FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS MEETING MINUTES ST. AVOLD ROOM FEBRUARY 12, 2018 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Tyrone Williams (District 2); Tisha S. Waddell (District 3); Johnny Dawkins (District 5) (arrived at 6:21 p.m.); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Theodore W. Mohn (District 8); James W. Arp, Jr. (District 9)

Council Members D. J. Haire (District 4); Larry O. Absent: Wright, Sr. (District 7)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager

Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager Karen McDonald, City Attorney

Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager Jay Reinstein, Assistant City Manager

Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director

Rob Stone, Public Services Director

Gerald Newton, Development Services Director Cindy Blot, Economic and Community Development

Director

Cheryl Spivey, Chief Financial Officer Jay Toland, Special Assistant to the City Manager Mark Brown, PWC Customer Service Representative H. Terry Hutchens, Hutchens Law Firm Jane Starling, Deputy City Clerk

Members of the Press

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Council Member Williams offered the invocation and blessed the food provided for the meeting.

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, introduced the evening's agenda and asked if there were any questions on the consent agenda.

Mr. Hewett told Council members that there is an increased interest in the public forum for the evening due to a Facebook post inviting PWC customers with complaints about their bills to come to the Council meeting. Mr. Mark Brown, PWC Customer Service Representative, stated that PWC has already decided to bring in an independent auditor and are also providing information to AIT's auditor. Mr. Brown said that he would be available after the Council's regular meeting to talk with any citizens who have questions about their bills.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Arp initiated discussion on Item 6.05, Adoption of Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 2018-40 to Provide Additional Funding for the Design of the Sidewalk Project on the East Side of Rosehill Road from Country Club Drive Northward to Shaw Mill Road. Council Member Arp encouraged the Public Services Department to investigate alternative pavement for sidewalks that are environmentally friendly and can reduce runoff.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Colvin stated that he had not originally understood that the City Attorney had already chosen attorneys to represent the City for Item 6.010, Adopt a Resolution Supporting a Civil Action against Those Legally Responsible for the Wrongful Distribution of Prescription Opiates. Ms. Karen McDonald, City Attorney, explained that a National Consortium of attorneys reached out to local attorneys Billy Richardson and Terry Hutchens who then contacted the City to see if Council had an interest in participating in the group legal action and clarified that no tax dollars would be spent on fees and expenses in relation to the civil suit. Mr. Hutchens stated that he and Mr. Richardson would act as a conduit to the national group.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Arp announced the new citizen e-newsletter "City Happenings" is available for citizen subscription through the City website. He also passed out fliers with the information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. $\,$

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