

CITY OF CABOT, ARKANSAS
Special Council Meeting Minutes
August 3, 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 Special meeting of the Cabot City Council at 6:47 p.m. on August 3, 2020 in the Veterans Park Event Center. This meeting followed the regularly scheduled Work Session. Mayor Kincade opened with 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

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

City Council

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2020 – A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF CABOT, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk & Treasurer Tammy Yocom. Mayor Kincade explained this project would take Streetscape to the overpass with an estimated project budget of \$1,235,000 and an 80/20 grant match. This is necessary to get Metroplan to consider the project. Motion to adopt by Mr. Long, second by Mr. Reid. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2020 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK/TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HALFF AND ASSOCIATES, INC., AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by City Clerk & Treasurer Tammy Yocom. Mayor Kincade announced this would amend the contract with Halff and allow them to get Streetscape ready. Motion to adopt by Mr. Long, second by Ms. Naquin. Motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote


Community Input: A person watching online (via YouTube) requested the city council election information be shared. Matthew Hood responded to the request and Mayor Kincade repeated the information for all to hear. (August 5th at noon is deadline, vote during general election, early voting is still undecided)

Mayor Input: None

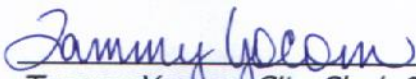
Council Member Input: Matt Webber asked for a SuddenLink update. Discussion. City Attorney Ben Hooper explained the franchise agreement is at state level and the enforcement of it would be from the state as well. SuddenLink is required by law to respond to all local complaints and Ben's office has forwarded all complaints received to the Attorney General's Office. They are collecting all complaints from many other sources and are looking at enforcement. Mayor Kincade would like to see fiber available throughout Cabot to advance the services through competition. Mayor Kincade suggested a "fiber deal" on a bond issue plan. He would like to see town hall meetings to discuss what the people want to do to advance services in Cabot. The use of internet service and the importance of it for schooling was discussed. No one objected to a town hall meeting to discuss.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 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 Special Council Meeting held on Monday, August 3, 2020 following the Regular Work Session and beginning at 6:47 p.m.



Ken Kincade, Mayor



Tammy Yocum, City Clerk & Treasurer

