

CITY OF CABOT, ARKANSAS
Council Meeting Minutes
July 20, 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.

After technical difficulties were overcome, Mayor Ken Kincade called to order the regular meeting of the Cabot City Council at 7:11 p.m. on July 20, 2020 in the Veterans Park Event Center. Mayor Kincade opened in prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting and Other Matters

The minutes of the June Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Ms. Naquin and second by Mr. Long. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

Mayor Kincade presented a Proclamation to Tabitha Hammaker for earning a Girl Scout Gold Award.

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

City Council

OLD BUSINESS: RESOLUTION NO. 25 OF 2020 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UNITY HEALTH AND THE CITY OF CABOT, ARKANSAS (THE CITY) was read by City Clerk & Treasurer

Tammy Yocom. Motion to adopt by Mr. Long, second by Mr. Reid. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

NEW BUSINESS: ORDINANCE NO. 18 OF 2020 – AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE A PART OF BLOCK 36, TOWN OF CABOT AND PART OF THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 13, T-4-N, R-10-W, CABOT, LONOKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS FROM R-1 TO R-4H; AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk & Treasurer Tammy Yocom. First Reading. No action.

ORDINANCE NO. 19 OF 2020 – AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE A PART OF THE SW ¼ OF THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 7, T-4-N, R-9-W, CABOT, LONOKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS FROM R-1 TO C-2 W/SPECIAL USE; AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk & Treasurer Tammy Yocom. Discussion. Motion to suspend the second and third reading by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Long. By Roll Call Vote Mr. Webber, Mr. Waymack and Mr. Warner all vote no; all others voted yes. Motion failed. First reading. No other action.

ORDINANCE NO. 20 OF 2020 – AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE A PART OF BLOCK 36, TOWN OF CABOT AND PART OF THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 13, T-R-N, R-10-W. CABOT, LONOKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS FROM R-1 TO C-2; AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk & Treasurer Tammy Yocom. First Reading. No action.

ORDINANCE NO. 21 OF 2020 – AN ORDINANCE TO SET MILLAGE TAX RATES TO BE COLLECTED IN 2021 FOR THE CITY OF CABOT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk & Treasurer Tammy Yocom. First Reading. No action.

ORDINANCE NO. 22 OF 2020 – AN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT COUNCIL MEMBERS, OFFICIALS, AND/OR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF CABOT; SPECIFICALLY, BOBBY R. HEFNER, JR.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk & Treasurer Tammy Yocom. Motion to suspend the second and third reading by Mr. Long, second by Mr. Reid. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote. Motion to adopt by Mr. Long, second by Mr. Warner. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote. Motion to adopt the Emergency Clause by Mr. Warner, second by Ms. Naquin. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 23 OF 2020 – AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND ALLOW THE CITY OF CABOT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH G&W DIESEL/EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALISTS INC.; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk & Treasurer Tammy Yocom. Motion to suspend the second and third

reading by Mr. Long, second by Mr. Webber. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote. Motion to adopt by Mr. Long, second by Mr. Reid. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote. Motion to adopt the Emergency Clause by Mr. Warner, second by Mr. Bivins. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION NO 26 OF 2020 – A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1100 WEST ELM STREET IN THE CITY OF CABOT TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk & Treasurer Tammy Yocom. A Public Hearing began at 7:44 on this matter. Laura Nobles, City of Cabot Public Works Director, addressed the Council going over the information in the packet regarding this dilapidated building. Mr. Michael Rosver, Transaction Manager for Kroger, addressed the Council asking for 30 days before condemning this building to allow for a sell of the property without the condemnation attached. Discussion. Mr. Warner announced he was calling for the question. At 8:02 p.m., the Public Hearing ended. Motion to table until the August Council Meeting by Mr. Warner, second by Mr. Bivins. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote. A citizen watching this meeting via YouTube responded to this discussion asking that Kroger be given the opportunity to sell.

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2020 CITY OF CABOT, ARKANSAS IS ESSENTIAL; IN SUPPORT OF FAIR, DIRECT FEDERAL EMERGENCY SUPPORT TO REOPEN AND REBUILD LOCAL AMERICAN ECONOMIES was read by City Clerk & Treasurer Tammy Yocom. Motion to adopt by Mr. Long, second by Mr. Davis. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

Community Input: Mr. Johnny Greer, 1610 S. 2nd St., (speaking on behalf of his daughter Jessica) addressed the council asking for leniency regarding the requirements, per Cabot Code, placed on businesses to open once a building has sat vacant for 6 months. Discussion. It was determined the business in question may not meet the 6 month period of vacancy.

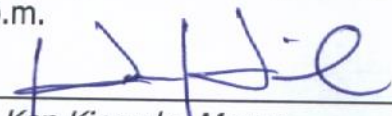
Mr. Jason Casson, 21 Tradewinds, addressed the Council regarding a No Parking sign on his street. Discussion. Mayor Kincade announced he, along with the Police and Fire Chief, will look into it and meet with Mr. Casson.

Mayor Input:

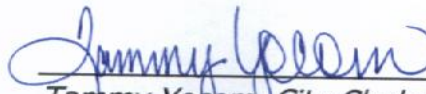
Council Member Input:

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 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, July 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



Ken Kincade, Mayor



Tammy Yosom, City Clerk & Treasurer

