

## **BULL SHOALS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 29, 2015**

The Bull Shoals City Council met in regular session on Monday June 29, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the municipal building. On roll call, all Council Members were present as were the Mayor and Recorder/Treasurer.

**Minutes:** Hank Hudson made the motion, seconded by Phil Friese to pass the minutes from the May 28, 2015 regular meeting and the May 29, 2015 special meeting as published. Motion passed unanimously. (Copies are available in the Recorder/Treasurer's office)

### **Treasurer's Report: N/A**

The monthly contract labor payment of \$100.00 to David Nixon out of Mayor Hotchkiss's pay was briefly discussed. After discussion it was determined that the best financial course of action to take would be to pay David Nixon \$100.00 monthly from the General Fund's contract labor line item instead of taking deductions from the Mayor's pay. Phil Friese made the motion, seconded by Marty Nickels to pay David Nixon \$100.00 per month out of the General Fund's contract labor line item retro-active to April 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Department Reports:**

Police Department – Presented by Mike Tramell  
Fire Department Report - Presented by Brent Mitchell  
Public Works Department Report – Presented by Mayor Hotchkiss  
Vehicle/Equipment Report – Presented by Mayor Hotchkiss

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### **Program Reports:**

TeleCare Report – N/A

### **Commission Reports:**

Planning/Zoning Report – Presented by David Nixon

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### **Committee Reports:**

Wastewater Sewer Committee –

Alan Graley announced the next Wastewater Sewer Committee meeting will be Wednesday July 1, 2015 at 6:00pm at City Hall. Marler Engineering will also be present at the meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- Parks Update –
- **Dam Site Park -**

Reservations and fees were discussed for the grand opening of Dam Site Park during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend. Phil Friese made the motion, seconded by Marty Nickels to set the camping fees at \$15.00 per night. The motion passed unanimously.

Phil Friese announced that a Parks & Tourism meeting will be within the next two weeks and that he would notify every one of the date & time once it is set.

- **Point Return –**

David Nixon gave the status of the progress made on the matching grant for Point Return Park. He expressed the urgency of moving forward to avoid losing the grant because of the short remaining timeline to get items in place. He informed everyone that the engineering report would be complete in the next few weeks and a Parks Committee meeting would be scheduled to discuss the grant and areas of focus to begin work on the project.

- **Hoover Building –**

Mayor Hotchkiss expressed his concerns regarding the purchase of the new city hall building prior to the settlement of the Nicholas Dore Lawsuit. Because the case is still pending, he suggested putting the project on hold. Hank Hudson made the motion, seconded by Alan Graley. Anna Harper voted no, but all other council members voted yes so the motion passed.

- **Signs at the Triangle –**

David Nixon presented photos and bids for the signs at the triangle. After brief discussion, Daryl Lindman made the motion, seconded by Alan Graley to select the bid from Sign Tech. The price of the removal of the old signs and the production and installation of the new signs will be \$6,663.34.

- **Purchasing Ordinance –**

Phil Friese read the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an ordinance allowing the city to purchase items needed from businesses owned by appointed or elected officials, as well as city employees. Marty Nickels made the motion, seconded by Phil Friese to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Anna Harper abstained but the remaining council members voted yes. The motion passed.

Phil Friese made the motion, seconded by Marty Nickels to read the remaining readings by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

- **Firefighter position split to (2) part-time positions –**

Fire Chief Brent Mitchell read a memo to the council requesting the current fulltime firefighter position be split into (2) part-time positions. After brief discussion, Hank Hudson made the motion, seconded by Alan Graley to split the position into (2) part-time positions. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Clean Ditch Ordinance –**

Daryl Lindman requested a reminder of the required cleaning to property ditches be printed on the next water bills.

- **Rivercliff –**

Daryl Lindman expressed his concerns of the edging & guardrails on Rivercliff. They are in need of repairs and Mayor Hotchkiss said that he would look into the issue and get a resolution to the safety problems.

- **Street Program –**

Street paving was discussed. Daryl Lindman expressed his concerns with the condition of McDonald Meadows. Phil Friese stated that the Arkansas Highway Department still has funding available for paving. Mayor Hotchkiss stated that he would contact the Arkansas Highway Department and find out what is still available and how we can apply for funding.

Others areas of concern that were discussed were the Corp of Engineers property at the overlook and the parking lot in front of the Fire Department. Mayor Hotchkiss stated he would contact the Corp of Engineers regarding the area in front of the overlook and would look at the parking lot at the Firehouse.

• **Mayor's Comments –**

Mayor Hotchkiss announced that the purchases of the Police Department vehicle and the Fire Department vehicle have been completed and each of the vehicles have been striped. The Police Department purchased the City of Lakeview's 2006 Dodge Durango Police vehicle for \$12,500.00. The Fire Department purchased the City of Bull Shoals' 2013 Dodge Durango Police vehicle for \$20,000.00. Each purchased was made using their department's vehicle depreciation fund and council approved these purchases in previous council meetings (February and April 2015).

Mayor Hotchkiss announced that the F150 pickup was sold.

Mayor Hotchkiss inquired on the status of Tim Prevost moving from contract labor status to a permanent employee status. He stated that Tim is currently making \$12.00 per hour. The issue was then tabled for the next workshop.

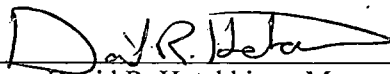
• **Citizens Comments –**

Anna Harper thanked everyone for helping clean up Dam Site Park for its grand opening.

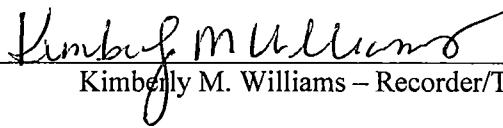
Lynn Nickels asked about the status of Versailles. Mayor Hotchkiss stated that he would take care of it – he will fill the location with rocks.

Marty Nickels made the motion, seconded by Phil Friese that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
David R. Hotchkiss – Mayor

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Kimberly M. Williams – Recorder/Treasurer