

City of Bull Shoals Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 24, 2025, at 6:30pm
Bull Shoals City Hall Council Chambers
706 C.S. Woods Blvd Bull Shoals, AR 72619

At 6:30 pm the meeting is called to order. In attendance is Mayor Stahlman, Councilman Hutchison, Councilwoman Pucci, Councilman Meinking, Councilman Lindman, Councilman Bolen, Councilman Howell and Recorder Reynolds. We have a quorum.

Minutes from March 27, 2025 passed with Councilman Howell makes the motion and Councilman Bolen seconds the motion. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. March minutes passed.

Treasurer report: Councilman Bolen asked why legal fees are so much, 7920 for propane and zero for telephone. Councilman Howell asked if we could put in assets and liabilities in report. Councilwoman Pucci commented on fine tuning the numbers. Councilman Meinking makes the motion and Councilman Hutchison seconds the motion. Yes – 6, No – 0. Treasurer report passed.

Department reports:

Fire: Mayor Stahlman asked about any hydrants that may need replacement. There are two that need replacement that have been a problem for years. Councilman Hutchison asked about the rescue boat and what Chief thinks should be done. The chief said it's easier on personnel to have the boat in a slip. Mayor Stahlman stated we have 2 trucks that the boat trailer can stay attached to. Maybe donations can be made for the boat slip. We are the only rescue boat on Bull shoals Lake

To accept the Fire Station report: Motion made by Councilman Howell, 2nd by Councilman Meinking. Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Fire report passed.

Police: Surplus were sold and picked up. Surplus sale is direct deposit. Councilman Howell asked about the launch fee box at Browns Beach. Motion to accept Police Department report by Councilman Lindman, Second by Councilman Meinking. Yes – 6, No = 0. Police Dept report passed.

Public works: Councilman Meinking motioned to accept all reports, Councilman Bolen 2nd motion. Yes – 6, No – 0. All public works reports passed.

Parks: We have 33 tin canners coming in. Already a waiting list for next year.

Planning and Zoning: Meeting with resort owners on May 15 at 6:30pm to find a compromise.

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Budget: We are on the revenue stage on line items.

Water/Sewer: ARPA money was not used correctly, was supposed to go toward wages.

Citizens' Comments:

Keith Hilburn – Does anybody get charged for the rescue boat when dispatched?

Chief – Only with non-emergencies and usually fuel only.

Tracy Pappe – Process to get any budget items changed or amended.

Mayor: It would come to city council to be amended.

Pucci: budget committee would make a suggestion to the city council.

Update 211 Alford: Councilman Meinking is getting bids for tree removal. Councilman Lindman wants to table bids; Councilman Hutchison agrees with tabling bids. Then we will lien the property. Councilwoman Pucci motions to proceed with the bid, not necessarily with the lowest but with the proper elements of the bid. Councilman Lindman suggested bring it back to the council with the three bids. It was decided to table until bids come in.

Water Tower Project: At the health department right now.

Surplus property: Sold 2 squad cars and 2 golf carts.

Grant for Rivercliff: turned down because no structures are involved from the flooding issue. Trying to use Northwest Arkansas Economic Development.

Swim barriers: City will try to locate the cables for the barrier for the swim area at Browns Beach.

CS Woods and Rivercliff stop sign: It will remain as is for safety reasons.

Ordinance 2007-03: City will enforce as is for sale of alcohol. Councilman Howell says the city will send a form. Linda Masters said in the past they would bring their books into city hall.

New business:

Ordinance 2025-04: Repealing ordinance 2008-06, plumbing fees, building fees and electrical fees. All planning and zoning fees increase. Motion to accept reading by Councilwoman Pucci, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Designated representative to be removed. Reinspection fee added. Councilman Bolen has an issue with cost rising

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drastically. Councilman Hutchison mentioned we do have to get caught up on these landmines, set precedence on our own ordinances. Councilwoman Pucci says we are lucky we live where it's still low.

Roll call: Councilman Hutchison-yes, Councilwoman Pucci-yes, Councilman Meinking-yes, Councilman Lindman-yes, Councilman Bolen-no, Councilman Howell-yes.

Read by title only at next councilman, motion made by Councilman Howell, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Yes- 6, No- 0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-02: Policy and procedures for short-term rentals. Page3, section 6. Look this over and come up with recommendations for the next workshop.

Mayors' salary: Mayor Nixon was receiving 40,000.00 and doing Economic Development officer, state law says elected official cannot take two salaries. We need to do something before the next election. Councilman Lindman wants to look into it with the attorney. Mr. King said he would help with the matter.

Planning and Zoning appointment: Scott Gallart. Motion to accept appointment made by Councilman Meinking and 2nd by Councilman Howell. Yes – 6, No – 0. Appointment accepted.

Administrative policy: All Bull Shoals police officers can write citations for code violations.

The building official is the building inspector.

Citizens' comments: David Alvarez – With the approval of our esteemed leadership City Council, I donate to the City of Bull Shoals primary use to the Bull Shoals PD. This will get them to tier one police department. The only stipulation is to have a plaque in memory of Suzanne Due and the adjacent property of the city block to be used to get a fuel station there. The offices can accommodate about 40 people. There is a place for the PD to sleep when they have to stay overnight. The building has just about everything you can think about for a modern office and facility.

Motion to accept David Alvarez's donation to the city made by Councilman Lindman, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes- 6, No- 0. Donation accepted.

Lynn Nickels – can we put the money from golf carts to parks?

Mayor: I'm sure the budget committee can look at that. The money had to be put in general funds.

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Dan Caldwell – to save money – we have a full time Chief, full time fire assistant, part time firefighter. Let's cut the part-time to pay for boat slip.

Chief Mitchell: We already do not have enough personnel as it is.

Jeff Calvern - 2025-04 are we redoing the whole ordinance or amending part of it. We handed the building inspector and the police department the ability to have nepotism and cronyism, corruption for issuing permits.

Mayor: It's all the building permits.

Dale Forbus: What's going on with a gas station? Casy's will be the draw for Bull Shoals.

Councilmembers Comments:

Councilman Hutchison – Thank you Mr. Alvarez. Thank you Lynn and Marty. Thank you to all the citizens who helped clean up Dam Site Park.

Councilwoman Pucci – appreciate about permit process and believes in our inspectors.

Councilman Bolen – kudos to budget committee.

Mayor's Comments:

26 April is Dam Site open house.

26 April from 2:30 to 3:30 is rabies clinic at first security in Bull Shoals.

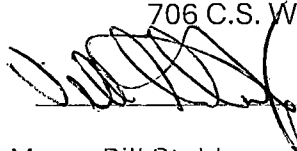
1st May is Economic Development tour.

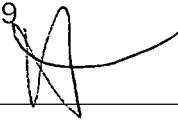
City hall new hours 8:00 to 5:30 Monday through Thursday and 8 to 10 am on Fridays, beginning May 10. Court clerk is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8 to 4. Motion to accept new hours made by Councilman Bolen and 2nd by Councilwoman Pucci. Yes- 6, No- 0. New hours have been adopted.

Adjournment: Councilman Meinking made motion to adjourn, Councilman Bolen second motion. Yes – 6, No – 0. Meeting adjourned.

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Approved:



Mayor Bill Stahlman

Recorder Paula Reynolds