Crossett City Council met in regular session July 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossett Public Library.

Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Present: Councilmembers: Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tempore CT Foster, City Attorney David Tyler Mills Dan Pevy, Kerstin Mondragon, Chris Gill, James Knight

Mayor Crystal Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer Clark Terrell Councilmember Sheila Phillips

Mayor Pro-Tempore Foster opened the meeting with a prayer and pledge. Mr. Foster introduced Addisyn Baker who led the group in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Note was made that on the financial minutes for June, Mayor Marshall was incorrectly noted as Mayor McCormick. This would be corrected. Motion by Councilman Pevy, seconded by Councilwoman Mondragon to approve all minutes and financial reports for the month of June with the corrected notation. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Intern Trinity Foster updated council on Youth Center Grant project. She stated that the city is under contract with Carpenter & Sons for the project and that construction on the roof should begin within weeks. The shingles have been ordered and should be an-iving any day. Replacing the roof will be the first phase of the project, after that is complete, work will begin on the inside of the building.

Miss Foster also informed the council that the building has been nominated for the National Historical Registry. This is not yet final and will be determined on August 2, but if listed on the registry may open the door for more grants in the future.

Mrs. Dianne Marter, Crossett Water Commission office manager presented their 2021 financial audit. She asked if any of the council had any questions concerning the audit. . Hearing none, she added that the auditors cun-ently have the 2022 financial information and have started working on the 2022 audit. Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilman Knight to accept the 2021 audit reports as presented. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

Director of Public Works Jeff Harrison spoke to the council concerning a wastewater rate study. Communities Unlimited has agreed to perform this study at no cost to the city. They compare rates to cities of comparable size and capacity and use current data to determine if rates are adequate or need to be adjusted. We will need permission from the council to have Mayor Marshall enter into a contract with Communities Unlimited to perform the study. This will include providing certain financial information concerning sewer rates and expenses.

Once the study is done, the council will be able to accept or reject anything that they propose. Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilman Gill to request the assistance of Communities Unlimited to provide technical assistance related to tasks outlined in a signed and approved workplan by the Mayor for the City of Crossett. The Crossett City Council also

appoints Jeff Harrison as a point of contact person for assisting Communities Unlimited staff in gathering data for tasks outlined in the approved workplan. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

In the absence of Clerk/Treasurer Clark Terrell, Lisa Gulledge presented the 2021 city audit. She pointed out that there were no reportable findings in the report. All state audit reports are available online at arlegaudit.gov or at the Crossett City Hall for public view.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Foster opened the floor to the council for any other business. Hearing none, he opened the floor to the audience.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Clark Terrell, Clerk/Treasurer Crystal Marshall, Mayor