

City of Bull Shoals Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday May 29, 2025, at 6 30pm
Bull Shoals City Hall Council Chambers
706 C S Woods Blvd Bull Shoals, AR 72619

Meeting Start & Initial Business 6 30 pm

The meeting is called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

The Mayor warns against disrespectful behavior during the meeting.

The Mayor addresses the issue of the food pantry using the city dumpster, citing potential corruption and unfairness to taxpayers. He states he sent a letter to stop the practice.

The issue is resolved as the food pantry will use the VFW dumpster.

The council approves the minutes from the previous meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The council reviews the Treasury report.

A request is made to include the assets and liabilities sheet in future reports for better transparency. Motion to accept report made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Yes – 4, No – Councilman Howell and Councilwoman Pucci. The council approves the Treasurer's report.

Department Reports

Fire Department: The Fire Chief submits the department report, highlighting hydrotesting and potential water pressure issues.

The council discusses the process for approving fireworks sales permits and regulations for individual fireworks use. Concerns are raised about fireworks being discharged unsafely near houses. Motion to accept fire report made by Councilman Lindman, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 6, No – 0. The council approves the Fire Department report.

Police Department: The Police Chief reports on improved radio communication due to a working repeater and upcoming digital upgrades. He mentions applying for COPS grants for training facilities and a larger JAG grant. An apology letter from the Chief is acknowledged. Motion to accept police report made by Councilman Lindman, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 6, No – 0. The council approves the Police Department report.

Public Works: Motion to accept public works report made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 6, No – 0. The council approves the Public Works report.

Planning and Zoning Commission: The new chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission provides an update on code revisions and interest from investors. The council discusses the time frame for ordinance rewrites, short-term rentals, and the status of resorts with long-term residents. The motion to accept planning and zoning report made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Howell. Yes – 6, No – 0. Council approves planning and zoning report.

Parks Committee: The Parks Committee discusses seeking bids for mowing services to free up city staff. The council discusses the need for better park management and potential funding through grants. The Parks Committee is working on a master plan for the parks,

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which will be put on the website The council discusses a \$100,000 non-matching parks grant for infrastructure Motion to Accept parks committee report by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison Yes – 6, No – 0 The council approves the Parks Committee report

Budget Committee The Budget Committee provides an update on their review of city expenditures and invites citizens to attend their meetings

Citizens' Comments

- * A citizen asks why people doing community service can't help with city cleanup
- * A citizen expresses shock at the Mayor's low salary and advocates for an increase
- * A citizen requests information on gasoline usage by each department
- * A citizen complains about police officers driving police cars to their homes outside of town

Continuing Business

Derelict Property The council discusses the status of a derelict property, including tree removal bids, legal issues, and potential abatement The process is described as long and arduous

Water Tower Project The council discusses the water tower project and the health department's approval of a passive mixer

Mayor's Salary The council discusses the Mayor's salary and the need to put it on legal ground

Building and Zoning Permit Fees The second reading of Ordinance by title only Motion to accept second reading made by Councilman Howell, 2nd by Councilman Bolen Yes – 6, No – 0 The second reading passed by council. The council approves the third reading of

Ordinance 2025-04, regarding building and zoning permit fees Motion to accept made by Councilman Hutchison, 2nd by Councilman Meinking Yes – 6, No – 0 Ordinance passed

Parks Committee Master Plan The council discusses the items on the master parks plan Resolution 2025 R06 The council discusses Resolution 2025 R06, authorizing the city to enter into a consent administrative order with the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding sewer line violations The city was fined for not working on the sewer lines since 2019 Motion to accept 2025 R06 made by Councilman Lindman, 2nd by Councilman Howell. Yes – 6, No- 0 The council approves the resolution

Resolution 2025 R06 The council discusses Resolution 2025 R06, authorizing the city to enter into a consent administrative order with the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding sewer line violations The city was fined for not working on the sewer lines since 2019 Motion to accept 2025 R06 made by Councilman Lindman, 2nd by Councilman Howell. Yes – 6, No- 0 The council approves the resolution

Resolution 2025 R07 The council discusses Resolution 2025 R07, declaring donated items and equipment as surplus property Motion to accept 2025 R07 made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Bolen Yes – 6, No- 0 The council approves the resolution

Ordinance 2025-05 The council discusses Ordinance 2025-05, repealing and replacing

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Ordinance 2015-03, permitting municipal employees and officials to conduct business with the city Motion to accept Ordinance 2025-06 made by Councilman Howell, 2nd by Councilman Bolen Yes – 6, No – 0 Ordinance approved by council

Ordinance 2025-06 The council discusses Ordinance 2025-06, repealing Ordinance No 2023-03 and establishing regulations and fines regarding obstacles upon roadways Motion to accept Ordinance 2025-06 made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Howell. Yes – 6, No – 0 The council approves the ordinance

Cookie the Dog. The council discusses whether to allow Cookie the Dog to move back into town with its owner Councilman Hutchinson reports that the victim of the dog bite is not willing to accept the dog's return The council decides not to allow the dog back into town

Signing Lease on Dam Site Park. The council discusses signing a lease on Dam Site Park. The Corps wants \$300 now for us to lease dam site's part The Corps wants the city to carry \$1 million policy Motion to sign the lease made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Lindman The council approves signing the lease

Citizens' Comments

- * A citizen recommends checking with State Farm for insurance
- * A citizen complains about speeding and scooter riders
- * A citizen recommends the AML should have a salary list of all elected officials
- * A citizen thanks the first responders
- * A citizen complains about cyberbullying and asks for an apology
- * A citizen asks that you consider a vacancy tax on vacant and abandoned buildings in the city of Bull Shoals

Councilman Mike Howell, Grant Updates Councilman Mike Howell reports on grant opportunities identified at a Rural Economic Development Conference He condemns cyberbullying and asks for it to stop

Council Member Comments

Council members condemn cyberbullying

The Old Harps Proposal. The council discusses the Old Harps Proposal. The council declines the \$700,000 ransom letter

Mayor's Comments The Mayor brings to attention, this is a big vote Garbage contract

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needed to be increased for contract using the current CPI and garbage will increase two cents a month

The Mayor gives a reminder that City Hall hours have changed

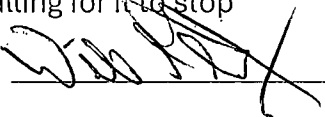
The Mayor gives a special presentation to Lynn and Marty Nichols for their many years of volunteer service to the City of Bull Shoals

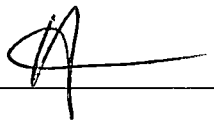
Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Howell. Yes – 6, No – 0 The meeting is adjourned

Conclusions

- * The meeting covered a wide range of topics, from routine approvals to complex legal and financial issues
- * The council addressed citizen concerns and made decisions on important matters affecting the city
- * There was a strong emphasis on transparency and accountability, particularly regarding financial matters and potential conflicts of interest.
- * The council expressed a commitment to improving the city's infrastructure, parks, and overall quality of life
- * The issue of cyberbullying was a major concern, with council members condemning the practice and calling for it to stop

Approved


Mayor Bill Stahlman


Recorder Paula Reynolds