

Bull Shoals City Council

Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2017

I. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, & Roll Call

Mayor Nixon called to order the regular meeting of the Bull Shoals City Council at 6:30 pm on September 28, 2017 at 706 CS Woods Dr. Bull Shoals, AR 72619.

Tina Bailey conducted the roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor David Nixon, Mr. Graley, Mr. Traylor, Mr. Lindman, Mrs. Rhodes, and Mr. Gianini. Mr. Nickels was absent. Mayor announced we have a quorum to conduct business.

II. Accepting of the Minutes

Mayor Nixon asked the council members if they had read the minutes from the August 31, 2017 meeting. Mayor asked for motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Graley made the motion to approve and Mr. Traylor seconded. The minutes were adopted by acclamation.

III. Treasurer Report

Mayor announced we are going to receive the 2016 Treasurer's report and would like to clarify a few items. He asked the councilmembers to raise their hands if they were part of the council from December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2016. Mr. Graley & Mr. Lindman raised their hands. Mayor then asked, "Who was not part of city council during the same time frame and Mr. Gianini, Ms. Rhoades, & Mr. Traylor raised their hands. Mr. Nickels was not present.

Mr. Doshier presented the council with the actuals of 2016 and said that he used the bank statements in order to reconcile the accounts. He said that the results are the ins and outs of the accounts and pointed out that the ending balance was (-331,000.00).

It is Mr. Doshier's intention to get all of 2017 caught up and to be able to submit a report in October. It is his intention to be consistent with a report that shows from month to month our balances and easy to understand.

Mr. Doshier announced that the monthly report would be broken down into the different departments such as: General, Fire, Police, Water, Parks, and etc. It will show the Revenues and Expenses for each department. Mr. Doshier announced that the councilmembers could ask questions now or over the phone. Mr. Doshier also gave a printed copy of the 219 page report to Tina Bailey to have on file. Mayor clarified that the city overspent the budget for 2016. Mrs. Rhodes asked Mr. Doshier "Was there any

way of knowing where the money had gone?” Mr. Doshier replied that it was overspending and mismanagement. Mr. Doshier explained the three main expenditures were: Wages & Salaries at 23%, Fire Donation at 11.5 % and Health Insurance at 10%. Ms. Rhoades asked if Mr. Doshier could estimate how much money we had lost in the past year due to late payments or non-sufficient funds. Mr. Doshier stated that it was about \$4000.00 and some of that were service fees. Mrs. Rhoades asked if that is normal and Mr. Doshier commented that it was on the upper side.

Mayor asked if there were any further questions and Mr. Graley asked Mr. Doshier how long it took him to get through the 2016 books and what degree of difficulty was it? Mr. Doshier said that it took about 100 hours and went above and beyond the agreement because he knew it was important to the City of Bull Shoals. Mrs. Rhoades asked how many bank accounts the city has. Mr. Doshier replied that he reconciled 28 accounts but there could be more such as CD’s. We have 3 accounts that had no activities in 2016.

Mr. Graley asked, “How do we compare with the other cities as far as volume?” Our banking is comparable to the city of Flippin. Mr. Doshier said that we look good going forward. Tina Bailey announced that we will begin to record which budget lines the revenues and expenditures come from down to the penny. Mayor announced that we are exactly on track with the Arkansas Municipal League. We are also not broke as some have rumored. The budget process is where it needs to be.

IV. Department Reports –

Reports were given in advance and Mayor asked if there were any questions for the Departments.

- a) Fire Department Report –Nothing to announce outside of written report.
- b) Police Department – Chief Kuchenbecker announced that the City of Bull Shoals has been selected to receive a grant to be trained to administer Opioid Counter Drug along with the Kit. Mr. Graley asked how many officers do we have at this time. Chief replied that we have 3 full time officers and 2 part time officers (however one part time is out for the rest of the year due to medical reasons). Officer Raines is filling in with the approval of Mayor for the part time officer. Mr. T aylor asked if there were any other officers and Chief said that there is one officer but he is a reserve at this time. Mrs. Rhoades asked where did the funding for Officer Raines come from. Chief stated that the money comes from fines, warrants, etc. Mrs. Rhodes commented that the police department was not solely responsible for funding Officer Raines position. Chief stated there was approximately \$170,000 in outstanding fines and warrants that had not been paid. He mentioned that

thanks to Officer Raines and the Court Clerk have recovered about \$35,000 to date. Officer Raines has helped with the code enforcement and is about 68% and has only written 5 tickets.

- c) Public Works – Mayor announced that we had a person resign today. We also had a person in a motorcycle accident. We are a little shorthanded.

V. Program Reports-

- a) Planning and Zoning-Mr. Traylor said that they did not meet.
- b) Parks- Mrs. Nickels was absent.

VI. Old Business

- a) Wastewater Plant meeting and we have 3 documents left. We are up to snuff in our two grants. The EDA is current and waiting. The USDA still has a few items to take care of such as the titles to lift stations. We are negotiating with Cruz & Associates for the last piece of the bridge loan for the USDA. The engineers report will be due on October 15, 2017. We have to pass the resolution at the end of the agenda.
- b) The gatherings of the old minutes are being accumulated by the council members so that they may be approved next month.
- c) Budget Meeting – starts tomorrow at 10:00 am. The meetings are open to the public but are non-participatory. You may ask your councilmembers afterwards.
- d) Ordinance 2017-5- Mayor Nixon read the ordinance” Damage and Debris to Public Property”. An ordinance to replace 2008-14. Mr. Graley motioned to accept the ordinance. Mrs. Rhoades seconded. Mrs. Rhodes expressed her concern that this ordinance does not become retaliatory with the neighbors of Bull Shoals. A roll call vote was taken and all said yes. Mr. Nickels was absent. Mayor asked if the council would like to entertain the motion to expedite the ordinance with the reading 2 more times. Mr. Graley motioned to expedite the ordinance however there was no second. Therefore, the ordinance will be tabled until next meeting.

VII. New Business

- a) USDA Resolution – The Mayor has checked with all the attorneys and asked for the motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Traylor made the motion to accept the resolution and Mr. Gianini seconded. A roll call vote was taken and all present said yes. Mr. Nickels was not present.
- b) Millage Rate Approval-3.5 General, 1.5 Fire Dept. Mayor has asked council for permission to extend the millage rate. Mrs. Rhoades made the motion to extend it and Mr. Traylor seconded. A roll call vote was taken and all present said yes. Mr. Nickels was not present.
- c) Mayor asked for a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Traylor motioned to go into executive session and Mr. Gianini seconded. There was a vote and all said “I”.

VIII. Citizen Comments

- a) Wes Phelan – 202 CS Woods-Why did we have the deficit of 2016. How come the checks did not bounce? Mayor explained that we do have a little cushion in the bank. None of the checks were insufficient. Mrs. Rhoades explained that the previous person was not forthcoming and she no longer works for the city.
- b) Kathleen St. Clair- 908 Walnut Ave. - She is concerned with the insufficient charges. She also suggest to simplify the accounts. Mayor responded with a Yes.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Graley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gianini seconded.
Mayor Nixon adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Tina Bailey

Minutes approved by: [Name]