

CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – 5:30 PM

AGENDA

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Heart of Hospice Representatives Jonathon Hamby & Julie Strickland.
2. Minutes from the October 29, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.
3. Resolution – Setting a Public Hearing to Vacate a Drainage/Utility Easement in Park Ridge Addition.
4. Resolution – Health Insurance Benefits for Full-time Employees and Elected Officials.
5. Resolution – Employee Christmas Bonus.
6. Ordinance – Conducting Business with a City Employee.
7. Ordinance – Amend Ordinance No. 21-2017 Chad Colley Wilderness Park Trails Plan.
8. Financial Statements.
9. Reports:
 Police – Fire – Building Department – Public Works/Planning – Ambulance.
10. Miscellaneous and General Discussion.
11. Adjournment.

CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. ___ - ___ - 2018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR VACATING A DRAINAGE/UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED AT LOTS 65 & 66, PARK RIDGE AT LEE CREEK SUBDIVISION; INSIDE THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Michael Kerr has petitioned the City Council of Van Buren, Arkansas to vacate and abandon the public drainage and utility easement along certain lots inside the Park Ridge Addition more particularly described as follows:

Description of Existing Easement

All that part of a 15.00 foot utility and drainage easement lying to the rear of lots 65 and 66, within Park Ridge Subdivision to the City of Van Buren, Arkansas

; and

WHEREAS, all of the property owners and adjacent property owners being affected by this easement abandonment have consented by signed petition; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Van Buren, acting under the authority of A.C.A. 14-199-103 and A.C.A. 14-301-302, has the authority to vacate public easements, rights-of-way and alleys or segments thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: A Public Hearing is set for 17th day of December 2018, at 5:30 P.M. in the Van Buren City Council Room, at which time said Petition shall be presented to the City Council and the City Council will determine at that time if such portion of said public easement should be vacated and that all affected property owners and other persons directly interested have consented to such vacating.

SECTION 2: The City Clerk of Van Buren, Arkansas, is hereby directed to give notice by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in some newspaper, published in Crawford County, advising the property owners and others affected, of said date and time the Council will hear said Petition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Van Buren, Arkansas, by its City Council, did pass, approve, and adopt, by a vote of ___ for and ___ against, the foregoing Resolution at its regular meeting held on the 26th day of November 2018.

Robert D. Freeman
Mayor

ATTESTED:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Phyllis Thomas
City Clerk/Treasurer

Candice A. Settle
City Attorney

CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. ___ - ___ - 2018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR THE CITY OF VAN BUREN ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR THE CITY OF VAN BUREN.

WHEREAS, City of Van Buren currently provides health insurance and related benefits to full time employees, elected officials, former elected officials eligible under Ordinance 26-1978; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing health insurance to those eligible is a very substantial expense to the city; and

WHEREAS, the current health and eye vision insurance rates will increase effective January 1, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: Health Insurance shall be made available to each full time employee and elected official through the Arkansas Municipal League Municipal Health Benefit Fund. The City will pay the full cost of health insurance for the employee or elected official and up to a maximum of \$904.20 per month for the employee or elected official with family coverage.

SECTION 2: Health Insurance shall be made available through the Arkansas Municipal League Municipal Health Benefit Fund to each former elected official eligible for such benefits under Ordinance No. 26-1978 and Ordinance No. 22-2005.

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RESOLUTION NO. ___ - ___ - 2018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR THE CITY OF VAN BUREN ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR (\$100.00) CHRISTMAS BONUS TO ALL FULL-TIME, NON-ELECTED CITY EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE ONE (1) FULL YEAR OF SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the City of Van Buren, Arkansas has paid a Christmas Bonus to its salaried employees in the past; and

WHEREAS, the City of Van Buren, Arkansas wishes to continue this practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: All full-time, non-elected city employees who have one (1) full year of service, shall be paid a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) bonus for Christmas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Van Buren, Arkansas, by its City Council, did pass, approve, and adopt, by a vote of ___ for and ___ against, the foregoing Resolution at its regular meeting held on the 26th day of November 2018.

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CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

ORDINANCE NO. ____ - 2018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ARK. CODE ANN. § 14-42-107, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

- WHEREAS, A.C.A § 14-42-107 requires an ordinance be enacted specifically permitting the conducting of any business between an official or employee of the city and the City of Van Buren; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Van Buren wishes to conduct business, on an ongoing basis, with Mr. J.W. Wooden, an employee of the City of Van Buren in the Fire Department; and
- WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Administration and the Van Buren City Council that compliance with A.C.A. § 14-42-107 is satisfied for the conducting of all city business; and
- WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is immediately necessary for preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Van Buren, Arkansas and an emergency exists which requires that this Ordinance become immediately effective and in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1 Mr. J.W. Wooden, an employee of the City of Van Buren in the Fire Department, is hereby authorized to conduct business with the City of Van Buren, Arkansas.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance being necessary for the financial continuity of the City of Van Buren, Arkansas, and necessary in providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its passage and approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Van Buren, Arkansas, by its City Council, did pass, approve, and adopt, by a vote of ____ for and ____ against, the foregoing Ordinance at its regular meeting held on the 26th day of November 2018.

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CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

ORDINANCE NO. ____ - 2018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 21-2017 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING FUNDS FOR THE CHAD COLLEY WILDERNESS PARK BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Van Buren authorized the Mayor to enter into a contract with Ozark Off Road Cyclists (OORC) to develop bike and pedestrian trails and associated amenities and improvements at Chad Colley Wilderness Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council voted to waive competitive bidding due to exceptional circumstances; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to commit funds for the development of said trails.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The Mayor is authorized to budget and expend up to \$200,000.00 of Capital Improvement Funds for with Ozark Off Road Cyclists for the purpose of developing bike and pedestrian trails and related amenities and improvements consistent with the Chad Colley Wilderness Park Bike and Pedestrian Trail Plan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Van Buren, Arkansas, by its City Council, did pass, approve, and adopt, by a vote of ____ for and ____ against, the foregoing Ordinance at its regular meeting held on the 26th day of November 2018.

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