

Minutes
City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
September 13, 2011

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Kemp

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Kemp; Aldermen Brenda McCann, Sue Skipper, James Frala, Scott Bennett (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), and Gervous Lambright; Treasurer Carol Pessa; and Recorder Sandra Vosburg. Alderman Toni Cobb and City Attorney Patrick Benca were absent.

Financial Report: Mayor Kemp entertained a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Alderman McCann so moved, Alderman Frala seconded, and the Council passed the motion unanimously.

Minutes: Mayor Kemp entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2011, Special Budget Meeting. Alderman Lambright so moved, Alderman McCann seconded, and the Council passed the motion unanimously. Mayor Kemp then entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011, Regular Council. Alderman Frala so moved, Alderman Lambright seconded, and the Council passed the motion unanimously.

The Minutes of the Special Working Meeting of the Shannon Hills City Council Meeting Working on the Codification Book is deferred until the next meeting.

Department Heads Reports:

Fire Chief Mel Aldridge reported a very active month which included fires caused by lightning strikes and unusually hot weather. He stated Council is aware of vehicle needs.

Police Chief Bobby Hale reported that he will take his Refresher Course October 3-7, 2011. One reason for high vehicle maintenance costs is the excessive heat causing fans and modules for the fans to go out. Chief Hale discussed sale of command post vehicle for scrap metal. Alderman Lambright suggested he go ahead and sell the vehicle before the next meeting. The Council agreed and Mayor Kemp said they would take care of it.

Public Works Manager David Passmore discussed some of his departments' activities. He reported that the work on the house on Clinton Court is finished. They are also working on Otter Creek with two rented dozers to redirect the middle of the creek. This work is being done as quickly as possible because of the weather and the cost of the dozers. Mrs. Lambright thanked the mayor and Mr. Passmore for the sign at Carrington Place saying it has made a tremendous difference. Rodding will start again in October.

Court Clerk Report discussed. Written reports submitted by department heads are available for inspection upon request. They are filed with the minutes folders in the Recorder's Office.

Old Business:

Item 1. 1015 Clinton Court – discussed during Mr. Passmore’s report.

Item 2. Disposal of Surplus Vehicles – discussed during Chief Hale’s report.

Item 3. Resolution 2011-05 – A resolution declaring the desire of the City of Shannon Hills to remain a City of the Second Class as allowed under Arkansas law. Mayor Kemp read the resolution into the record. Alderman Lambright moved to approve the resolution, Alderman Skipper seconded, and the council voted as follows: McCann-yes; Skipper-yes; Cobb-absent; Frala-yes; Bennett-yes; and Lambright-yes. The resolution passed.

Item 4. Resolution 2011-06 – A Resolution Establishing a Parks and Recreation Committee for the City of Shannon Hills. Alderman Bennett moved to suspend the rules and add Resolution 2011-06 to the agenda, seconded by Alderman Frala, unanimously approved by present Council members. Mayor Kemp read the resolution into the record. Alderman Bennett moved to pass this resolution, seconded by Alderman Lambright, and passed unanimously by present Council members.

New Business:

Item 1. Temporary part-time employee proposal ending December 31, 2011. After discussion of how the position would be paid, such as Water Department paying for two days and the General Fund paying for one day, Alderman Frala moved that Mayor Kemp go ahead and begin the process to get this temporary position. Alderman Bennett seconded the motion. The Council voted as follows: Alderman Frala-yes; Bennett-yes; Lambright-no; McCann-no; Skipper-yes; Cobb-absent; Mayor Kemp voted yes to break the tie if it is needed.

Item 2. Accounting Firm Proposal – Progressive Business Solutions has submitted a letter stating their interest in becoming the Accounting Firm for the City of Shannon Hills. After discussion Alderman Lambright moved to accept their proposal, Alderman Bennett seconded, and the Council voted as follows: Frala-yes; Bennett-yes; Lambright-yes; McCann-yes; Skipper-yes; and Cobb-absent. Motion passed by unanimous votes of Council members present.

Comments from the Floor: None

Adjourn: Alderman Frala moved to adjourn, Alderman Lambright seconded the motion, and the Council voted unanimously “aye” to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Date: _____

Approved: _____

Mike Kemp
Mayor

Attest: _____

Saundra Vosburg
Recorder