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## City of Little Flock

### City Council Agenda for Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location and Time:** Little Flock City Hall at 6:00 pm

**Participants:** Mayor Jeff Van Sickler, Robert Phillips, Wes Waddell, Jim Milholen, Debb Formanek, Chris Cantwell, Donny Barton, Richard Crow

**Optional:** George Rhoads, Shawn Hollis, Moose Dunavan, Zach Stevens, Wes Usrey

#### Discussion:

1. **Meeting called to order by Mayor Jeff Van Sickler**
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Public Comments**
6. **Action on Minutes**
7. **Approval of Treasurer's Report as of 6/30/2023 (attached)**
  - General Fund Balance: \$ 920,963.32
    - Additional Investment Balance: \$ 2,040,830.79
  - Street Fund Balance: \$ 175,217.56
    - Additional Investment Balance: \$ 510,631.51
8. **Unfinished Business**
  - None
9. **New Business**
  - Ordinance 2023-005 Amending Section 2.28.02 of Code for Fire Dues
  - Ordinance 2023-006 Amending Chapter 2.16 of Code for Mayor Job Status
  - Resolution 2023-012 Amend 2023 General Fund Budget
10. **Announcements**
  - Kimberly Hooper accepted position as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of the Police
  - Finance Accounting Specialist opening posted to Indeed
  - Still seeking another Street Department General Laborer
  - Postcards marketing "Little Flock Talk" app mailed 7/11
  - Received a call from Congressman Womack informing me that our request for 1.25 Million in Federal Funding, for repairs to the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, has made its way onto the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Bill for 2024.
11. **Adjourn**

# Monday July 17, 2023

**Location and Time:** Little Flock City Hall at 6:00 pm

The City Council of Little Flock, Arkansas met in regular session on Monday July 17, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Little Flock City Hall

## **1. Meeting called to Order:**

Mayor Jeff Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

## **2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Rob Phillips gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **3. Roll Call:**

Council Members present were Debb Formanek, Donny Barton, Robert Phillips, Wes Waddell. Council Members Jim Milholen and Chris Cantwell were absent.

Others in attendance: Recorder/Treasurer Richard Crow and attorney George Rhoads

## **4. Public Comments:**

Mayor Van Sickler opened the meeting for public comments.

- o Resident Becky Featherston stated she is in favor of moving to a full-time City Mayor.
- o Jackie Crabtree (former mayor of Pea Ridge) discussed the transition from part-time to full-time mayor. Debb asked about Mr. Crabtree's opinion of the parallels between Little Flock and Pea Ridge. He said Little Flock is beginning to see growth much like Pea Ridge did several years ago. He also said the city mayor should be a 'cheerleader' for the community. Wes Waddell asked about the transition period. Mr. Crabtree said he went from working two ½ days per week to full-time in about a month period of time. The city had about 30 employees at the time and now has 70. In comparison, Little Flock has about 16 total including full and part time employees.

## **5. Action on Minutes:**

Mayor Van Sickler asked if there were any changes or corrections to the June 20, 2023 minutes. There were none. Motion was made by Council Member Rob Phillips to approve the minutes. Second was made by Council Member Debb Formanek. **Vote: Motion passed unanimously.**

## **6. Treasurers Report:**

June 30, 2023 Treasurer's Report was provided.

General Fund Balance: \$920,963.32. Investment Balance is \$2,040,830.79 (Total \$2,961,794.11)

Street Fund Balance: \$175,217.56 Investment Balance is \$510,631.51 (Total \$685,849.07)

Council Member Wes Waddell made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. A second was made by Debb Formanek. **Vote: Motion passed unanimously.**

## **7. Unfinished Business:**

There was no unfinished business.

## **8. New Business:**

### **ORDINANCE 2023-005 AMENDING SECTION 2.28.02 OF THE CODE FOR FIRE DUES**

Ordinance 2023-005 was read aloud by attorney George Rhoads.

- A. A motion was made by Council Member Rob Phillips to suspend three readings of Ordinance 2023-005. A second was made by Donny Barton.

**Vote:**

Robert Phillips – Yes  
Chris Cantwell – Absent  
Donny Barton – Yes

Wes Waddell – Yes  
Debb Formanek – Yes  
Jim Milholen – Absent

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**Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Council Member Rob Phillips to approve Ordinance 2023-005 A second was made by Donny Barton.

**Vote:**

Robert Phillips – Yes

Wes Waddell – Yes

Chris Cantwell – Absent

Debb Formanek – Yes

Donny Barton – Yes

Jim Milholen – Absent

**Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Council Member Rob Phillips to adopt the Emergency Clause for Ordinance 2023-005. A second was made by Donny Barton.

**Vote:**

Robert Phillips – Yes

Wes Waddell – Yes

Chris Cantwell – Absent

Debb Formanek – Yes

Donny Barton – Yes

Jim Milholen – Absent

**Motion passed.**

**ORDINANCE 2023-006 AMENDING CHAPTER 2.16 OF CODE FOR MAYOR JOB STATUS**

Ordinance 2023-006 was read aloud by attorney George Rhoads. Mr. Rhoads commented that once the salary of the mayor is set, it cannot be lowered during the term of office without his/her written consent or until re-election.

Rob Phillips asked if all council members must vote unanimously to approve a salary change at a mayor vacancy or re-election as described above. According to Mr. Rhoads, only a majority vote is required at a transition.

A motion was made by Council Member Donny Barton to suspend three readings of Ordinance 2023-006. There was no second and the motion failed.

A motion was made by Council Member Rob Phillips to table Ordinance 2023-006 until all council members were present. A second was made by Donny Barton.

**Vote:**

Robert Phillips – Yes

Wes Waddell – No

Chris Cantwell – Absent

Debb Formanek – No

Donny Barton – Yes

Jim Milholen – Absent

**Motion failed by not having a required 4 vote majority.**

A motion was made by Council Member Rob Phillips to table Ordinance 2023-006 until the August 2023 meeting. A second was made by Donny Barton.

**Vote:**

Robert Phillips – Yes

Wes Waddell – No

Chris Cantwell – Absent

Debb Formanek – No

Donny Barton – Yes

Jim Milholen – Absent

**Motion failed by not having a required 4 vote majority.**

Mayor Van Sickler withdrew Ordinance 2023-006 from further consideration during this meeting.

Without the passage of Ordinance 2023-006, Mayor Van Sickler withdrew Resolution 2023-012 Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget for the mayor position.

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**9. Announcements:**

- Kimberly Hooper has accepted the position as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police. She will continue to fill the Accounting Specialist position until a replacement has been hired and trained.
- The Accounting Specialist opening has been posted to Indeed as of July 10, 2023.
- The City is still seeking another Street Department General Laborer
- Postcards marketing "Little Flock Talk" app was mailed on 7/11/23.
- Mayor received word on 7/10 that Congressman Womack confirmed that \$1.25 million request for funding has officially been placed on the Transportation, Housing, And Urban Development Appropriations Bill for 2024 for Congress to vote on later in 2023.
- The Arkansas Legislative Audit will be at the City of Little Flock to perform and audit in the late Summer/early Fall 2023. They will begin a 3-year audit cycle going forward.

**10. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Council Member Debb Formanek to adjourn. A second was made by Council Member Wes Waddell. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

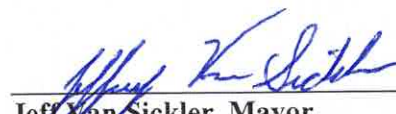
Passed and Approved this 21<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2023

Respectfully Submitted by:



Richard Crow, Recorder/Treasurer  
City of Little Flock, Arkansas

Approved by:



Jeff Van Sickler, Mayor  
City of Little Flock, Arkansas



