Crossett City Council met in regular session September 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossett Public Library.

Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Present: Mayor Crystal Marshall, City Attorney David Tyler Mills

Councilmembers: Dan Pevy, Kerstin Mondragon, Chris Gill, Sheila Phillips James Knight, CT Foster

Absent: Clerk/Treasurer Clark Terrell

Mayor Marshall opened the meeting with a prayer and pledge. Mayor Marshall introduced Kymbree Kelley who led the group in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Councilman Knight, seconded by Councilman Foster to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of August 21, 2023. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilman Pevy to approve the August, 2023 financial reports. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion carries and financial reports are approved.

Mayor Marshall presented proposed Ordinance 2023-10, an ordinance to formalize the Mayor’s Youth Council for consideration. Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilman Gill to have City Attorney Mills read the proposed ordinance. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed and Attorney Mills read in its entirety. Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilman Gill to suspend the 3-day reading rule and read for second time by title only. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed and Attorney Mills read for second reading by title only. Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilman Gill to further suspend the reading rule and read the proposal for 3rd and final time by title only. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed and City Attorney Mills read by title only. Motion by Councilwoman Mondragon, seconded by Councilman Foster to adopt Ordinance 2023-10. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed and Ordinance 2023-10 was adopted.

Mayor Marshall presented the council with a list of the students for the Mayor’s Youth Council for consideration. Motion by Councilman Gill, seconded by Councilwoman Mondragon to approve the list as named. Several of the members were present and Mayor Marshall introduced them to the audience. Mayor added that there will be a swearing in ceremony scheduled for a later date and she will be letting everyone know when that is scheduled.

Mayor Marshall presented a proposal for the Veteran’s Park sign. This sign will have all 7 branches of the military on it. Commander Steve Lochala with American Legion Post 111 stated that as far as he knows, this will be the first park in the country to have all seven branch logos on it. He recognized Mr. Bill Mayo for the hard work he has put into making this happen and thanked Mayor Marshall and the council for seeing this through.

Motion by Councilman Gill, seconded by Councilwoman Mondragon to approve the design of the sign and to amend the budget to pay for the sign. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

Mr. John Gifford and Mr. Steve Rayva also spoke on the significance of the Veteran’s Park and how much this will mean to veterans.

Mayor Marshall updated on the East Crossett Wastewater project. The $7 million loan should close on September 28. Bids have been awarded and pre-construction meetings are scheduled. Construction should begin soon.

Remodel has begun at the Crossett Youth Center. Roofer should finish this week. Windows and doors will be the next project. After that is complete, inside repairs will begin. Third Avenue resurface in front of Youth Center is also complete along with section from 9th and Beech to Cedar. This was part of the State Street Aid Grant.

Mayor Marshall updated on the Auditorium grant for air conditioner units. Engineering should be complete this week. Should go to bid in October and equipment will be ordered.

Mayor opened the floor to the council for any other business. Hearing none, she opened the floor to the audience.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Clark Terrell, Clerk/Treasurer Crystal Marshall, Mayor