

BELLA VISTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 24, 2024 6:00 P.M.

Bella Vista District Court, 2483 Forest Hills Boulevard, Bella Vista, AR 72715

MINUTES

Call to Order by Mayor John Flynn at **6:00 PM**

Roll of Council called by Clerk Lepillez Krug. Council Members Snow, Hughes, Wozniak, Wilms, and Honchell present. Council Member Fowler absent. Mayor Flynn present.

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Public Comment:

Clinton Tucker, 4 Hawnby Ln. He came to speak about Code Enforcement. He wants to see attention given to citing specific violated ordinances, and a report on action taken. Unsightly property in a neighborhood can lower the value of homes nearby, according to realtors, and this concerns neighbors. Yet, when a Code Enforcement officer came out to inspect unsightly property, the officer said he didn't see anything wrong with the unsightly property in question. Mr. Tucker would like to see improved, clear code enforcement protocol.

Council Reply:

Council Member Hughes requested copies of Mr. Tucker's email to Mayor Flynn be made available to Council Members. Mayor Flynn agreed the email could be shared. Mayor Flynn said Mr. Tucker came to speak with him and he suggested Mr. Tucker address the Council.

Action on the Minutes:

May 28, 2024 – Regular Meeting. Motion made by Council Member Snow to approve as prepared by Clerk Krug, second by Council Member Wilms. **Roll Call Vote unanimous to approve. (Ayes: 5/Nays: 0)**

Reports:

April 2024 Financial Report. (Reports are posted on the Bella Vista City website at bellavistaar.gov and provided to Council Members under separate cover.)

The Mayor summarized the April 2024 Financial Report. Compared to last year, City sales tax is up 6.6% and County sales tax is up 4.7%. Usually the County sales tax is up more than the City, so April is a deviation. Total revenue is up 5.9%. Expenses are up 6.7%, but below budget by

almost \$1 million dollars. So far this year, the City is doing a good job of controlling expenditures. The City's financials are good and consistent with last year's sales tax being up.

The Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules and read all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda by title only. Council Member Snow made a Motion to approve, second by Council Member Wozniak. **Roll Call Vote was unanimous to approve. (Ayes: 5/Nays: 0)**

New Business: See meeting packet for complete ordinances and resolutions.

Public Hearing related to Item B: No citizens came forward to speak

ORDINANCE 2024-15: VACATING A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES *Mayor Flynn read the ordinance by title only. He noted on the signature page, the date should be changed from 2023 to 2024. Motion to suspend the rules and go to third and final reading made by Council Member Honchell, seconded by Council Member Wilms. Roll Call Vote unanimous to approve: (Ayes: 5/Nays: 0) Mayor Flynn read the ordinance by title only for the third time. Motion to approve by Council Member Wilms, seconded by Council Member Honchell. Roll Call Vote unanimous to approve: (Ayes: 5/Nays: 0)*

RESOLUTION R2024-44: AMENDING THE 2024 CITY BUDGET IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$95,000.00 AND APPROVING THE ADDITION OF ONE (1) FULL-TIME PLANNING STAFF AND ONE (1) FULL-TIME CIVIL ENGINEERING INTERN STAFF FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT *Mayor Flynn read the resolution by title only. Planning Manager Robertson gave a brief overview of this request, stating the work load increase related to permitting requires additional staff. Motion to approve by Council Member Honchell, seconded by Council Member Wozniak. Roll Call Vote unanimous to approve. (Ayes: 5/Nays: 0)*

RESOLUTION R2024-45: EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT REGARDING CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS *Mayor Flynn read the resolution. He explained this type of resolution sets the eligibility date for financing back 60 days, which in this case would be April 25, 2024. The project under consideration is the renovation of the old Police Station into Fire Station #1 living quarters and offices, and City Hall offices. Since the City is considering financing part of the expenses, this resolution expands the timeline. It solidifies the date of April 25, 2024 as the initial date for financing any expenditures. Later discussion for any expenditures will follow, if approval is needed. Council Member Wilms added it is common practice in most states to require this formality. It allows for the eligibility of costs that may incur reaching backward, not just forward. It enables the opportunity to include things in the financing of projects and benefits the community, and he approves the resolution. Motion to approve by Council Member Wilms, seconded by Council Member Honchell. Roll Call Vote unanimous to approve: (Ayes: 5/Nays: 0)*

RESOLUTION R2024-46: ACCEPTING THE FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT PRESENTED BY FORVIS MAZARS, LLP FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 *Mayor Flynn read the resolution. He said the 2023 Audit is on our website for the public to view. He noted there were no problems or irregularities. Council Member Wozniak made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Wilms. Roll Call Vote unanimous to approve: (Ayes: 5/Nays: 0)*

RESOLUTION R2024-47: GRANTING THE APPEAL FILED BY HAPPY EGG REGARDING LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENT LSD 2024-54139 *Mayor Flynn read the resolution. Council Member Honchell made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Wozniak. Roll Call Vote unanimous to approve: (Ayes: 5/Nays: 0)*

RESOLUTION R2024-48: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR LEASE CONTRACT WITH STRONGHOLD DATA, LLC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,584.75, FOR THE LEASE OF DELL COMPUTERS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT *Mayor Flynn read the resolution. He noted that IT Director John Moeckel spoke at the Work Session last week about this. Motion to approve made by Council Member Snow, seconded by Council Member Wozniak. Roll Call Vote unanimous to approve: (Ayes: 5/Nays: 0)*

Mayor Flynn introduced Cheryl Schluterman from Raymond James. She apologized for being late, and asked if anyone had questions for her regarding the Official Intent or anything related. She added that 60 days backdated from today, and then 18 months forward is the time allocated for the City to borrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Mayor Flynn read through the upcoming meeting schedule.*

- Next City Council Work Session: 5:30 pm Monday, July 15, 2024 at Bella Vista Police Training Room
- Next City Council Regular Meeting: 6:00 pm Monday, July 22, 2024 at Bella Vista District Court
- Planning Commission Work Session: 4:30 pm Thursday, June 27, 2024 at Bella Vista District Court
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting: 4:30 pm Monday, July 8, 2024 at Bella Vista District Court
- Board of Construction Appeals: 3 pm Tuesday, July 9, 2024 if necessary, at Fire Station #4 Conference Rm, 1639 Forest Hills Blvd.

Mayor Flynn adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.



Wanda Lepillez Krug

City Clerk Wanda Lepillez Krug

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