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ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE CITY OF GLENWOOD.

WHEREAS, the city of Glenwood currently lacks, and is in urgent need of, a procedure that will govern citizen participation at any regular or special meeting of the Glenwood City Council.

WHEREAS, the purpose of a city council meeting is to permit the elected officials to conduct the city's business.

WHEREAS, the city council of Glenwood values and seeks to encourage the participation of the city's citizens in council meetings.

WHEREAS, the city of Glenwood seeks to establish a fair, orderly and practical way to receive citizen comments as well as to permit the council to conduct its business without disruption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENWOOD, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of Glenwood hereby establishes a procedure for citizen participation at city council meetings.

SECTION 2. Any citizen wishing to address an item on the agenda will be allowed three minutes per person to address the council. The citizen must confine his or her remarks to the agenda item.

SECTION 3. A signup list shall be provided before the start of regular council meetings. The signup period ends at time meeting is called to order. Citizens desiring to speak shall sign their name, address and indicate in the space provided the agenda item number they wish to speak on.


SECTION 4. No citizen will be denied the right to speak because of the citizen's viewpoint. A timekeeper will be designated to keep the citizen's time and shall notify the Mayor or presiding officer when the citizen's time has expired. After the time has expired, the citizen may remain to answer any questions from the mayor or city council, or any other person recognized by the presiding official.

SECTION 5. Citizens speaking or otherwise making noise during the council meeting other than as provided in this policy will be ruled out of order by the mayor or presiding officer and will be asked to remain silent until such time as they are recognized to speak under this policy. Noncompliance with this request will be considered disruptive and the offending party may be required to leave the meeting.

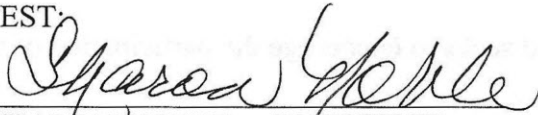
SECTION 6. Emergency Clause. The immediate enactment of this ordinance is necessary as citizen participation at city council meetings occurs with regularity and a procedure is necessary to conduct the meetings in a fair, orderly and lawful fashion; therefore in order to ensure the

preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF AUGUST 2019.


BILLY T. SMITH - MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHARON NOBLE - RECORDER