

Mayor: Ernie Rose  
Recorder/Treasurer: Greg Bess  
Alderman: Bob Gilliland, Mathew Coggins  
Penny Allen, Bruce Thurow  
Sue Taylor, Mark Gordon

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**Regular Meeting, Hardy City Council**

July 2, 2019  
6:00 o'clock P.M.

Mayor Ernie Rose called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM July 2, 2019 at Hardy City Hall and led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country. Councilman Coggins read the invocation. Recorder/Treasurer (R/T) Bess called the roll and the following council members answered to their names: Bruce Thurow, Penny Allen, Bobby Gilliland, Mathew Coggins, Mark Gordon, and Sue Taylor. R/T Bess informed the Mayor that 6 of 6 council members were present as well as city attorney Phillip Smith which constitutes a quorum.

Councilman Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes of June 4<sup>th</sup> as amended and the minutes of the working meeting June 18<sup>th</sup> and the special meeting of June 18, 2019 as written. Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a voice vote:

Vote Yea: Coggins, Gilliland, Gordon, Thurow, Allen, and Taylor

Vote nay:

The motion to approve the minutes of June 4<sup>th</sup> as amended and the minutes of the working meeting June 18<sup>th</sup> and the special meeting of June 18, 2019 as written was approved with **6 yeas - 0**

**Nays**

**REPORTS**

Mayor Rose recognized A&P Commission Chairman Kristin Proulx Freda to provide a report of the Hardy Advertising and Promotion Commission. Ms. Proulx announced the area to the west of the Civic Center was to be cleared, leveled and graveled in preparation for future paving. She also stated the lighting in Civic Center was updated to LED lights, that the commission was considering billboard ideas for the Hardy bypass.

Mayor Rose recognized R/T Bess to discuss the financial report for General, Streets, and the Hardy Water Works for March. He also provided the banking account totals for all monies of the city.

Mayor Rose recognized Tamara Taylor Director of Public Safety to present the Department of Public Safety Police Report. She presented a new written report format of activities for May. Mayor Rose then recognized Assistant Director (Fire Chief) Austin Rose to discuss the Department of Public Safety Fire Report. He presented a report for council review and stated that they had another swift water rescue.

Mayor Rose stated that the planned street repairs had been completed at a cost of slightly less than \$160,000. He stated the water tank project was due to start in a week or so. He stated that the cross walk and parking lot painting would be completed in a week or so. Mayor Rose stated the work for the Loberg park project is complete with the installation of 3 handicap swings, sun shades for the

benches, and sod for the pavilion. He stated that he is still working investigation of a “no rise” certificate for a permanent bathroom in Loberg.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Rose recognized Superintendent of Highland Schools Don Sharp. Mr. Sharp discussed the need for a 4 mil mileage increase to support Highland Schools.

Mayor Rose then recognized Sharp County Regional Airport Commission Larry Thomas to discuss the importance and workings of the regional airport.

Mayor Rose presented a revised rental contract for the rental of the Old Hardy Gym. He stated the revised agreement allowed basketball to be played, 18-year-old renters and reduced rental fees.

Councilman Gilliland made a motion to revise the Gym rental agreement as presented.

Councilwoman Allen seconded the motion. Mayor Rose called for a voice vote:

Vote Yea: Coggins, Gilliland, Gordon, Thurow, Allen, and Taylor

Vote nay:

The motion to revise the Gym rental agreement as presented was approved with **6 yeas – 0**

**Nays**

Mayor Rose stated that he and Ms. Monica Shepard, the Hardy Flood Plain Manager, attended training in Jonesboro and that now the city has the ability to review flood plain restriction and maps online.

Mayor Rose stated that an official from the Arkansas Labor Board inspect the city. The Mayor commended the Department Heads with the city for their efforts with this inspection and review. While the city did receive some issues to be worked, he felt they are easily workable.

Mayor Rose recognized R/T Bess to explain the 40-cent increase to the Safe Water Act.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Rose recognized Bob Haddock to discuss issues with Robin Hood lane. He requested further review of the issues as the earlier work done by the city did not resolve the issue.

Mayor Rose recognized Pat Black to discuss having another RV Rally at the Camper Park in September.

Mayor Rose recognized Larry Newton who also addressed the need for more attention to Robin Hood Lane.

Councilwoman Allen discussed the need for a Handicap parking space on Main Street.

Councilman Coggins made a motion to approve the purchase of 10 shirts with City logo for uniforms

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**ADJOURN**

Mayor Rose declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25PM. The next regular meeting of the Hardy City Council is scheduled for August 6, 2019 at 6:00PM in Hardy City Hall at 124 Woodland Hills Road in Hardy, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Bess, Recorder/Treasurer

PASSED and APPROVED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2019

APPROVED:

Ernie Rose  
Ernie Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:

CSB  
Greg Bess, Recorder/Treasurer



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