

City of Cave Springs
City Council Meeting Minutes – Fire Station Training Room
December 21, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

Call to Order of City Council Meeting @ 7:30pm

Mayor Noblett	Present
Marc Williams	Present / Left @ 7:44pm
Angie Caruthers	Present
Mike Middlecamp	Present
MC Chitszan	Absent
Erica Velasquez	Present
JJ Thompson	Present

Others Present:

Clerk / Treasurer – Kimberly Hutcheson
Police Dept –
Fire Chief – Gary Jordan
Planning – David Keck
City Attorney – Morgan Doughty
City Engineer – Daniel Barnes

Approval of the November 28, 2023 - City Council Agenda

Alderman Velasquez made a motion to amend the agenda to add City Communications, Facebook & Website notifications as #1.

Alderman Caruthers made a motion to table all NEW BUSINESS and vote on these items at the next scheduled meeting due to the last-minute time change and location change.

Alderman Middlecamp made a motion to implement Old Business and put back on the monthly agendas.

Alderman Caruthers made the motion to approve the amended agenda, Alderman Middlecamp seconded the motion.
Motion Passed 5-0 (Vote Changed to 4-1 Alderman Williams voted NO)

Alderman Williams stated the council needs to vote & he is withdrawing his vote on amending the agenda.

Alderman Williams made a motion at 7:43pm to vote on the agenda, motion failed due to no 2nd. Alderman Williams left the council meeting at 7:44pm

Public Comments –

- Tammy Shook – Community Building she stated that she appreciates the council.
- Terry Meredith – Community Building, she thought the Community Building was already approved.
- Debbie Beard – Community Building is willing to help in any way.
- Mrs. Shook – Why are they not voting tonight on Community Building? The council will be discussing but not voting.
- Kimberly Hutcheson – 112 / 264 Traffic Light - Thank you Alderman Middlecamp & Alderman Chitszan for bringing this to the council without them it would have not been budgeted for in 2024. ULI meeting held on 12/19/23 the downtown business owners were not notified of the meeting & if we want to get the businesses on board there needs to be communication.

Mayor Discussed ULI Group –

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New Business:

- 1) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOW BID SUBMITTED BY SSI, INC. FOR THE COMMUNITY BUILDING RESTORATION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.**

Alderman Middlecamp

- Stated that in 2019 the citizens voted down the Community Building, \$880,000.00 is a lot of money to re-do the Community Building. We now have 6000 people in Cave Springs.

Alderwoman Caruthers

- Stated \$880,000.00 is before the change orders.
- Mentioned that should the Planning Commission not be involved with the ULI group? She questioned is the city council jumping the gun approving a bid before the ULI group finishes the assessment?
- We have a lot of critical needs in the city, like a stop light, & fire trucks that are more important due to safety reasons, than having a community building as much as we want one. What options do the ULI group have to contribute to the money?

Alderwoman Velasquez

- Stated in 2019 the voters voted on community building 166 voted for / 210 voted against.
- The current community building is approx. 1711 sq ft workable space inside, the American Legion is 1680 sq ft., the entire fire station is 10,642 sq ft., the training room is 851 sq ft. 1711sq ft. will be cut back due the bathrooms which will equal the American Legion.
- With a city of 6000 with people wanting to have events, etc. court today had approx. 54 people attend, the sq ft is not worth it if you do the math. The community building is approx. \$100.00 a sq ft than the new fire station. The new fire station was approx. \$259.00 a sq ft to build, and the community building restoration will be \$360.00 a sq ft.
- Stated she would like the planning commission to look at the plans to see if the cost can come down with their suggestions. The furnishings are horrible and will need to be replaced.
- We owe \$128,000.00 on City Hall and we still owe on the 2020 firetruck.

Alderman Thompson

- Supports historical buildings downtown.
- As a city body we inherit the financial responsibilities. What does the council want to do, renovate, tear down, or rebuild. Would like to get in contact with the ULI group to discuss these options.

Mayor Noblett

- “The City needs facilities and frankly if we decide to throw out our historic buildings and put up metal buildings with fake fronts on them as where people won’t look at the side of them when they drive by, we will be just one more city to drive by, and we might as well fold up the city sidewalks.”

David Keck

- Stated we have a grant with the ULI group to fund the ULI coming to Cave Springs.

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- 2) **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MCKIM & CREED INC. TO CONDUCT A WATER LEAK DETECTION SURVEY FOR THE CITY OF CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.**
- 3) **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 FOR THE WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.**
- 4) **A RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT NANCY JAY TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF CAVESPRINGS, ARKANSAS.**
- 5) **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2023-17 IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.**
- 6) **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.**
- 7) **AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 6.08 ACRES LOCATED AT 1017 RAVINE STREET (PARCEL NOS. 05-10045-132 AND 05-10045-126) FROM AGRICULTURE (A-1) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) IN THE CITY OF CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.**

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City Financial Reports:

November 2023, City Financial Report

Water & Sewer Financial Reports:

August 2023, Water & Sewer Financial Reports

September 2023, Water & Sewer Financial Reports

October 2023, Water & Sewer Financial Reports

November 2023, Water & Sewer Financial Reports

Department Reports November 2023:

- Fire Department
- Police Department
- Water & Sewer Department
- Planning
- Water & Sewer Committee Meeting - December Meeting Canceled

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Engineer's Report:

Attorney's Report:

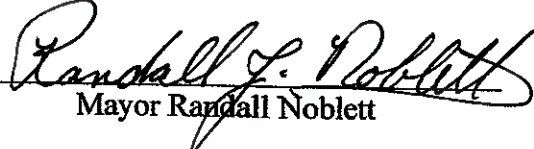
Clerk / Treasurer's Report:


Mayor's Report:

****NOTE: The only agenda item discussed was the community building before meeting was adjourned****

Alderman Thompson made the motion to adjourn at 9:10pm., Alderman Middlecamp seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 4-0


Mayor Randall Noblett


City Clerk / Treasurer Kimberly Hutcherson

FILED FOR RECORD
AT 4:14 O'CLOCK P.M.
JAN 10 2024
CITY OF CAVE SPRINGS, AR
CITY CLERK

