

Bull Shoals City Council

Meeting Minutes

December 28, 2023

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

Mayor Michael Savu called to order the regular meeting of the Bull Shoals City Council at 6:30 pm on December 28, 2023 at 706 CS Woods Blvd., Bull Shoals, AR 72619. Everyone stood and gave Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. Recorder Tina Bailey was absent, therefore, Mayor Mike Savu conducted the roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor Michael Savu, Council members: Michael Castagna, Wesley Phelan, Dino Giannini, Daryl Lindman, Joey Grede, and Dale Forbus. Mayor Savu announced we have a quorum to conduct business.

- II. Minutes** – Mayor Savu asked if everyone had read the November minutes. Mr. Phelan motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Castagna seconded. Everyone said yes except for Mr. Grede and Mr. Forbus said no. The motion carried. 4/2

- III. Treasurer Report**-Mr. Doshier was absent and Mayor Savu read the report which stated the bank reconciliation balances as of November 30, 2023 are \$2,988,659, up \$345,636 from a year ago. City sales tax collections for November were \$40,779 which are up \$1,474 from last November. Sales tax collections for the first eleven months are \$434,148 against last years \$427,220. That is an improvement of \$6,928. Total income for the city for November was \$249,826, which is up \$48,421 from a year ago. Total expenses over that same time frame are \$161,766, versus last years \$251,226. This results in a net income of \$88,060 for November, which is up from a loss of \$49,821, November 2022. That is an improvement of \$137,881. Total income for the time period ending November 30, 2023 is \$2,466,807, which is down from last years \$2,494,759. A difference of \$27,952. Total expenses over the same time frame are \$1,858,156 versus \$2,034,756 for 2022. That's down \$176,600 from last year. Net income year to date is \$608,651, against last years net income of \$460,003, an improvement of \$148,648. Mr. Lindman motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Mr. Giannini seconded. Everyone said yes except for Mr. Forbus and Mr. Grede said no. The motion carried. 4/2

IV. Department Reports -

- a. Police**- Chief John Ainsworth was absent and Mayor Savu stated the report stands as submitted and is attached. Mr. Grede would like to know more information about code enforcement cases.
- b. Fire**-Chief Brent Mitchell stated the report stands as submitted and is attached.

- c. **Public Works-** The reports are submitted as written and are attached. Mr. Grede is asking for an account of the workers daily activity.

Mr. Lindman motioned to accept all the reports and Mr. Phelan seconded. Everyone said yes except for Mr. Forbus and Mr. Grede said no. The motion carried. 4/2

- V. **Commission Reports-Planning & Zoning Commission-** Mayor Savu stated there was no meeting. There was discussion about hotel/motel rental zoning issues.

VI. **Citizen Comments (related to agenda)-**

- a. **Keith Hilburn-**He asked about a well ordinance from 20 years ago.
- b. **Charles Farrell-**He suggested to look at the seasonal rates for the hotel/motel.

VII. **Continuing Business –**

- a. **Phil Friese –** He spoke about the 2022 Legislative Audit findings.

Mr. Forbus made a motion to go into Executive Session and Mr. Grede seconded for personnel issue. The council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:22 pm. They returned at 7:35 and Mayor Savu called the meeting to order. Mayor Savu stated “they have come to an agreement with a plan and that is all we can say at this point”.

- b. **Ordinance for Park Fees –** Mayor Savu stated **Ordinance 2023-05** abolishes 2019-03 and allows the park fees be set by Resolution. The title of Ordinance 2023-05 is “Emergency Ordinance” to repeal and replace ordinance 2019-03 establishing fees and penalties for the use of city of Bull Shoals park facilities”. Mayor Savu stated this is an emergency because the parks committee would like to continue to take reservations for the upcoming season. Mr. Grede motioned to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance by title only for the first reading and Mr. Castagna seconded the motion. The motion carried. 6/0 Mayor Savu read the ordinance by title only. Mr. Grede motioned to accept and Mr. Forbus seconded. Everyone voted yes except for Mr. Phelan voted to abstain. The motion carried. 5/1 Mr. Grede motioned to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance by title only for the second reading and Mr. Forbus seconded the motion. The motion carried. 6/0 Mayor Savu read the ordinance by title only for the second time. Mr. Grede motioned to accept and Mr. Forbus seconded. Everyone voted yes. The motion carried. 6/0 Mr. Grede motioned to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance by title only for the third reading and Mr. Castagna seconded the motion. The motion carried. 6/0 Mayor Savu read the ordinance by title only for the third time. Mr. Grede motioned to accept and Mr. Forbus seconded. Everyone

voted yes. The motion carried. 6/0 Mr. Grede motioned to evoke the emergency clause to place the ordinance in effect upon passage and Mr. Forbus seconded. Everyone voted yes. The motion carried. 6/0

- c. **Resolution for Park Fees-2023-R-13:** Mr. Grede motioned to read the resolution and Mr. Forbus seconded. Everyone voted yes. The motion carried. 6/0 Mayor Savu read the resolution entitled, “A resolution by the municipal governing body of Bull Shoals, Arkansas to establish fees and usage for the City of Bull Shoals parks system” in its entirety. Mr. Grede motioned to accept the resolution and Mr. Forbus seconded. Everyone voted yes. The motion carried. 6/0

VIII. New Business

- a. **2024 Propose Budget- Resolution 2023-R-15?**-There was a discussion about improvements at Dam Site Park. There was also a change in the Planning and Zoning budget line to \$1000. Mayor Savu read the Resolution 2023-R-15 titled, “A resolution by the municipal governing body to adopt the 2024 municipal budget for the City of Bull Shoals, Arkansas”. Mr. Lindman motioned to accept the Resolution 2023-R-15 and Mr. Grede seconded. Everyone voted yes. The motion carried. 6/0
- b. **Culvert Repair @ 813 Central Blvd. – Resolution 2023-R-08-** Mayor Savu read Resolution -2023-R-08 titled, “A resolution authorizing payment of an invoice of for culvert cleaning and repair services at 813 Central Blvd.” in its entirety. The invoice was for \$865.00. Mr. Grede motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. Lindman seconded. A vote was taken and Mr. Grede, Mr. Lindman, and Mr. Forbus voted yes. Mr. Giannini voted no. Mr. Castagna and Mr. Phelan abstained. Mayor Savu voted to approve the Resolution 2023-R-08.
- c. **Poultry Ordinance-**Mayor Savu asked for a motion for the first reading of the poultry ordinance. Mr. Grede motioned to read the proposed ordinance and Mr. Forbus seconded. A vote was taken and Mr. Giannini, Mr. Lindman, Mr. Castagna and Mr. Phelan said no. Mr. Grede and Mr. Forbus said yes. The motion failed.

IX. Citizen Comments- (limited to 3 minutes per citizen wishing to speak)

- a. **Phil Frieze –** He stated to contact the Department of Finance and Administration about the Hotel/Motel Taxes.

X. Adjournment-

Mayor Michael Savu adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tina Bailey

Tina M. Bailey

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