

Bull Shoals City Council

Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2024

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

Mayor Carol Duss called to order the regular meeting of the Bull Shoals City Council at 6:30 pm on April 25, 2024 at 706 CS Woods Blvd., 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: Council members: Joey Grede, Michael Castagna, Wesley Phelan, Daryl Lindman, Dale Forbus, and Dino Giannini. Ms. Bailey announced we have a quorum to conduct business.

- II. Minutes** – Ms. Bailey asked if everyone had read the March minutes. Mr. Giannini motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Phelan seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 6/0

- III. Treasurer Report**-Mr. Doshier was absent and Mrs. Bailey read the report which stated the bank reconciliation balances as of March 31, 2024 are \$2,954,177, up \$767,541 from a year ago. City sales tax collections for March were \$32,249 which are down \$3,159 from last March. Year to date collections are \$102,434 against \$102,825 from a year ago, a difference of \$391. Total income for the city for March was \$162,705, which is up \$433 from a year ago. Total expenses over that same time frame are \$176,650, versus last years \$184,196. This results in a net loss of \$13,945 for March, which is up from a loss of \$21,924, March 2023. Year to date income is \$593,458 versus \$556,708 from a year ago. Expenses are \$611,199 versus \$561,239 from last year. 2024 is currently showing a net loss of \$17,742, whereas 2023 was showing a net loss of \$4,531. A reminder that your ARPA money sets at \$353,083 and needs to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. Mr. Lindman motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Mr. Phelan seconded. Everyone said yes except for Mr. Grede and Mr. Forbus. The motion carried. 4/2

IV. Department Reports -

- a. Police**-Chief Brad Harper stated the report stands as submitted along with the Eclipse report. He stated we have a new code enforcement officer. He stated all paperwork has been submitted to Elite for Tier 2 accreditation. He stated they have started working on the evidence locker and making it compliant to audit. He stated we also have been given a \$7400 JAG grant residual for vests.

- b. Fire-**Chief Brent Mitchell stated the report stands as submitted and is attached. He stated he has hired another full-time fireman. He is asking for a new vehicle for the fire department.
- c. Public Works-** Mrs. Bailey stated the reports are submitted as written.

Mr. Grede motioned to accept all the reports and Mr. Forbus seconded. The reports were approved. The motion carried. 6/0

V. Commission Reports-

- a. Planning & Zoning Commission-** The commission did not meet and therefore there is no report. The next meeting will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of May at 6:00 pm.

VI. Citizen Comments (related to agenda)- There were 9 citizens whom made comments about having a special election for filling the vacancy of the Mayor in November's election. They stated the citizens want to be heard. They asked if Mr. Doshier was bonded and insured in which Ms. Bailey replied he has been since February 2023. There was a question if a bid had to be placed for the surplus police ammo and could the Urban Bow Hunt be extended to February 28th. One citizen gave appreciation to the councilmembers that answered phone calls. A citizen asked how often do we have audits and are they available to the public in which Mrs. Bailey stated they are done annually and yes they are available. Councilmember Wesley Phelan apologized to the citizen and the councilmembers for his misconduct to a citizen on the phone.

VII. New Business –

- a. Resolution 2024-R-07- Declaration of Surplus Property – 3 Tasers**
Mrs. Bailey read the resolution in its entirety. Mr. Grede motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. Forbus seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 6/0 The resolution is attached.
- b. Resolution 2024-R-08- Resolution Authorizing the Sale of 3 Tasers-** Mr. Phelen motioned to read by title only and Mr. Grede seconded. Mrs. Bailey read the resolution by title only. Mr. Grede motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. Forbus seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 6/0 The resolution is attached.
- c. Resolution 2024-R-09- Declaration of Surplus Property-40 Caliber Ammunition-** Mr. Grede motioned to read by title only and

Mr. Castagna seconded. Mrs. Bailey read the resolution by title only. Mr. Grede motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. Castagna seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 6/0 The resolution is attached.

d. Resolution 2024-R-10- Resolution Authorizing the Sale of 40 Caliber Ammunition-Mr. Grede motioned to read by title only and Mr. Giannini seconded. Mrs. Bailey read the resolution by title only. Mr. Grede motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. Castagna seconded. Mr. Castagna stated the chief should use the ammunition to train our officers. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 6/0 The resolution is attached.

e. Resolution 2024-R-11- Purchase of the New Tasers-Axon Contract – Police Chief Brad Harper presented 2 contracts for the Tasers. There is a 5 year and a 10 year contract. He stated the facts of the contracts and the 10 year contract (\$34,424.41) allows the same payment throughout the contract and at the 5 year point we can get new Tasers at the locked in price. Mr. Grede motioned to accept the 10 year contract and Mr. Castagna seconded. Mrs. Bailey read the resolution in its entirety. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 6/0 The resolution is attached.

f. 2024-2025 Urban Deer Hunt- Mr. Grede made a motion to allow the Urban Deer Hunt of 2024-2025 and Mr. Castagna seconded. Mr. Forbus would like the Deer Hunt to be extended down Brown's Beach Area. Everyone said yes to the 2024-2025 Season. The motion carried. 6/0 Mr. Forbus motioned to extend the Urban Deer Hunting boundaries to include the Brown Beach Area and Mr. Castagna seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 6/0

VIII. Continuing Business-

a. Resolution 2024-R-12- Decision to fill the Vacancy of Mayor- City Attorney Mr. William King stated our statutory obligations in filling the vacancy of the mayor which are as follows: 1) appoint a new mayor; 2) hold a special election; and/or 3) vote for a special election and appoint a mayor to serve until the special election. We are statutorily required to make a vote today. Mr. Lindman motioned to go into executive session and Mr. Grede seconded. The motion carried. 6/0

- b. Acting Mayor Tina Bailey called back to order the council meeting from executive session and Mr. Grede stated the council members agreed to pass the Resolution to vote for a special election and appoint a mayor to serve until the special election. The person will serve until the general election and if they choose to serve longer they can put their name on the ballot. Mr. Grede motioned to go forward with Resolution 2024-R-12 which is titled, Resolution Calling for a Special Election to Fill the Vacancy Mayoral Office of Bull Shoals, Arkansas. Mr. Castagna seconded. Tina Bailey read the Resolution in its entirety. A roll call vote was taken and everyone stated yes. 6/0 The motioned carried to have the special election in November 2024. Mr. Lindman made the motioned to appoint Carol Duss as the temporary Mayor until the November Election. Mr. Grede seconded. Everyone said yes and the motion carried. Ms. Bailey asked if Mrs. Carol Duss accepts the appointment and she stated yes. Acting Mayor Tina Bailey administered the Mayoral Oath to Carol Duss. Ms. Bailey announced Ms. Carol Duss as the new Mayor of Bull Shoals.

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

There were congratulations to Mayor Duss. There was a comment on how the council did a great job.

X. Adjournment-

Mr. Castagna motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Giannini seconded. The motion carried and Mayor Carol Duss adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tina Bailey