

Minutes
City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
February 8, 2011

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Mike Kemp called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Kemp.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Kemp; Aldermen Brenda McCann, Sue Skipper, Toni Cobb, Jim Frala, Gervous Lambright, and Scott Bennett; Treasurer Carol Pessa; and Recorder Sandra Vosburg. City Attorney Patrick Benca was absent.

Financial Report: Mayor Kemp called for a motion to accept the financial report as provided. Alderman Frala so moved, Alderman Cobb seconded the motion, and the Council passed the motion unanimously by voice vote of six “ayes”. There were no negative votes.

Minutes: Mayor Kemp entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2011, Regular Meeting as corrected. Alderman McCann so moved, seconded by Alderman Skipper, and the Council passed the motion unanimously by voice vote of “ayes”. There were no negative votes. Mayor Kemp then entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2011, Special Meeting. Alderman Skipper so moved, seconded by Alderman Frala, and the Council passed the motion unanimously by voice vote of “ayes”. There were no negative votes.

Department Heads Reports: Written reports submitted by department heads are available for inspection upon request. They are filed with the minutes folders in the Recorder’s Office. Mr. Passmore, Chief Aldridge, and Officer Jackson were available for discussion. Mayor Kemp read a letter from Lemons Engineering about the status of their projects in Shannon Hills. This is also available with these minutes.

Mayor Kemp then introduced Bobby Hale, the new Police Chief. He explained that Chief Hale would attend a one week refresher course starting February 28, 2011. He explained the process he used to make this selection. He said the new Chief is willing to relocate to Shannon Hills and is satisfied with the current salary for a start. Mayor Kemp said they should pay the Chief more because of his experience in law enforcement. Alderman Lambright asked if the 10-year background check had been done as requested by the Council but Mayor Kemp never answered one way or the other.

Old Business:

Mr. Passmore discussed the advantages of a spreader and a snow plow. Alderman Skipper moved to purchase the snow plow and the spreader both from Hilbilt at the bid prices presented. Alderman Frala seconded the motion. The council voted as follows: McCann – yes; Skipper – yes; Cobb – yes; Frala – yes; Bennett – yes; and Lambright – yes. Motion passed 6 “ayes” to 0 “no”.

New Business:

Item 1. Resolution #2011-01 Interlocal Agreement Authorization regarding smooth operation of their District Court in cooperation with Shannon Hills, Alexander, and Saline County. Mayor Kemp entertained a motion to pass this resolution. Alderman Lambright so moved, seconded by Alderman Cobb, and the Council voted as follows: Skipper – yes; Cobb – yes; Frala – yes; Bennett – yes; Lambright – yes; and McCann – yes. The motion passed by 6 “ayes” to 0 “no”.

Item 2. Planning and Zoning Commission Vacancies – Andy Taylor, Chairman of the Planning Commission explained how the vacancies on the Planning Commission will be filled. He presented a one page application which can be completed and advised that applicants should give background information, what they can contribute, and if they are available the first Monday of each quarter to attend the meetings. February 28 is the deadline for applications. The Mayor will put a sign on the door, the Web site, and the sign at the Water Department. Alderman Skipper moved to use this procedure to fill vacancies on the Planning Commission, seconded by Alderman Lambright, with the Council voting unanimously aye to pass this motion. There were no negative votes.

Item 3. Ordinance 2010-12, Alderman Skipper moved to return this item to the table, seconded by Alderman Frala. Council voted as follows: Cobb – yes; Frala – yes; Bennett – yes; Lambright – yes; McCann – yes; and Skipper - yes. The motion passed by 6 “ayes” to 0 “no”. Mayor Kemp explained his reason for vetoing this ordinance. He believes it is illegal and told the council that if they did bring it back as it was originally worded he would hire a private attorney and sue each of the aldermen who voted yes personally, not as aldermen who had tort immunity, and they would each have to have their own attorney. Alderman Lambright moved to have City Attorney Patrick Benca make changes in the Ordinance so it would be legal and present it at next month’s regular meeting. Alderman McCann seconded the motion and the Council voted as follows: Frala – yes; Bennett – no; Lambright – yes; and McCann – yes; Skipper – yes; Cobb - yes. The motion passed by 5 “ayes” to 1 “no”.

Item 4. State of the City – Mayor Kemp spoke about how honored he is to be the Mayor and about his plans to make Shannon Hills better. He hopes that by December the Water Department will be doing so well he will be able to give each household a \$50 rebate on their wastewater bill.

Comments from the Floor: Mrs. Merry Tuggle said she was glad to see the snow plow going down her street. Mr. Ken Petty said that traffic needs to be addressed around County Line and Vimy Ridge.

Adjourn: Mayor Kemp called for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Cobb so moved, Alderman Bennett seconded, and council unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Date: _____

Approved: _____

Mike Kemp
Mayor

Attest: _____

Sandra Vosburg
Recorder