

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
Jan 08, 2008

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Aldermen Robin Baker, Sue Skipper, Toni Cobb, James Smith, Dave Holsomback and Evelyn Cador and Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson. City Attorney Patrick Benca was absent.

Mayor Davis announced some late changes to the Agenda and asked for the Council to approve the agenda changes. Alderman Holsomback made a motion that the Council adopt the new Agenda. Alderman Baker provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote. There was no opposition.

Department Head Reports:

The Department heads presented written reports. Copies of all of the reports are maintained in the office of the Recorder-Treasurer for public inspection.

Financial Report: Recorder-Treasurer Wilson noted that although a report was distributed, it was not a true End-of-Year report because some payments relative to 2007 were still being paid. He recommended that approval of the December 2007 Financial Report be tabled until a later meeting when it could be a true end-of-Period report. Alderman Baker made a motion to table the report as suggested. Alderman Holsomback provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote. There was no opposition.

Minutes: Minutes for the Nov 13, 2007 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Alderman Baker moved that they be approved as presented. Alderman Skipper provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote. There was no opposition.

Mayor Davis delivered the Annual State of the City Address.

Old Business:

Item 1. Additional pay for City Secretary for additional work Mayor Davis recommended \$1,300.00 extra per year. (\$50.00 per pay cycle.)

Following a brief discussion Alderman Cador made a motion that the extra pay be set at \$650.00 per year (\$25.00 per pay cycle) Alderman Smith provided a second. In a roll call vote, Aldermen Baker and Holsomback voted "No", Aldermen Cobb, Smith and Cador voted "yes." Alderman Skipper Abstained. With only three "Yes" votes the motion failed.

A motion was made by Alderman Holsomback setting the "extra pay" at \$50.00 per pay cycle, as suggested by Mayor Davis. Alderman Baker provided a second. In a roll call vote Aldermen Skipper, Holsomback and Baker voted "Yes." Aldermen Cobb, Smith and Cador voted "No." With the vote a 3 to 3 tie, Mayor Davis cast a "Yes" vote to break the tie and the motion was approved.

New Business:

Item 2. Ordinance 2008-02 Water rate increase of 9%.

First Reading:

Mayor Davis read Ordinance 2008-02 into the record. Following a brief discussion Alderman Baker made a motion to approve the Ordinance as read. Alderman Smith provided a second. In a roll call vote Aldermen Cobb, Smith, Holsomback, Cador, Baker and Skipper voted "Yes." There were no opposing votes. The Motion was Approved

Suspend rules for Second Reading:

Alderman Baker made a motion to suspend the rules and bring Ordinance 2008-02 to the floor for a second reading, evoking the Emergency Clause and reading the Title Only A second was provided by Alderman Holsomback. The Motion was approved by Voice vote. There was no opposition.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-02:

Alderman Baker moved that Ordinance 2008-02 be approved. Alderman Holsomback provided a second. In a roll call vote, Aldermen Smith, Holsomback, Cador, Baker, Skipper and Cobb voted "Yes". The Motion was approved with no opposition.

Suspend rules for Third, and final, Reading:

Alderman Baker made a motion to suspend the rules and bring Ordinance 2008-02 to the floor for a third and final reading, evoking the Emergency Clause and reading the Title Only A second was provided by Alderman Smith. The Motion was approved by Voice vote. There was no opposition.

Third Reading of Ordinance 2008-02:

Alderman Baker moved that Ordinance 2008-02 be approved. Alderman Cobb provided a second. In a roll call vote, Aldermen Holsomback, Cador, Baker, Skipper, Cobb and Smith voted "Yes." The Motion was approved with no opposition. Ordinance 2008-02 is adopted.

Alderman Baker made a motion to add a discussion about a request for exception to city law for keeping of certain animals to the agenda. Alderman Smith provided a second. . The motion was approved by voice vote. There was no opposition.

Item 3. Request for exception to city law for keeping of certain animals.

A citizen, Mr. Zajack owns, and wishes to keep at his residence some pigmy goats as pets. Ms O'Roark another citizen and neighbor of Mr. Zajack is opposed to the idea. Mayor Davis explained that ordinance 81-10 stipulates that no Livestock may be kept in the city. Key to the issue at hand is the determination that Pigmy Goats qualify as either Livestock or as pets.

Both involved parties and other's in attendance participated in a rather lengthy Discussion. The resulting perception was that the pigmy goats do qualify as pets rather than livestock and that if the owner of the goats will complete a privacy fence that will isolate the pets and keep them away from the property boundary he will be allowed to keep them.

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Following the discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Baker that the City authorize an exception allowing Mr. Zajack to keep three (3) pigmy goats and two (2) dogs on his Shannon hills property and he will be required to complete the privacy fence and take necessary steps to control any odor that the goats may cause. Alderman Cobb provided a second. In a roll call vote Aldermen Cador, Baker, Skipper, Cobb and Smith voted "Yes." Alderman Holsomback Abstained. The motion is approved.

Item 4. Ordinance 2008-01. Splitting the Recorder and Treasurer position into two separate positions.

First Reading: Mayor Davis read the ordinance into the record. After pointing out a typographical error and recommending a correction, Alderman Baker made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Alderman Cobb provided a second. In a roll call vote, Aldermen Baker, Skipper, Cobb, Smith, Holsomback and Cador voted "Yes." There were no opposing votes. The Motion is approved.

Comments:

(none.)

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderman Baker. A second was supplied by Alderman Cobb motion was approved by a voice vote, with no opposition. The Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer