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Warren City Council

Special Call Meeting

January 28, 2025

PRAYER: Council Member Tolefree lead the meeting in prayer. Mayor Reep led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Reep called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: On roll call by City Clerk Janice Nelson, the following Council Members were present: Council Members Chanel Hooper, Tolefree, Burks-Frazer, Moseley, Henderson and Atkins.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: On a motion made by Council Member Henderson and a second by Council Member Moseley, the Council voted 6-0 to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January 13, 2025, Council meeting. Yes votes – Council Members Henderson, Moseley, Atkins, Burks-Frazer, Hooper and Tolefree.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

1. **RESOLUTION A- 700** (Adopt 2025 Budget): Two budgets were submitted, one with a 2% raise and one without a 2% raise. A recommendation was made by Council Member Henderson to adopt the budget without the 2% raise with the stipulation that the Ways and Means Committee would meet again in April to discuss revenues. If the revenue is better at that time, she suggested that the 2% raise be considered because the Council feels that the city employees truly deserve it, and if possible, depending on revenue at the time, that it be made retroactive to January 1, 2025.

The 2025 Budget as follows:

Projected:

General Revenues: \$3,856,500.00

Administration: \$397,550.00

Airport: \$29,950.00

Armory: 16,000.00

Building Codes: \$26,260.00
Cultural Center: 10,900.00
District Court: \$119,125.00
Economic Development: \$19,000
Fire: \$426,349.00
Law: \$1,892,830.00
Municipal Building: \$ 15,400.00
Other: \$118,087.00
Recreation: \$189,948.00
Sanitation: \$950,736.00
Senior Citizen Center: \$4,150.00
Warren Shooting Range: \$52,220.00

Projected
Street Revenue: \$532,150.00
Street: \$529,250.00

Mayor Reep read aloud Resolution A-700 adopting the 2025 budget. Council Member Henderson motioned to adopt Resolution A-700; Council Member Atkins seconded with totals as presented by Council Member Dorothy Henderson. The Council voted 6-0 to adopt **Resolution A-700: A Resolution adopting a budget for the City of Warren, Arkansas for the calendar year 2025; and for other purposes. Yes votes** – Council Members Henderson, Atkins, Burks-Frazer, Moseley, Hooper and Tolefree. Nay – None. Absent – None.

Council Member Henderson stated that the Council wanted the city employees to know that their hard work and dedication is appreciated, and did not want the moral of the employees to go down. Mayor Reep stated that he had gone over the situation with the department heads and that he would be speaking to the employees as well. Council Member Henderson suggested that the city employees be sent a letter explaining the present situation and the plans to come back in April for a review.

2. Resolution A-701: (Amend 2024 Budget)

Mayor Reep read aloud Resolution A-701: **A Resolution Amending Resolution A-690 of the City of Warren, AR, to Amend the Budget for the City of Warren, Arkansas, for the Calendar Year 2024; Appropriating Funds for the Said Budget; and for Other Purposes.** Council Member Henderson motioned to adopt Resolution A-701; Council Member Moseley seconded to adopt Resolution A-701 reconciling the 2024 budget. The Council voted 6-0 to adopt Resolution A-701 amending the 2024 budget. Yes votes – Council Members Henderson, Moseley, Atkins, Burks-Frazer, Hooper and Tolefree. Nay – none. Absent – none.

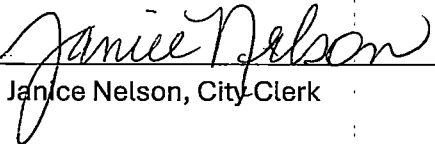
Council Member Henderson stated that there would be three items left on the Ways and Means Committee agenda as follows:

1. **Land Purchase**
2. **Warren Water and Sewer Rate Study – Public Hearing**
3. **Study of a possible Tax Increase**

ADJOURNED: Mayor Reep adjourned the Special Call Meeting.



Mayor R. Gregg Reep

ATTEST: 
Janice Nelson, City Clerk