

**Minutes of the Rescheduled Regular Meeting
Of the Shannon Hills City Council
Originally Scheduled for May 10, 2011
May 24, 2011**

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Mike Kemp called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Kemp.

Invocation led by Mayor Kemp

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

Financial Report: Treasurer Pessa gave the financial report. She also addressed the Council about a couple of items dealing with the Court bank account and a Court Clerk Conference. Mayor Kemp explained that the Court account was moved to a different bank so there would be no possibility of comingling the Court account and the City General Fund. The signatories on the Court account are Stacy Cook, Judge Rickard and Mayor Kemp. No check can go out without two signatures.

After lengthy discussion of Court Clerk Conference, Alderman Skipper moved that we not pay for any more conferences for the next two and one-half years because her certification is current until then. Mayor Kemp said "If it is the will of the Council to send the Judge a letter saying that we're not going to pay for any more conferences for her for 2 and one half years - - - that would be the will of the Council. I have a motion to that effect – do I have a second?" Alderman Lambright said he would give a second. Mayor Kemp told Recorder to call the roll. Alderman McCann: "Would you restate the motion, please?" Alderman Skipper restated the motion, "I make the motion that we do not pay for any more conferences for 2 and ½ years because at the end of three years she has to have 18 hours more to keep her certification." Alderman Lambright seconded the motion. Recorder Vosburg asked to be sure everyone understood that a yes vote means you are voting not to pay. Mayor Kemp confirmed. The Council voted as follows: Aldermen McCann – yes; Skipper – yes; Cobb – yes; Frala – yes; Bennett – yes; Lambright – yes. Motion passed by a vote of 6 yes to 0 no.

Alderman McCann moved to pay for the first night's attendance only at the Conference. Alderman Skipper seconded the motion. Council voted as follows: Skipper – yes; Cobb – yes; Frala – yes; Bennett – no; Lambright – yes; McCann – yes. Motion passed by a vote of 5 yes to 1 no.

Mayor Kemp entertained a motion to accept the financial report as given. Alderman McCann so moved, Alderman Frala 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 April 12, 2011, Regular Meeting. Alderman McCann so moved, seconded by Alderman Lambright, and the Council passed the motion unanimously by voice vote of six "ayes". There were no negative votes. Mayor Kemp then entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2011, Budget Working Meeting. Alderman Frala so moved, seconded by Alderman Bennett, and the Council voted unanimously by voice vote of six "ayes" to pass the motion. There were no negative votes.

Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Alderman Lambright, seconded by Alderman Skipper. Council voted as follows: Aldermen Cobb - yes; Frala – yes; Bennett – yes; Lambright – yes; McCann – yes; and Skipper – yes. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters dealing with the Police Department. At 8:00 p.m. the Council reconvened the public meeting. Mayor Kemp announced the Council had discussed personnel matters for the Police but no action was taken.

Mayor Kemp asked Chief Hale to explain wreck that took place over the last weekend. Chief Hale said the Little Rock Police Department worked the accident with our police vehicle. They have not been able to locate the report at this time but should do so by the end of the week. Mayor Kemp asked Chief Hale if he had any other ideas to discuss with the Council and he said he would like to ask them to give him permission to hire two part time officers instead of one full-time officer that would save on costs of benefits but still give the police more help. Chief Hale also said he had two officers in mind who would like to work part time for us. Council members reminded him any officer hired has to be certified.

Mayor Kemp then led the discussion of hiring two part-time officers. He wanted to know if the Council would approve such a plan. Alderman Lambright explained his concern that this is the first time the Council has heard of this plan and it is obvious they were not notified from the beginning. In the future, he wants documentation ahead of time so he can study the issue before being expected to vote on an issue. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman McCann moved to table this until our next regular meeting. Alderman Skipper seconded the motion. Council voted as follows: Aldermen Frala – no; Bennett – no; Lambright – no; McCann – yes; Skipper – yes; and Cobb – yes. Mayor Kemp did not choose to break the tie and provide the fourth vote to pass, therefore, the motion failed.

Mayor Kemp immediately called for a motion to allow the Chief to instead of hiring one full-time officer to hire two part time officers so we can save the money that would be expended on benefits package. No action on this motion. After more discussion about hiring part-time officers, Alderman Lambright moved to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 31, with all relevant information available in writing such as the hourly rate of pay and a job description. Mayor Kemp said he would not be available that date nor would Alderman Bennett; Aldermen Frala, Lambright, Cobb, Skipper, and McCann indicated that date was acceptable to them. Alderman McCann seconded the motion; Council voted as follows: Aldermen Bennett – no; Lambright – yes; McCann – yes; Skipper – yes; Cobb – yes; Frala – yes. Motion passed by vote of 5 yes to 1 no.

Council agreed to move Mrs. Roper up on the agenda. After hearing Ms. Roper's request for adjustment to her water bill and explanation of policy by Public Works Department Manager Passmore, Alderman Frala moved to reduce the bill by \$100, seconded by Alderman Cobb, and the Council voted in a unanimous voice vote to reduce the \$357 bill \$100, lowering the bill to \$257.

Mayor Kemp addressed the following items on the agenda.

Yard Sale was successful.

Mobile Home Removal - ongoing.

1015 Clinton Court – City Attorney Patrick Benca is currently working on this.

Disposal of Vehicles – This was addressed earlier in the meeting when Alderman Skipper asked if we had received any money on sale of police vehicles as discussed as last month’s meeting. Legislative Audit personnel had explained the process to sell vehicles, therefore, procedure being put in place to properly handle this item. This will be discussed at a later time.

Streetlights on Skyline Drive – Mr. Passmore discussed his work on this with Theodus Thompson of Entergy – The installation cost of two lights would be approximately \$8,642. No action taken.

Vaccination at Davis Elementary will take place June 11, 2011. Cost of each shot is \$10. Be sure to note this is the cost of each shot, not each pet.

Recess for Five Minute Break

Purchase of City Lot Beside Park – Lot offered by Buffington Realty for \$12,500 until May 25, 2011. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman McCann moved that we do not purchase the lot; seconded by Alderman Lambright; and Council voted as follows: Aldermen Bennett – yes; Lambright – yes; McCann – yes; Skipper – yes; Cobb – yes; and Frala – yes. Motion passed by a vote of 6 yes to 0 no.

Treasurer Pessa described a wooden desk and credenza she had found at the State Resale Shop for \$250 to enhance her workspace. Alderman Lambright moved to purchase the desk and credenza, seconded by Alderman Cobb. Council voted as follows: Lambright – yes; McCann – yes; Skipper – yes; Cobb – yes; Frala – yes; Bennett – yes. Motion passed by a vote of 6 yes to 0 no.

Alderman Skipper addressed Mayor Kemp to remind him that Tim Smith’s anniversary date was coming up and we need to be sure to take steps to send him to the Academy. Mayor Kemp responded it would be appropriate to take this up at the next meeting.

Department Heads Reports – Available upon request.

Mayor Kemp - Legislative Audit – General Fund cannot bill Street Department as we have been doing in the past. We have to reimburse the Street Department approximately \$8,000 for expenses from 2010 and 2011. Alderman Frala moved to pay back the Street Department as directed, seconded by Alderman Lambright; Council voted as follows: Aldermen McCann – yes; Skipper – yes; Cobb – yes; Frala – yes; Bennett – yes; and Lambright – yes. Motion passed by vote of six yes to zero no.

Comments from the Floor: None.

Adjourn: Alderman Frala moved to adjourn, Alderman Cobb seconded the motion, and the Council voted unanimously aye to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Date: _____

Approved: _____

Mike Kemp
Mayor

Attest: _____

Sandra Vosburg
Recorder