

ORDINANCE NO. 2-2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 17 -2019 CONSOLIDATING THE CITY OF HELENA-WEST HELENA PREVIOUSLY CONSOLIDATED STREET AND SANITATION DEPARTMENTS WITH THE LANDFILL DEPARTMENT; CONSOLIDATING ALL EMPLOYEES OF THOSE TWO DEPARTMENTS INTO ONE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDE FOR ONE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF THE NEWLY CONSOLIDATED DEPARTMENT; AND RENAMING THE CONSOLIDATED DEPARTMENT TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Helena-West Helena currently has previously consolidated the street department and a sanitation department and desires to merge the Landfill Department with the consolidated Street and Sanitation Department, thereby forming the Department of Public Works; AND

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Helena-West Helena deems in it necessary, cost effective, and in the best interest of the city to consolidate the Street and Sanitation Department with the Landfill departments into one department; AND

WHEREAS, the newly consolidated department shall be known as the Department of Public Works;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HELENA-WEST HELENA ARKANSAS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City of Helena-West Helena, Arkansas has previously consolidated the Street and Sanitation Departments into one department. The City Council hereby amends the consolidation of the street and the sanitation department into one department by adding the Landfill Department.

Section 2: There is hereby created the Department of Public Works. The Street department, the Sanitation department, and the Landfill Department shall maintain three divisions of the Department of Public Works. There shall be a Landfill division, Street division and a Sanitation division. All funds such as state turn back funds which are sent from the state and is designated for the street department, shall be utilized by the street division of the newly consolidated department. All Landfill funds shall be treated in a manner that complies with the outstanding bond indebtedness and the lockbox agreement that exists pursuant to the outstanding bond issue.

Section 3: The Department shall be known as the Department of Public Works. There is hereby established one (1) department head established for the Department of Public Works. The Department Head shall be known as the Director of Public Works. Each division shall have a deputy director. More specifically, there shall be a Deputy Director of the Street Division of the Department of Public Works, a Deputy Director of the Sanitation Division of the Department of Public Works, and a Deputy Director of the Landfill Division of the Department of Public Works. .

Section 4: This ordinance does not repeal any existing ordinances that provide for sanitation rates or any income into either former department. All former ordinances that provide for fees, fines, or any other income to the either department shall remain in that division and the funds shall be collected and placed within the appropriate division of the newly formed department.

Section 5: This is the initial creation of the Public Works Department and the City Council is keenly aware that there are other issues to that have not been addressed by this ordinance. The Mayor, City Attorney, City Treasurer, and Department Head are authorized to further develop all of the practical issues for the implementation of the consolidation of the previously consolidated Street and Sanitation Department and the Landfill Department into the Public Works Department.

Section 6: If, for any reason, any portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions thereof which are valid, but such valid portions shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 7: All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED: 02/02/2021
Date

APPROVED: Kevin A. Smith
Kevin Smith, Mayor

ATTESTED: Sandi Ramsey
Sandi Ramsey City Clerk