

# ***Bull Shoals City Council***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

January 30, 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 January 30, 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 was absent. Mayor conducted the roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor David Nixon, Council members: Alan Graley, Jim Traylor, Lynn Nickels, Daryl Lindman, Joey Grede, and Dino Giannini. Mayor announced we have a quorum to conduct business.

- II. Minutes** – Mayor asked if everyone had read the December 19, 2019 minutes. Mr. Lindman motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Traylor seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

- III. Treasurer Report-** Mr. Doshier reported the bank reconciliation balances as of December 31, 2019 are \$1,793,172.16, up \$60,429.02 from a year ago. This does not include the grant monies received from Delta Regional Authority, USDA, or EDA for the wastewater project. City Sales tax collections are up from a year ago. Through 12 months city tax collections are \$138,601.19 against last year \$121,564.45, an increase of \$17,036.74. The 1% additional tax for sewer has generated \$191,701.14 for this year. For the month of December the 1% sewer tax generated \$16,192.38 which is about \$2300 more than last December. The total income for the city through December is \$2,375,903.25, which is a \$221,293.84 improvement from a year ago. Total expenses over that same time frame are \$1,603,884.72, which is down \$241,358.53 from last year. This results in a net income from operations of \$772,018.53 which is an improvement of \$462,652.37 from a year ago. The city continues to do very well financially. Ms. Nickels motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Mr. Giannini seconded. The report was approved by acclamation.

### **IV. Department Reports**

- a. **Police**-Chief Kuchenbecker reported the report stands as written and attached. Officer Roberts has returned to normal duty. Chief reported 163 cases were taken care of this year.
- b. **Fire**-Chief Mitchell was absent and Mayor stated the report stands as

written and is attached. Ms. Nickels asked about the painting of the fire hydrants. Mayor responded the city is working on it and the process is underway.

- c. **Public Works**-Director Rosemary Rogers reported the report stands as submitted and is attached.

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

## **V. Commission Reports**

- a. **Planning & Zoning Commission**-Mr. Traylor reported the commission has appointed a new chairman which is Mr. Richard Belt. There has been a request to change the sign ordinance 2014. The commission request the Mayor to give the ordinance to the city attorney. Ms. Nickels requested to have a copy of the planning and zoning meeting minutes. Mr. Graley motioned to accept the report and Mr. Lindman seconded. The report was accepted by acclamation.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

- a. **Parks** – Chairman Dawn Lagerstedt reported the report stands as written and is attached. She also stated we have new park hosts and are getting ready for the new year. Mr. Graley asked about the gates for Dam Site Park and Public Works Director Rosemary stated the gates are ordered and should be delivered in about the middle of next month. Mr. Graley motioned to accept the report and Mr. Giannini seconded. The report was accepted by acclamation.

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

- a. **Lease for Meeting Place**-Mayor stated there are issues with the propane leaking. We have a contractor to retro-fit the system.
- b. **Furnace Replacement**-The external part has been replaced and we are waiting for the parts for the IT people to move the roter and then the inside of the furnance will be replaced.
- c. **Christmas Décor**-Mayor reported that catalogs continue to come in the mail and our first step is for Entergy to fix the electrical poles.

There were suggestions to re-wire the existing decorations and also to look into banners which stretch across the street.

- d. **Laserfische**-Document Management-Mr. Strickland presented the program which will help maintain the city's record retention. He presented two different packages to the council. One package is the on-premises package and the second is the I-Cloud version. The quote includes the scanner, training, and software. This meets states requirements for retention.
- e. **Wastewater Project**- A current video was presented by Mr. Graley about the progress of the new sewer plant. Substantial ending date is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## VIII. New Business

- a. **Ordinance 2020-01-"AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE 2019-01 WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF BULL SHOALS, MARION COUNTY, ARKANSAS"** Mayor stated that Section V, subsection 5 has been added which states, "All members of the public, City Staff and Elected Officials shall always accord courtesy and respect to each other. All shall refrain from rude and derogatory remarks, reflections as to integrity, abusive comments and statements about motives and personalities. Violations of these standards shall be ruled out of order. Egregious violations of this standard shall be grounds for removal." There is also a change in Section 1, Subsection B. The Workshop meetings will be held on Tuesdays instead of Mondays, 9 days prior to the regular City Council Meeting. Mr. Traylor made a motion to suspend the rules for reading the ordinance for 3 consecutive months and to read by title only. Mr. Giannini seconded. A roll call vote was taken and everyone voted yes. 6/0 Mayor Nixon read the ordinance by title only. Mr. Giannini made the motion to accept the ordinance and Mr. Graley seconded. A roll call vote was taken and everyone said yes. 6/0 Mr. Lindman made the motion to have the second reading by title only and Mr. Grede seconded. A roll call vote was taken and everyone said yes. 6/0 Mr. Graley made the motion to read the ordinance by title only and Mr. Giannini seconded. A roll call vote was taken and everyone said yes. 6/0

- b. **Appointed Treasurer**-Mr. Graley made a motion to append the plea bargain of the previous Recorder/Treasurer to these minutes and Mr. Giannini seconded. The document is attached. A roll call vote was taken and everyone said yes. 6/0
- c. **24 Hour police coverage**-Mayor stated this was brought up in workshop and the schedule will be changing and the basic coverage will be from 7 am to 2 am.

#### IX. Citizen Comments

- a. There were no citizen comments.

#### X. Adjournment-

- a. Mr. Graley motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Giannini seconded. The motion carried and Mayor Nixon adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Tina Bailey

Minutes approved by: [Name]

*David L. Nixon*  
*2/27/20*  
*Tina M. Bailey*