

**BULL SHOALS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 27, 2015**

The Bull Shoals City Council met in regular session on Thursday August 27, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the municipal building. On roll call, all Council Members were present as were the Mayor and Recorder/Treasurer.

**Minutes:** Phil Friese made the motion, seconded by Hank Hudson to pass the minutes from the July 30, 2015 regular meeting as published. Motion passed unanimously. (Copies are available in the Recorder/Treasurer's office)

**Treasurer's Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014 (January 1, 2014 – March 31, 2014)

The Treasurer's Report covering the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2014 was read by Recorder/Treasurer, Kimberly Williams. Phil Friese made the motion, seconded by Marty Nickels to pass the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion passed unanimously. (Copies are available in the Recorder/Treasurer's office)

**Department Reports:**

Police Department – Presented by Mike Tramell

During Police Chief Tramell's report, he discussed with the council the Chief of Police convention he recently attended, as well as the possibility of attending another conference offering further training opportunities that would be paid for through the State of Arkansas. Training in regards to: budgeting, grants, etc. The council stated that this was a good opportunity which he should attend.

Fire Department Report - Presented by Brent Mitchell

During Fire Chief Mitchell's report, he requested approval from the council to donate the extra wood from the firehouse construction to the public works department. Phil Friese made the motion, seconded by Marty Nickels. The motion passed unanimously. The construction wood came from the anonymous donation to the Fire Auxiliary.

Public Works Department Report – Presented by Mayor Hotchkiss  
Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance Report – Presented by Mayor Hotchkiss

(Copies are available in the Recorder/Treasurer's office)

**Program Reports:**

TeleCare Report – N/A

**Commission Reports:**

Planning/Zoning Report – Presented by David Nixon

**Committee Reports:**

Wastewater Sewer Committee – N/A

Marty Nickels updated the council regarding the financial information for the various banks regarding financing. Recorder/Treasurer, Kimberly Williams will put the information together and Marty Nickels will deliver the information to the various banks.

Parks Committee –

Phil Friese announced that he is working on plans and pricing for next season – 2016. Mayor Hotchkiss appointed Dan O'Brien to the Parks Committee. Mayor Hotchkiss then requested a motion from the council to

appoint Dan O'Brien as a volunteer park attendant/camp host. Phil Friese made the motion, seconded by Marty Nickels to appoint Dan O'Brien as our volunteer park attendant/camp host. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Street Program –**

After brief discussion regarding the limited funds available for street paving this year (\$180,882.45), it was stated that Manor Drive off of Kingsway is a concern and should be considered for repairs.

- **Signs at the Triangle –**

David Nixon updated the council on the structure. He stated that he was taking bids and requests for business signs. The initial charge for the sign would be \$350.00 and then \$50.00 per year for maintenance & repairs.

- **Fiber Optics Sludge Dumping at our local Gun Range (Slinging Iron) –**

Phil Friese discussed the dumping of sludge from the Fiber Optics boring at a local business (Slinging Iron). He expressed his concerns, showed slides of the dump site, and requested the Mayor ask Dave Alvarez (the owner of the business) to get a core sample and have it tested.

#### **New Business:**

- **Grass Ordinance -**

Daryl Lindman discussed his concerns with the enforcement of the grass ordinance. He expressed his concerns with "tightening restrictions" on it and other related ordinances. Mayor Hotchkiss then formed a committee to complete this project. The committee would consist of Phil Friese, Ron Grinder, and Ryan Brendeman.

- **Economic Development -**

The hiring of David Nixon for work on economic development for Bull Shoals was discussed. During the discussion it was stated by several council members that the job should be for economic development only. No Mayoral duties or Recorder/Treasurer duties would be performed by David Nixon. He would be required to work 16-20 hours per week and would receive a monthly income of \$1,500.00. It was discussed and decided that there would be a review of the progress after 1 year. David Nixon would be hired as an employee with no benefits. If he was hired as an employee, it was suggested to have a no compete agreement. If he was hired as contract labor, there would be no need for a confidentiality agreement.

After discussion, Phil Friese made the motion, seconded by Daryl Lindman to hire David Nixon with the above requirements. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Executive Session –**

Marty Nickels made a motion to call an executive session to discuss a personnel issue in the Police Department. Daryl Lindman seconded and the council and mayor went into executive session at 7:18 pm.

The council and mayor returned from executive session at 8:49 pm. Marty Nickels announced that they will be leaving the Police Department staffing as is.

- **Employee Earns Wastewater I License and Water I License –**

After brief discussion, Phil made the motion, seconded by Hank Hudson to give employee, Ed Martin, a 30 cent per hour raise for each license received. This would be a total raise of 60 cents per hour. The motion passed unanimously.

• **Lift Station #16 –**

Mayor Hotchkiss discussed problems with lift station #16. He stated that it would need a new pump and motor, which would cost approximately \$12,000.00. Daryl Lindman made the motion, seconded by Alan Graley to make the purchases to repair lift station#16. Motion passed unanimously.

• **Community Building –**

Mayor Hotchkiss announced to the council that Jerry Backus from the church next door is interested in purchasing the community building. Mayor Hotchkiss asked the council if he should get an appraisal on the property. This council agreed and voted as follows: Phil Friese made the motion, seconded by Daryl Lindman to have the mayor get appraisals on the community building.

• **Additional Workshop for September 2015 –**

Daryl Lindman requested an extra workshop next month. He wants to discuss the grass ordinance and other related ordinance issues, as well as street paving. Daryl Lindman made the motion, seconded by Marty Nickels. Motion passed unanimously. The extra workshop meeting will be 9/10/2015 at 6:30 pm.

• **Mayor's Comments –**

Mayor Hotchkiss announced the issuance of volunteer awards for the work at Dam Site Park would be at the next regular council meeting.

Mayor Hotchkiss suggested the council consider employee raises.

Mayor Hotchkiss announced the finding of a golf cart for the camp hosts at Dam Site Park. He stated the total purchase price of the golf cart was \$1,800.00. Daryl Lindman made the motion, seconded by Marty Nickels to purchase the golf cart for \$1,800.00. Motion passed unanimously

• **Citizens Comments –**

Hank Weir expressed his concerns regarding the dumping of waste in Bull Shoals. He wanted a public statement made from the City of Bull Shoals.

Marty Nickels made the motion, seconded by Daryl Lindman that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Approved: David R. Hotchkiss  
David R. Hotchkiss – Mayor

Attested: Kimberly M. Williams  
Kimberly M. Williams – Recorder/Treasurer