase be moved to a special meeting next week, so he can have time to draft the ordinance. Additionally, Mayor Kemp

advised he met with the Intergovernmental Council in Benton about distribution of Act 833 funds. SO far there are no changes to the distribution formula. Mayor Kemp says he will oppose any effort to reduce the Shannon Hills share.

Old Business:

Engineering Report. Mayor Kemp referred the council to the letter from the engineer's office.

New Business:

- 1. Water/Wastewater Customer Seeking Second Adjustment in Year. Ms. Meyers introduced Tyisha Brewer and informed the council of the \$1,005 water bill she had received, including leak issues she faced at her property over the past year. Ms. Brewer advised the council that she has done everything in her power to fix any leaks and make sure everything had been repaired. The council reviewed the information presented and agreed to the following: Wastewater charge of \$374.48 will be removed, along with the late charges. It was noted Ms. Brewer paid \$62.98 on December 9, which would leave \$200 even on her current bill, to be paid at \$50 per month. Alderman Bennett made a motion to accept this proposal, with Alderman Hatcher giving the second. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Resolution 2023-014, Accepting Park Bids and Awarding Contract. Mayor Kemp introduced and read Resolution 2023-014 which accepted the bid (\$141,928) and awarded the contract for park improvements to Township Builders, Inc. Alderman Bennett made a motion to accept the resolution, Alderman Smith gave the second, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Resolution 2023-015, Approving Budgets for ALL City Departments.

It was noted that the Fire Department budget included a one dollar per month increase in fire dues, which must be approved at a special meeting prior to the new budget year going into effect, or the fire department budget will have to be revisited.

Ms. Meyers presented the General Fund budget. She noted there were no raises for elected officials this cycle. The council had no questions regarding this budget.

The Street Department budget was presented and reviewed. There were no comments or changes.

The Water/Wastewater budget was presented and discussed. There were no issues changes.

Alderman Guinn had to leave the meeting at 6:56 p.m. and was unable to be present for the voting. Alderman Andrews made a motion to approve all budgets, including the fire department. Alderman Smith gave the second and the motion passed unanimously.

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 Smith. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Baker, Recorder

The above minutes were approved as written/corrected on

Mike Kemp, Mayor