

# ***Bull Shoals City Council***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

October 29, 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 October 29, 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: Daryl Lindman, Alan Graley, Jim Traylor, Lynn Nickels, Joey Grede and Dino Giannini was absent. Ms. Bailey announced we have a quorum to conduct business.

### **II. Minutes** – Mayor asked if everyone had read the September 24, 2020 minutes. Mr. Lindman motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Graley seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

### **III. Treasurer Report-** Mr. Doshier was absent but sent his report for Mayor to read. Mayor Nixon reported the bank reconciliation balances as of September 30, 2020 are \$1,795,636.00, up \$132,730.00 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. September tax collections are \$45,196.00 against last years \$36,008.00, an increase of \$9,188.00. The 1% additional tax for sewer generated \$22,598.00 in September. This is up \$4,594.00 from September 2019. For the nine months that ended on September 30th, city sales tax collections are \$331,330.00, up \$49,034.00 from last years \$282,296.00. The sewer tax has generated \$165,665.00, up \$24,517.00 from last years \$141,148.00. The city has effectively collected ten months worth of tax income in just nine months, which is comparative to other cities in the county.

Total income for the city through September is \$1,954,535.00, which is up \$198,497.00 from a year ago. Total expenses over the same time frame are \$1,154,264.00 which is down \$82,130.00 from last year.

This results in a net income from operations of \$800,271.00, which is an improvement from last September's net income of \$519,643.00. That is an improvement of \$280,627.00.

The City of Bull Shoals has performed well for the third quarter of the year despite many challenges. City sales tax continues to outperform 2019, but caution should be taken when planning for 2021, which I believe is being done.

Water and sewer user fees are both up from 2019 as well, indicating growth. Water usage is up \$44,921.00 and sewer is up \$24,517.00

Ms. Nickels motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Mr. Traylor seconded. The report was approved by everyone.

#### **IV. Department Reports**

- a. **Police**-Chief Kuchenbecker was absent and Sargent Ainsworth stated the report stands as submitted and attached.
- b. **Fire**-Chief Mitchell stated the report stands as written and is attached. Asked to look at approving the purchase of the turn-out gear next month at workshop. He also submitted a hydrant report.
- c. **Public Works**-Director Jim Chorba stated they had about 30 work orders this month and will be closing the parks tomorrow. Asked the council to address the cost of the water and sewer department new taps.

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

#### **V. Commission Reports**

- a. **Planning & Zoning Commission**- The chairman was absent so Mayor gave a summary of the copy of the minutes which is attached. Mr. Lindman motioned to accept the report and Mr. Grede seconded. The report was approved by acclamation.

#### **VI. Committee Reports**

- a. **Parks** – Ms. Dawn Lagerstandt was absent and there was no report except for the closings of the season tomorrow.

Mr. Graley motioned to accept the report and Mr. Grede seconded. The report was approved by acclamation.

#### **VII. Unfinished Business**

- a. **Milage**-Mayor has submitted the letter to the County Clerk. 3.5 to general and 1.5 fire.
- b. **Dam Site Lease**-We have sent the lease agreement into the Corp of Engineers.
- c. **Condemnation Ordinance Update**-Waiting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt letter to return to proceed with the condemnations.

## VIII. New Business

- a. **Holiday Meeting Changes**-November workshop will be the 10<sup>th</sup>, November council meeting will be the 19<sup>th</sup>, December workshop will be the 8<sup>th</sup>, and December council meeting will be the 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Traylor motioned to accept the date changes for the next two months and Mr. Lindman seconded. The dates were approved by acclamation.
- b. **Clean up guidelines**-Update the guidelines of square footage limit of trash (1.5 to 2 cubic meters without special permission), for the heavy trash days. We will look at this again at workshop next month.
- c. **Neighborhood Speed Limit**-Mr. Graley reported the summary of workshop of a citizen bringing forth a petition to have speed limit signs placed in neighborhood. Mr. Graley asked the Sargent if there was any tickets given in the neighborhood? Mr. Graley stated, "we are paying the Chief to watch the speed limit and I should not be getting all of these names from citizens for him not doing the job." Mr. Graley stated that we should be helping the citizens. The Sargent stated they started patrolling more in the area. Sargent stated they try to patrol every street per shift at least 2 to 3 times. Mayor stated "Chief did make contact with Mr. Howell and did a ride-around to show him where the problem exist." Mr. Lindman stated he had seen a patrol of at least one hour in the area.

Mr. Graley motioned to suspended discussion until after citizens comments and Mr. Grede seconded at 7:10 p.m. The council approved to suspend discussion until after citizens comments.

## IX. Citizen Comments-

- a. **Bruce Howell**-asked to put the 20 mph signs up. He stated He and Chief rode around to see where the new signs should be placed. Mr.

Graley asked Mr. Howell to call the police department when he sees the speeders.

- b. **Bill Stahlman**-stated there is a sign that states 25 mph. We need to put up more signs about side streets being 25 mph.
- c. **Mr. Blevis**- 801 Walnut Ave-He stated, "anyone behind him has to go 25 mph."

**X. Adjournment-**

Mr. Graley motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Lindman seconded. The motion carried and Mayor Nixon adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Tina Bailey

Minutes approved by: [Name]

*David L. Smith*  
*Tina M. Bailey*  
*12/17/20*