

Regular Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, AR 72104
Tuesday, June 16th, 2020

Rockport City Council met on Tuesday, June 16th, 2020 at Rockport City Hall at 5:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Ruth Ann Crites led the Pledge of allegiance.

Open Prayer:

The opening prayer was also performed by Council Member Brenda Womble.

Roll Call

The following council members were present:

Darrell Hughes, Melinda Baker, Brenda Womble

Note: Jimmie Shuffield was absent

Others Present.:

Damon Dyer, Pam Hall, Greg Vardaman

Reading of Minutes:

Minutes from Tuesday, May 19th, 2020 were read.

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Council Member Hughes, Seconded by Council Member Baker.

(Womble-Y, Hughes-Y, Baker-Y)

Motion carried.

Financial Report:

No financial statements presented this meeting.

Planning Commission:

No planning commission meeting was held for June.

Police Department:

No Police report submitted this meeting.

Street Department:

Damon Dyer stated that he has been bushhogging in the City this past month. Council Member Womble requested for Mr. Dyer to get quotes for poison to spray and control the weeds.

Sewer Department:

Mayor Crites is contacting Entergy to find out about accounts that need to be setup and work to be done for the City.

Council Member Baker stated that the City needs to get Craig Smith's driveway repaired.

Code Enforcement:

None.

Old Business:

No old business to report on.

Council Member Womble made a motion to accept all departments reports for this meeting. Council Member Hughes seconded.

(Baker-Y, Hughes-Y, Womble-Y)

Motion carried.

New Business:

City citizen, Pam Hall, spoke to the council about a city cleanup day for the city on July 11th from 8:00-10:00 AM. She stated that the Hot Spring County beautification committee is having their quarterly cleanup on this day. Rockport City council agreed to make printouts and post on their social media pages to get Rockport citizens to participate. Mrs. Hall also stated she will register Rockport for the Keep Arkansas Beautiful program.

Mrs. Hall then went on to discuss getting a grant from the Arkansas Highway department to have Rockport be a part of the bike trail that is to lead to Lake Catherine. And further brought up Rockport supporting possibly having a flat fee/donation option added to the county property tax statements for animal control services like some other counties have currently and asked if the Mayor would write a letter supporting this so she could present it at the next county quorum court meeting. Mayor Crites agreed to do so.

A motion was introduced and read by Council Member Baker resolution number 2020-5, a resolution appealing resolution number 2 of 2017.

Council Member Hughes made a motion to accept. Council Member Womble seconded.

(Baker-Y, Hughes-Y, Womble-Y)

Motion carried.

A motion was introduced and read by Council Member Baker ordinance number 2020-3, an Ordinance providing for the Levy of a one-percent (1%) sales and use tax within the city of Rockport, Arkansas; And prescribing other Matters pertaining thereto.

Council Member Hughes made a motion to accept on the first reading. Council Member Baker seconded.

(Womble-Y, Baker-Y, Hughes-Y)

Motion carried.

A motion to suspend the rules to place ordinance number 2020-3 reading by title only on the second reading. Council Member Hughes made a motion to accept. Council Member Baker seconded.

(Baker-Y, Hughes-Y, Womble-Y)

Motion carried.

A motion to suspend the rules to place ordinance number 2020-3 reading by title only on the third reading. Council Member Hughes made a motion to accept. Council Member Womble seconded.

(Baker-Y, Hughes-Y, Womble-Y)

Motion carried.

Council member Hughes made a motion to accept ordinance number 2020-3 as written. Council Member Baker seconded.

(Baker-Y, Hughes-Y, Womble-Y)

Motion carried.

A motion was introduced and read by Council Member Baker ordinance number 2020-4, an Ordinance calling a special election in the city of Rockport, Arkansas, on the question of levying a one percent sales and use tax within the city of Rockport, Arkansas; prescribing other matters pertaining thereto; and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Hughes made a motion to accept on the first reading. Council Member Baker seconded.

(Baker-Y, Womble-Y, Hughes-Y)

Motion carried.

A motion to suspend the rules to place ordinance number 2020-4 reading by title only on the third reading. Council Member Hughes made a motion to accept. Council Member Womble seconded.

(Baker-Y, Hughes-Y, Womble-Y)

Motion carried.

A motion to suspend the rules to place ordinance number 2020-4 reading by title only on the third reading. Council Member Hughes made a motion to accept. Council Member Baker seconded.

(Womble-Y, Hughes-Y, Baker-Y)

Motion carried.

Council member Hughes made a motion to accept ordinance number 2020-4 as written. Council Member Womble seconded.

(Hughes-Y, Baker-Y, Womble-Y)

Motion carried.

Council Member Womble made a motion to hire Jennifer Williamson for the court clerk/bookkeeper position. Council Member Baker seconded the motion.

(Hughes-Y, Womble-Y, Baker-Y)

Motion carried.

Council Member Baker then made a motion to add Jennifer Williamson as a signer to the city's bank accounts. Council Member Hughes seconded the motion.

(Womble-Y, Baker-Y, Hughes-Y)

Motion carried.

Council Member Womble made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Baker seconded. All were in favor.

City Council adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Date: 7-21-2020 Approved by: Ruth Ann Crites
Attest: Sandra Baker Ruth Ann Crites, Mayor
Sandra Baker, City Clerk