

Bull Shoals City Council

Meeting Minutes

August 31, 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 August 31, 2023 at 706 CS Woods Dr. Bull Shoals, AR 72619. Everyone stood and gave Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. Recorder Tina Bailey conducted the roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor Michael Savu, Council members: Joey Grede, Michael Castagna, Wesley Phelan, and Dale Forbus. Dino Giannini and Daryl Lindman were absent. Ms. Bailey announced we have a quorum to conduct business.

- II. Minutes** – Mayor Savu asked if everyone had read the regular July council minutes. Mr. Castagna motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Forbus seconded. The motion carried. Mayor Savu asked if everyone had read the special called meeting minutes of June 27, 2023. Mr. Grede motioned to accept the minutes and Mr. Castagna seconded. The motion carried. Mayor Savu asked if everyone had read the special called meeting minutes of August 22, 2023. Mr. Castagna motioned to accept the minutes and Mr. Grede seconded. The motion carried.

- III. Treasurer Report** - Mr. Doshier reported the bank reconciliation balances as of July 31, 2023 are \$2,469,477, up \$85,529 from a year ago. City sales tax collections for July were \$41,745, which are down \$2,295 from last July. Sales tax collections for the first seven months are \$265,011 against last years \$258,887. That is an improvement of \$6,124. Total income for the city for July was \$203,507, which is down \$251,434 from a year ago. You did receive a grant in 2022 for \$223,116 that accounts for most of that difference. Total expenses over that same time frame are \$181,500, resulting in a net income of \$22,007. Total income for the time period ending July 31, 2023 is \$1,597,678, which is down from last years \$1,683,917. Total expenses over the same time frame are \$1,229,598 versus \$1,180,072 for 2022. That's up \$49,526 from last year. Net income through the first seven months is \$368,081, against last years net income of \$503,845, a decrease of \$135,764. Capital Improvements are up about \$140,000 from last year which explains the difference in income YTD and the net income being lower than last year. The bulk of those expenses are for the sidewalk. All other expenses are in line with last year. Mr. Forbus motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Mr. Grede seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Department Reports -

- a. **Police-** Chief John Ainsworth stated the report stands as submitted and is attached. We hired a new full-time officer Ryan Beasley. We are working on grants. He introduced Mr. Keith Hilburn. Mr. Hilburn stated \$133.00 was raised towards Officer Wright's fund and a drawing was held to win the quilt made by his mother Betty Thorn. Linda Masters drew the winning ticket of Brenna Ferrell.
- b. **Fire-**Chief Brent Mitchell stated the report stands as submitted and is attached. There is a hydrant testing report attached also. He stated there were a few repairs. He also announced the Fire Department is hosting their Open House on September 9, 2023 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Mr. Forbus asked about the department cleaning out culverts. Chief Mitchell stated they can only do short runs of culverts under 30 feet. Mr. Forbus asked about control burns and Chief Mitchell stated due to liabilities they do not do controlled burns.
- c. **Public Works-** Mayor Savu stated the reports are submitted as written and are attached. Mr. Grede was asking about our right-of-ways being mowed. He would also like other department heads to be at the meetings.

Mr. Grede motioned to accept all the reports and Mr. Castagna seconded. The reports were approved.

- V. **Commission Reports-**Planning & Zoning Commission- Bonnie Sumner reported that they are still looking for information on the pole-barns. They are also working on updating the city maps and the "Plan".

Mr. Castagna motioned to accept the report and Mr. Forbus seconded. The report was approved.

VI. Citizen Comments (related to agenda)-on

- a. **No citizen comments on the agenda items.**

VII. Continuing Business –

- a. **Sidewalk Handrails Phase 1-Resolution 2023-04-**Mayor Savu read the Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (A.D.A.) HANDRAILS ALONG CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE PHASE 1 SIDEWALK PROJECT."

in its entirety and is attached. Mr. Castagna motioned to accept Resolution 2023-04 and Mr. Forbus seconded. The motion carried.

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

- a. **Keith Hilburn**-He thanked everyone for donating to the fund-raiser. He would like to have the agenda comments to take place after the councilmembers discussion of the agenda item.
- b. **Tim Curtis**- He asked the Police Chief if there is a plan in place in case of a chase? The Chief stated they do have a plan. He asked why we do not have a Public Works Director? Mayor Savu stated he is looking into it.
- c. **Charles Ferrell**-He asked why the handrails were not included in the ADA compliance?
- d. **Merle Fawcett**-He stated he is a certified welder and could have did the handrails cheaper.

Mr. Castagna asked when we may get the opinion of the city attorney about planning and zoning? Mayor Savu said he will have the answer soon.

IX. Adjournment-

Mr. Castagna motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Grede seconded. The motion carried and Mayor Michael Savu adjourned the meeting at 7:14 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tina Bailey *Tina M. Bailey 9/28/23*

Attest: *Mark Savu*

