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ITEMS DISCUSSED

ACTION TAKEN

Approval of Minutes	Approved	
Street Name Change	Approved	Res. 72-99
Sixth Street Extension	Approved	Res. 73-99
Home Buyer Program Property Sale	Approved	Res. 74-99
Drainage Improvements	Approved	Res. 75-99
Boardwalk Addition condemnation	Passed	Ord. 4167
Stonewood Subdivision	Approved	Res. 76-99
Park Regulations	Passed	Ord. 4168
Y2K Funding	Approved	Res. 77-99

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CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the May 18, 1999 City Council meeting.

STREET NAME CHANGE

A resolution approving the changing of the name of West 20th Street to Research Center Boulevard.

RESOLUTION 72-99 AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

SIXTH STREET EXTENSION

A resolution authorizing the City to purchase 1.775 acres of land and improvements from Dennis A. and Betty L. Smith for \$75,000 plus closing costs in association with the extension of Sixth Street from Wood Avenue to East Huntsville Road.

RESOLUTION 73-99 AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

HOME BUYER PROGRAM PROPERTY SALE

A resolution approving an offer and acceptance contract for the Community Development department to proceed with a Homebuyer Program property sale at 1034 South Washington Street, Fayetteville. Cost of this request: \$72,363 expended on rehabilitation; \$3,500 estimated down payment assistance; (\$58,000) for estimated sale proceeds.

RESOLUTION 74-99 AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

Alderman Daniel moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS**DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

A resolution approving a construction contract and project contingency for the construction of the proposed drainage improvements to Boardwalk Subdivision and Ridgely Manor Drive Area, plus a budget adjustment to fully fund the project and establishment of off-site assessment for future developments which utilize the proposed drainage improvements.

Mayor Hanna asked if the problem with the easement had been settled.

Mr. Lamar Pettus stated they believed they had the issue of the easement resolved, but they had promised they would have it by tonight or that the city could pass the ordinance. He suggested the city go ahead and pass the ordinance. His clients would not be back in town until Monday to sign the easement. If the city had to go forward and they had not worked it out, then they could continue.

Alderman Austin moved to approve the resolution. Alderman Daniel seconded the motion.

Alderman Russell asked for a brief history on how the drainage problem originated.

Alderman Trumbo explained a lot of the problems originated before the city had developed their new drainage regulations. They were not as strict as they were today.

Mayor Hanna stated the residents had pointed out problems the city had not been aware of. They were concerned about new developments in the area. The previous council had promised to address the drainage problem along Manor Drive.

Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 75-99 AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

BOARDWALK ADDITION, PHASE 3

An ordinance authorizing the City Attorney to seek possession of certain land located south of Boardwalk Addition, Phase 3 and West of Highway 265 (Crossover Road) in the City of Fayetteville by the power of eminent domain, in association with the required easements for the Londonderry Drainage Improvements. Such property owned by Nancy Witt Lewis and Robert Lewis.

Mr. Rose read the ordinance for the second time.

Alderman Trumbo moved to suspend the rules and move to the third and final reading. Alderman Young seconded the motion. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rose read the ordinance for the third and final time.

Mayor Hanna called for the vote. Upon roll call the ordinance passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 4167 AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

NEW BUSINESS

STONEWOOD SUBDIVISION

A resolution approving a waiver of Ordinance 3793 to accept money in lieu of the park land requirement of the Stonewood Subdivision.

Alderman Daniel moved to approve the waiver request. Alderman Santos seconded the motion. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 76-99 AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

PARK REGULATIONS

An ordinance amending the Fayetteville Code of Ordinances, Section 97.070 - Recreational Activities at Lake Fayetteville, Lake Sequoyah and Lake Wilson.

Mr. Rose read the ordinance for the first time.

Alderman Reynolds, referring to Lake Fayetteville, stated he would like to see the section on the non-residential fees dropped for boat dock space.

In response to questions, Ms. Edmonston stated 20 of the renters were Springdale residents and 38 were Fayetteville residents. Mr. Black the boat dock manager had recommended the price difference. There was a waiting list for stalls at Lake Fayetteville. They felt it would help the Fayetteville residents by having a lower fee.

Alderman Reynolds stated in the past years the Springdale residents had helped hold the lake up and kept it going, when the city did not have as large a population.

Mayor Hanna thought that it had been the citizens of Fayetteville that had been supporting the lake. Their tax money had constructed and supported it. The land belonged to the city. He

thought the Fayetteville citizens deserved a break.

Mr. Black stated he worked at Lake Sequoyah boat dock. He did not believe the increase would affect their business. He thought they could look at more increases in the future. His customers were a mixture of residents and rural people. They had not increased their fee in over six years.

Alderman Santos moved to suspend the rules and go to the second reading. Aldermen Daniel seconded the motion. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rose read the ordinance for the second time.

Alderman Davis moved to suspend the rules and move to the third and final reading. Alderman Austin seconded the motion. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rose read the ordinance for the third and final time.

Upon roll call the ordinance passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 4168 AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

Y2K FUNDING

A resolution authorizing funding for the ad hoc committee on Y2K Community Preparedness to create awareness and inform the citizens of Fayetteville.

Mayor Hanna stated the funding not only had to do with Y2K but disaster preparedness which included tornados and other natural disasters. It was not only for Y2K funding. They were requesting funding for pamphlets and literature for preparedness for all types.

Alderman Daniel questioned the mailings and the need for five mailings. She requested to wait until she looked at the mail-outs. She suggested an 800 number for people calling in with questions regarding computers.

Alderman Austin explained the goal of the committee was to increase the number of organized neighborhoods in Fayetteville. The idea was if the neighborhoods were organized they would be able to handle any kind of an emergency. The reason why the committee was named Y2K was because it was the one emergency that could be placed on a calendar. The committee would serve as a resource. It was not an information source for Y2K. The committee felt the media had done a good job. The city and county had also done a good job on preparing for the potential problem. Their job was to try and pull the neighbors together.

Mayor Hanna stated the committee had been set up because the city had received a number of inquiries from citizens. Making sure the city's systems were compatible did not take care of the people, particularly the elderly and those with lower income. The committee was organized to find out what the city could do to help citizens. The committee had been formed to do exactly what they had done. They had put a lot of time into it and had a number of volunteers.

Alderman Austin stated an organized neighborhood could serve many purposes such as crime watch, disaster plans, community concerns, and fun activities.

Alderman Daniel expressed concern about people not reading inserts in the water bill.

Alderman Santos stated he had been concerned about sending out a warning about Y2K, but he now understood Ron Austin's intent was to organize neighborhood organization. He suggested rewriting the resolution.

Alderman Austin replied he would rather not. He stated the next insert would be for more volunteers. The third insert would be the family disaster plan as developed by FEMA and the American Red Cross. The budget request was on the high side.

Alderman Santos asked if the existing neighborhood associations had been contacted and included.

Alderman Austin knew of two that were participating and thought others were.

Alderman Daniel stated she would be voting against it until she had more information.

Alderman Austin replied he did not have a problem if someone wanted to vote against it. The last insert they paid for out of city council funds. He did not think it was right for one committee to spend all the money.

Alderman Russell stated the money was not meant to notify people of the Y2K problem. He stated this was a long term benefit by organizing our neighborhoods.

Mr. Michael Andrews, Y2K committee member, stated they did not want to put off the mailout because of the schedules for the mailout. He personally did not think much would happen, but there were people who thought the world would come to an end. They had pursued the use of different forms of media. The inserts were only one of the ways they were trying to inform the public. They were running shows on the community access channel and the Northwest Arkansas Times had agreed to give them free space in the paper. They were trying to cover all areas. He thought \$15,000 was a very reasonable amount.

In response to questions, Alderman Austin stated the first insert had already gone out. It was a letter from the Mayor which ran in the last month's water bill.

Ms. Woodruff stated all the residents had not received their bill yet, because it would take a month for everyone to receive their bills. The next billing would be around the first of next month. She explained they were limited on the number of inserts in the water bills because of the equipment used to stuff the envelopes. They were required to reserve space months ahead of time to be included in the mailout. She added she had received a really good response from the Mayor's letter. Every day she receive an average of two to three calls wanting to volunteer for the committee. Most of the people who had called were concerned about their elder neighbors who were real susceptible to con artists. Most of the elderly had lived through the Great Depression and they knew there could be shortages. They had these fears and people feed off their fears. A lot of younger people had called wanting to volunteer to help out their older neighbors.

Alderman Austin reviewed the planned mailout again.

Alderman Trumbo moved to approve the resolution. Alderman Reynolds seconded the motion. Upon roll call the motion carried by a vote of 6-2-0, Daniel and Santos voting nay.

RESOLUTION 77-99 AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.