The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hanna

The invocation was given by Council Member Wells

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag

Council present: Mayor Johnny Hanna, Frankie Poston, Doolittle Stone, Gary Arthurs, Jamie Altman, Scott Wells and Marie Haselden

City personnel present: Jim Smith (City Administrator), David Mace (Economic Development), Marlene Rollins (City Clerk), Ron Douglas (Police Chief)

Guest present: James Campbell

The City clerk reported that the agenda was posted on Friday February 26, 2021, at City Hall, U.S. Post Office and on the City ‘s web page. And media was notified by email to news.com

Motion was made by Council Member Arthurs and a second by Council Member Stone to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Poston and a second by Council Member Haselden to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comments

Drainage Concerns:
Council Member Poston started by stating there has been a lot of flooding in the town, and believes the City should start a drainage program, Council member Arthurs stated that there has been so much asphalt laid and no ditches, and the water has nowhere to go.
Council Member Arthurs asked if there were and grants, Council member Poston stated there are grants available, he saw on the news where the City of Conway was working on grants. Administrator Mr. Smith reminded everyone that grant money has to have a match from the City.
City Administrator Mr. Smith stated good news is we are working with the Stasney’s to get the issues on Maple Street fixed, and got a call from the new Family Dollar on Stuckey Street stating they had flooding at this location, and wanted the City to blow off the water, well it is a ditch maintained by the state, the City went out and did what we could until the state gets around to cleaning out the ditches.
Administrators reported: (1) the budget vs. actual for the first quarter of the budget year, water is at 52% on Revenues and expenses are at 39%, sewer is at 48% revenues, and 43% expenses, the general fund at 66% revenues and 40% expenses. (2) will need to start budget workshop to go over water/sewer rates, (3) there is a paycheck protection program for business of 20 or less employees, we will post this on our web site and hopefully small businesses will take advantage of the program, (4) staff did a great job on the open house just wish we had more citizen participation, (5) Municipal Association wants to do a story on the New Municipal Building, (6) we had an issue at the park, local press did a story on the news, our police Department responded handled best if could, Police Chief Douglas is following up with the State Juvenile Program. (7) summer is coming there will be more kids at the basketball courts and the litter will be a problem again.

Motion was made by Council Member Arthurs and a second by Council Member Stone to enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously

No action from executive session

Motion was made by Council Member Haselden and a second by Council Member Poston to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously

Motion was made by Council Member Stone and a second by Council Member Arthurs to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously

ADJOURN: 8:20pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council on this 6th day of April, 2021.

Johnny Hanna, Mayor

Attest: Marlene Rollins, City Clerk