

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 15, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Heber Springs met in regular session at The Community Center in Heber Springs, Arkansas, at 6:00 p.m. on the 15th day of February 2024. The following were present:

Mayor Kasey Griffin, Council members: Louis Short, Layne Tubbs, Ali Sugg, Jim Lay, and Andy Echlin as well as Attorney Rebecca Prince and city clerk Vicki McPherson.

No member of the press was in attendance.

Mayor Kasey Griffin called the meeting to order and asked to let the record show, there was a quorum.

Councilmember Louis Short made a motion to approve the minutes plus excerpts of the January 25, 2024, meeting as presented. Councilman Jim Lay made a second. With a unanimous vote of Aye by all councilmembers in attendance, the mayor stated motion carried.

Councilmember Ali Sugg made a motion to approve the payments journal dated 1/1/24 - 1/31/24. Councilman Andy Echlin made a second. All councilmembers in attendance voting Aye, the mayor stated motion carried.

Councilman Layne Tubbs made a motion to approve the Financial Statements dated 1/31/2024 as presented. With a second by Echlin and all councilmembers in attendance voting Aye, the mayor stated motion carried.

There were no questions for Supervisors; however, the mayor recognized Chief Haile and the police department for receiving the Heart of a Vanguard award for their generosity and commitment to the community.

**Unfinished Business:**

The Dump truck invoice # 2023TR0053 was discussed and will be paid; however, no vote was needed due to the amount being less than \$10,000.

The sanitation Ordinance remains tabled until 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by councilman Short to approve the 2022 Legislative Audit, and with a second by councilman Echlin and a unanimous vote of Aye by all councilmembers in attendance, the mayor stated motion carried.

The mayor introduced the DBW (doing business with) Phelps. An Ordinance Titled:  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HEBER SPRINGS TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH RONALD PHELPS, PRESCRIBING THE EXTENT OF SAID AUTHORITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Ordinance was read in full for first reading by councilmember Short.

A motion was made by councilman Short to suspend the rules and place the readings by Title only. A second by Tubbs and a unanimous vote of Aye, motion carried, and all other readings were made by Title only by councilmember Short.

A motion was made to adopt the Ordinance by councilman Short, and with a second by Tubbs and a unanimous vote of Aye, by all councilmembers in attendance, the mayor stated motion carried. The Ordinance was given # **2024-08**.

The mayor introduced the DBW (doing business with) Dows. An Ordinance Titled:  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HEBER SPRINGS TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH JOE DOWS, PRESCRIBING THE EXTENT OF SAID AUTHORITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Ordinance was read in full for first reading by councilmember Short.

A motion was made by Short with a second by Echlin to suspend the rules and place the readings by Title only. With a unanimous vote of Aye by all councilmembers in attendance the motion carried. All other readings were made by Title only by councilmember Short.

A motion was made to adopt the Ordinance by councilman Short, and with a second by Tubbs and a unanimous vote of Aye by all councilmembers in attendance, the mayor stated motion carried. The Ordinance was given #**2024-09**.

The mayor introduced the Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. A Resolution Titled:  
**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CLEBURNE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WITH INTENT TO PARTICIPATE AND TO WORK TOWARD BECOMING A SAFER COMMUNITY.**

The resolution was read in full by Councilmember Sugg.

A motion was made to adopt the resolution by Sugg and seconded by Echlin.

With a unanimous vote of Aye by all council members in attendance, the mayor stated motion carried. The resolution was given #**2024-03**.

A motion was made by councilmember L. Tubbs to approve the Amendment to the PACT Agreement. A second motion was made by Sugg and with a unanimous vote of Aye by all council members in attendance, the mayor stated motion carried.

The mayor invited Parks Director Josh Mayes to speak on behalf of the Lowes Grant request. Mayes stated this is not a matching grant and will be offered in categories of \$25-100,000 and is offered for projects wanted or needed in communities. The projects must be completed by November if the grant is received. Mayes said there are several things he would like to see done such as a dock on the pond at the community center and

possibly have fishing derbies in the future. A dog park, shade structures for the splash pad, outdoor pickleball courts and tennis courts, a nature trail and there are other ideas for the future.

He also mentioned they are still waiting for the slide replacement to come in for Spring Park. Mayes also stated until they can get Wi-Fi to the park area so a camera system can be installed, the bathrooms will continue to be locked. The vandalism continues and has been extensive and expensive.

A motion was made for the approval to apply for the Lowes Grant by councilmember A. Sugg. A second was made by councilman J. Lay. With a unanimous vote of Aye by all councilmembers in attendance, the mayor stated motion carried.

Councilmember JP Hodges arrived at the meeting at 6:24 pm.

After discussion regarding the Airport Lawn maintenance contract with Greene Lawn LLC, a motion was made by Sugg with a second by Lay to approve the contract. With Hodges voting Nay and all other members in attendance voting Aye, the mayor stated motion carried.

**In Open Mic:** Shane with Survival Flight brought a breakdown of January's runs with 394 responses by SF and 282 transports. He will provide a more detailed summary at the workshop on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

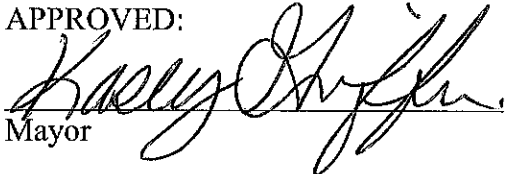
David Lisenbee with his wife Rachel and friend Mel, addressed the mayor and council stating they are members of the Ambassadors of Christ, and they gather in prayer for officials for discernment in decision making as well as other areas. They meet on Sundays at the Little Red River Association if anyone would like to join them.

In Announcements:

The mayor gave a shout out to The Other side for their work on the bank building; she stated they had done a tremendous job and worked very hard.

A motion was made by councilman Short to adjourn. A second was made by Tubbs and with a unanimous vote of Aye by all the mayor stated motion carried.

APPROVED:

  
Mayor

ATTESTED:

  
City Clerk

3-28-24 Date