

Bull Shoals City Council

Meeting Minutes

May 25, 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 May 25, 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: Dino Giannini, Joey Grede, Daryl Lindman, Michael Castagna, and Dale Forbus. Mr. Wesley Phelan was absent. Ms. Bailey announced we have a quorum to conduct business. Mayor Savu read Section V-of Ordinance 2023-01

II. Minutes – Mayor Savu asked if everyone had read the April minutes. Mr. Lindman motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Forbus seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

III. Treasurer Report-Mr. Doshier was absent and Mayor Savu reported the bank reconciliation balances as of April 30, 2023 are \$2,330,073, up \$111,715 from a year ago. City sales tax collections for April were \$36,463, which are up \$4,316 from last April. Sales tax collections for the first four months are \$139,287 against last years \$135,675. That is a difference of \$3,612. Total income for the city for April was \$366,712, which is up \$121,592 from a year ago. Total expenses over that same time frame are \$175,550, resulting in a net income of \$191,161. That is an improvement of \$70,380 from last years net income in April. Total income for the time period ending April 30, 2023 is \$923,420 which is up from last years \$789,073 which is up \$134,347. Total expenses over the same time frame are \$737,181 versus \$682,956 for 2022. That's up \$54,225 from last year. Net income through the first four months is \$186,239, against last years net income of \$106,030, an improvement of \$80,209. Mr. Lindman motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Mr. Grede seconded. The report was approved by acclamation.

IV. Department Reports -

- a. **Police**- Chief John Ainsworth was absent and Mayor Savu stated the report stands as submitted and is attached.
- b. **Fire**-Chief Brent Mitchell stated the report stands as submitted and is attached. Hydrant Testing will begin soon.

- c. Public Works-** The reports are submitted as written and are attached.

Mr. Lindman motioned to accept all the reports and Mr. Forbus seconded. All councilmembers voted yes except Joey Grede whom voted no. The motion was approved 4/1.

- V. Commission Reports-Planning & Zoning Commission-** Chairman Carol Duss stated there was no meeting this month and presented a document that stated a Non-Meeting Minutes. Mr. Lindman motioned to approve the document and Mr. Forbus seconded. The motion was approved 5/0.

VI. Citizen Comments (related to agenda)-

- a. Peggy Elmhorst-** She wants to know why are we waiting for a density law for the short term rentals.

VII. Continuing Business –

- a. No Parking on Sidewalk Ordinance -Parrallel Parking-Mayor Savu** is working on the ordinance and would like to postpone the ordinance until the next workshop meeting.
- b. List of Streets to be determined for repairs - Daryl Lindman and** Mayor has gone out and looked at some of the streets. Dino Giannini asked to consider Walden Lane.
- c. Short-Term Rentals-** Mayor Savu asked if the council would like to draft an ordinance about the density rules.

VIII. New Business.

- a. Chickens-** Mr. Lindman stated we have an ordinance in place for the chickens and no one wanted to make a motion to change the ordinance. Mayor Savu stated he would put up a petition at City Hall for those that are interested.

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

- a. Sharon Knowles-**She stated there is a petition that was done and had 150 signatures in the past and there is an interest. She also stated a number of children would benefit from raising chickens.

- b. **Phil Frieze**-Stray dogs breaking through his fence and trying to get into his house. He stated he would be more than happy to help draft ordinances.
- c. **Robin Fawcett**-She stated, "concerning chickens the voice of the many does not outweigh the voice of the few".
- d. **Nancy Person**- She stated no more than 6 chickens and knows other people would like chickens. She also spoke about the dogs in her yard. She seems that nothing gets done by the council members.
- e. **Peggy Elmhurst**- Would like to know how we are doing on the taxes from the Short Term Rentals.
- f. **Steve Duss**-He asked about an attorney hired in March 2023. He stated the amount of what the attorney charges and would like to know why the council has not voted for the new attorney. Mayor Savu stated he was an interim attorney and asked the council if they wanted to look at other attorneys.
- g. **Sharon Knowles**-She stated the Air-B-n-B keeps blocking the cald-n-sac and the mail driver is having a hard time to deliver the mail on Walden Lane. She asked for a No Parking sign.
- h. **Jack Knowles**-He stated the condition of Walden Lane is deteriorated. The rains are washing out the road. He would like something to be done about the road.
- i. **The Good Citizen**-He would like to look into the ordinance 2023-01. He also called out the Recorder of a spelling error and the Recorder stated she made a mistake. He also believes the council should form a committee to oversee the planning and zoning commission. Charles Farrell yielded his 3 minutes to the Good Citizen.
- j. **The Good Citizen**-He asked about chickens and let the kids learn about them. He brought up the 10/50 Co-Op. He said thank you to Mayor Savu for all he has done since he has been in office.

X. Adjournment-

Mr. Lindman motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Forbus seconded. The motion carried and Mayor Michael Savu adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tina Bailey

Tina M. Bailey
Michael Savu

6/29/23

