

Bull Shoals City Council

Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2020

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 May 28, 2020 at 706 CS Woods Dr. Bull Shoals, AR 72619. Everyone stood and gave Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Recorder/Treasurer Tina Bailey conducted the roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor David Nixon, Council members: Alan Graley, Jim Traylor, Lynn Nickels, Daryl Lindman, Joey Grede, Dino Giannini and Mr. Daryl Lindman. Ms. Bailey announced we have a quorum to conduct business.

- II. Minutes** – Mayor asked if everyone had read the February 27, 2020 minutes. Mr. Giannini motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Traylor seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation. Mayor Nixon announced there were no meetings in either March or April of 2020 due to the Governor's directives for Covid-19 pandemic.

- III. Treasurer Report-** Mr. Doshier reported the bank reconciliation balances as of April 30, 2020 are \$1,555,917.19, up \$155,343.42 from a year ago. This does not include the grant monies received from Delta Regional Authority, USDA, or EDA for the wastewater project, which are approximately \$248,000.00 on 4/30/20.

City sales tax collections are up from a year ago. April city tax collections are \$33,348.61 against last years \$26,275.34, an increase of \$7,073.27. The 1% additional tax for sewer generated \$16,674.31 in April. This is up \$3,536.64 from last April. For the 4 months that ended on April 30th, city sales tax collections are \$129,890.59, up \$26,599.84 from last years \$103,290.75. The Sewer tax has generated \$64,945.29, up \$13,299.92 from last years \$51,645.37. May sales tax figures, which reflect April sales show \$18,585.24 from the state, which is only \$200 less than April last year.

Total income for the city through April is \$805,975.88, which is a \$58,463.59 improvement from a year ago. Total expenses over that same time frame are \$563,409.15, which is down \$46,111.79 from last year.

This results in a net income from operations of \$242,566.73 which is an improvement from last April's income of \$137,991.35. That is an \$104,575.38 improvement. The City of Bull Shoals had a good first 1/3 of the year despite the circumstances.

Mr. Graley motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Mr. Giannini seconded. The report was approved by everyone except Ms. Nickels who voted no.

IV. Department Reports

- a. **Police**-Chief Kuchenbecker stated the report stands as submitted and attached. He stated we have received the \$4000.00 grant for new body cameras from Arvest Bank.
- b. **Fire**-Chief Mitchell stated the report stands as written and is attached. The radios are getting better and there is upgrading at the Sherriff's office. He also stated we normally start in the spring for hydrant testing and will be painting the hydrants. We have 130 hydrants. Chief had to leave at 6:50 for an emergency. Chief returned at 7:25 pm.
- c. **Public Works**-Director Rosemary Rogers stated the report stands as submitted and is attached.

Mr. Lindman motioned to accept all the reports and Mr. Traylor seconded. The reports were approved by acclamation.

V. Commission Reports

- a. **Planning & Zoning Commission**- There was no meeting.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. **Parks** – Ms. Dawn Lagerstedt stated the report stands as submitted and the park was full for Memorial Day. Mr. Giannini motioned to accept all the reports and Mr. Traylor seconded. The reports were approved by acclamation.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. **Wastewater Project**-Mayor gave a report of the project stating the new plant is up and running. The old plant is ready for demolition. The lift stations are being put in at 2 per week over the next couple of months. Mayor was asked to speak about the non-bio diesel that was provided for the generator at the wastewater plant.
- b. **Solid Waste Extension**-Mayor reported that in accordance with council directive the contract is being extended at the same rate and will be using smaller trucks and it has a mechanical arm. We will be getting new trash containers.

- c. **Paving**-Mayor sked the councilmembers to look at the streets list as to what they recommend for this year's paving project. Mayor asked the councilmembers to turn in their recommendations by next Wednesday.
- d. **Sign Revision**-Mr. Lindman made the motion to consider Resolution 2020-R-01, which is a resolution to set fees for sign permits in the city of Bull Shoals, Arkansas. Mr. Giannini seconded. Mayor read the proposed resolution 2020-R-01. A roll call vote was taken, and everyone said yes. 6/0 Resolution 2020-R-01 was approved.

Mr. Traylor made the motion to consider Ordinance 2020-02 which states, "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES 2000-05, 2000-06, & 2013-09. AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SIGNS IN THE CITY OF BULL SHOALS, ARKANSAS." Mr. Lindman seconded. Mayor requested to suspend the rules of reading the entire Ordinance 2020-02. Mr. Traylor made the motion to suspend the rules of reading the ordinance in its entirety and read by title only. Mr. Giannini seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and all said yes. 6/0 Mayor Nixon then read the proposed Ordinance 2020-02 by title only. Mr. Traylor recommended to change the penalties stated in Article 10 from \$1,000.00 for the first offense to \$250.00, to change the \$2,000 for the second offense to \$500.00, and to change the \$500.00 per day to \$50 per day if the violation continues. A roll call vote was taken on the amended ordinance and all said yes. 6/0

Mr. Graley motioned to suspend the rules and have all the readings in one meeting and Mr. Giannini seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and all said yes. 6/0 Mayor read the ordinance a second time. A second roll call vote was taken, and all said yes. 6/0 Mayor read the ordinance for the 3rd time. A third roll call vote was taken, and all said yes. 6/0. Ordinance 2020-02 was approved.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Clinic**-Katie Combs is leaving the area. We have 2 potential clients which are nurse practioners.
- b. **Condemnation**- The code enforcement officer will give a report at the next workshop. Mr. Morgan stated that it legally must be to the point

of a health hazard in order to proceed with condemnation through court procedures.

IX. Citizen Comments-

- a. Liz Witman-252 Bay Ridge Rd, Lakeview, AR 72642 - Ms. Witman would like to construct a 3-story hotel in place of the Chandlers Inn. She is requesting a new zoning for this area. The hotel will have 80 rooms minimum and a restaurant.
- b. Patrick Schluck-104 Moss Lane-Mr. Schluck is requesting his road gets fixed along with the drainage ditch. He stated he made a deal with previous Mayor and nothing was ever done.
- c. Bill Stallman - 902 Honeysuckle Ave. – He made a verbal FOIA request asking for the Hollyhock, Lake Street, & Hilcrest abandonments. He requests the ordinances of the abandonments and the council meeting minutes with the votes for the Hilcrest abandonment.
- d. Mr. Lindman motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Traylor seconded. The motion carried and Mayor Nixon adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Tina Bailey *Tina M. Bailey* 6/25/20
Minutes approved by: [Name] *David L. Orif* 6/25/20