

CITY OF CABOT, ARKANSAS
Council Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2020

In response to the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic and restrictions placed on social distancing by the Centers for Disease Control, the City of Cabot moved the monthly Council Meeting to the Veterans Park Event Center, 508 N. Lincoln, as advertised. This allowed for spacing between chairs, as suggested. The meeting was both open to the public and an online meeting with video through the web-based video conferencing tool Zoom. The event was successfully streamed through YouTube.

Mayor Ken Kincade called to order the regular meeting of the Cabot City Council at 7:01 p.m. on May 18, 2020 in the Veterans Park Event Center. The opening prayer was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kincade.

Roll Call

A roll call was conducted. The following Council Members were present: Ronald Waymack and Doug Warner attended the meeting in person. Council Members Damon Bivins, Norma Naquin, James Reid, Matt Webber, and Ed Long all attended the meeting via Zoom. Kevin Davis was absent. Also in attendance were City Attorney Ben Hooper (via Zoom), City Clerk & Treasurer Tammy Yocom, and IT Director Roger Self. Several members of the public were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting and Other Matters

The minutes of the April 20, 2020 Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Warner and second by Mr. Bivins. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

Motion to read legislation by title only by Mr. Webber, second by Mr. Long. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

City Council

OLD BUSINESS: ORDINANCE NO. 9 OF 2020 – AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE TWO ACRES OF LAND LOCATED NEXT TO CENTENNIAL BANK WITH CAMPGROUND FRONTAGE IN THE CITY OF CABOT, LONOKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, FROM R-1 TO 0-1; AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk/Treasurer Tammy Yocom. Third reading. Motion to adopt by Mr. Reid, second by Ms. Naquin. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF 2020 – ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CABOT, ARKANSAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1-1963 TO CHANGE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT RECEIVED FROM TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAYS was read by City Clerk/Treasurer Tammy Yocom. Third reading. Discussion. Motion to amend the legislation to include an effective date of July 1, 2020 by Ms. Naquin, second by Mr. Webber. Motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of 7-0. Motion to adopt as amended by Mr. Reid, second by Mr. Bivins. Motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of 6-1. Mr. Warner voted No.

ORDINANCE NO. 11 OF 2020 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4-1978, TO CHANGE THE FRANCHISE FEE ASSESSED FROM \$2.00 PER METER TO 4.25% OF THE GROSS ANNUAL REVENUES COLLECTED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk/Treasurer Tammy Yocom. Third reading. Discussion. Motion to amend the legislation to include an effective date of July 1, 2020 by Ms. Naquin, second by Mr. Warner. Motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of 7-0. Motion to adopt as amended by Ms. Naquin, second by Mr. Webber. Motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of 6-1. Mr. Warner voted No.

ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 2020 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV: ZONING CODE OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE § 4.2.3 YARD, SIZE, AND AREA REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk/Treasurer Tammy Yocom. Second reading. Motion to suspend the third reading by Ms. Naquin, second by Mr. Reid. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote. Motion to Adopt by Mr. Webber, second by Mr. Long. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 2020 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE VI: 6.1 DEFINITIONS OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk/Treasurer Tammy Yocom. Second reading. Motion to suspend the third reading by Mr. Warner, second by Ms. Naquin. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote. Motion to Adopt by Mr. Warner, second by Mr. Waymack. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

NEW BUSINESS: ORDINANCE NO. 16 OF 2020 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF CABOT, CHAPTER 4 ANIMALS FOR THE CITY OF CABOT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk/Treasurer Tammy Yocom. First reading. Discussion. Phil Robinson addressed the council in support of allowing chickens in a 1 acre area but in opposition to allowing chickens in a confined area. Renee Edwards addressed the council in support of allowing chickens within the city limits of Cabot. Motion to suspend the second and third reading by Mr. Reid, second by Ms. Naquin. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote. Motion to Adopt by Mr. Long, second by Ms. Naquin. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF 2020 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019; APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS HEREIN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk/Treasurer Tammy Yocom. Motion to adopt by Mr. Warner, second by Mr. Webber. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 20 OF 2020 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER CABOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk/Treasurer Tammy Yocom. Motion to adopt by Ms. Naquin, second by Mr. Warner. Motion passed unanimously.

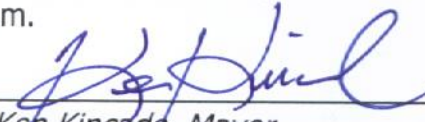
Community Input: Albert Davis addressed the council regarding numerous concerns on Fieldcrest Circle where he resides. Mayor Kincade and others offered solutions including agreeing to a traffic study in the area.

Mayor Input: Mayor Kincade announced he is working on fiber optics for the City.

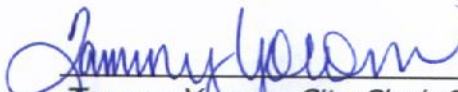
Council Member Input: Damon Bivins asked that Chief Boswell go over the MEMS response numbers. (Please see packet for reports)

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

We, the undersigned Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Cabot, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the proceedings of the City of Cabot Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



Ken Kincade, Mayor



Tammy Yocom, City Clerk & Treasurer

