

# ***Bull Shoals City Council Meeting***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

July 27, 2017

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

Mayor David Nixon called to order the regular meeting of the Bull Shoals City Council at 6:35 pm on July 27, 2017 at 704 CS Woods Dr. Bull Shoals, AR 72619

Mayor Nixon conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor David Nixon, Mr. Graley, Mr. Traylor, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Lindman, Mrs. Rhodes, and Mr. Gianini. The office of Treasurer/Recorder is vacant at this time.

### **II. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Mayor Nixon asked the council if they had read the minutes from the last meeting. Everyone said yes. Mayor asked for motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Graley made the motion to approve and Mr. Traylor seconded. The minutes were accepted by acclamation.

### **III. Treasurer report**

Mayor Nixon asked the council if they had read the treasurer report. Everyone said yes. The report was accepted by acclamation.

### **IV. Department Reports**

**Police Report-** The report was given to the councilmembers prior to the meeting. It was very detailed. Mr. Graley asked “Because the report is in such detail, is there a way to reference which officer reported which offense?” The report was accepted by acclamation.

**Fire Report-** The report was given by the Fire Chief Brent Mitchell. The report was accepted by acclamation. Mr. Graley asked “If there was a determination of how the fire started at a residence behind Connie’s Restaurant? The Chief said that it was still too hot to determine and would probably have to wait until the weekend to try to find the answer. Mr. Traylor asked about the Open House which will be held on September 9, 2017 at 10:00 am to 2:00pm.

**Public Works** – The report was given by Scott McConnel. Scott and Mayor Nixon will be meeting with FEMA on July 28, 2017 at 7:30 am to discuss our roads, bridges and culverts to determine what compensation is available. The Mayor has already had a regional meeting and submitted forms and is now waiting for inspection. There

was a major water line break at the corner of Dogwood and Lakeshore and a large amount of water was lost. Scott said that they have already repaired the damage. Mrs. Rhodes asked “Are they going to pay for the water that was lost?”. Scott said that he is preparing the bill. The report was accepted by acclamation.

## **V. Program Reports**

- a) **Planning and Zoning** – Gary Heimbach the new planning and zoning chairman. There will be a Public Hearing on August 23, 2017 at 5:00 at City Hall, about the rezoning along Caroline and Redbud, Lots 7-12, to change residential to commercial. The report was accepted by acclamation.
- b) **Parks**- Mrs. Lynn Nickels reported that we have new Dam Site Hosts named: Bill and Molly Fryman. Mrs. Nickels thanked the businesses and the Chamber of Commerce for the bags that were donated for the July 4<sup>th</sup> visitors. Mrs. Nickels asked for people to become part of the Park Committee. Mrs. Nickels also reported that the Parks Funds have brought in the following: Point Return \$2,057.11: Brown’s Beach Launch \$880.99: and Dam Site \$18,363.33. The report was accepted by acclamation.

## **VI. Old business**

- a) **Wastewater Progress** – The Bridge Loan that helps us to get started on the project until the Grant Funds arrive has been approved. This is why you see the green markers in the community. The company is marking the lines.
- b) The bonding progress is underway. The documents have been sent to the Bond Attorneys.
- c) The EDA Grant Administration agreement is signed and the grant is approved.

## **VII. New business**

- a) **Weed kill/Grass ordinance** – Mr. Lindman has concern that the weeds along the roadsides will destroy the new asphalt of the road. It was discussed among the council members. Mr. Traylor motioned that Mayor and Public Works Director coordinate with the highway dept. Mr. Nickels said that the Mayor has too much to do and let someone else help the Public Works Director. The Mayor asked for a Friendly Amendment of the Public Works Director and another person coordinate with the Highway department to find out what is recommended to spray and when to spray so that the bee population would not be affected. The motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Nixon read Ordinance 2008-14 which deal with debris in the streets, and asked if their needs to be a change in the ordinance. Mr. Nickels requested an addition of “leaves, clippings, grass, & branches” to be added to Section 2-second sentence if needed. Mr. Nickels also requested that the city attorney Roger Morgan look at the ordinance. Mr. Nickels made a motion to send the ordinance to the attorney to fix the vocabulary. Mr. Traylor seconded the motion. The motion approved six to one with Mrs. Rhodes voting in the negative.

- b) **Solid Waste Contract**-Mr. Traylor said that we lost the contract due to not having a Mayor when the contract expired. It was asked if we were going to still have the Blue Bag Pick-up Program and the Public Works Director Scott McConnel said that we do not have the man power to pick up the blue bags. Mayor Nixon said that Marion County will likely pick up the blue bags and that we could obtain the bags from Progressive. CPI increase for cleanup is expected.
- c) **Recorder/Treasurer**- Mr. Graley made the motion to accept the resignation of Kim Williams and Mr. Nickels seconded. The motion was accepted unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Nixon announced that in workshop the council discussed the reorganization of this position. The treasurer position would be outsourced to an accounting firm. The recorder position would be to take care of the duties according to State Statute 14-59-115/116. He announced that the city would save money while increasing its efficiencies. He also announced that he would be hiring an administrative assistant to the Mayor starting tomorrow.

Mr. Traylor made the motion to separate the duties of and reduce salary to \$14,000 to \$15,000 range of Treasurer/Recorder. Mrs. Rhodes seconded. The motion was accepted unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Nickels made a motion to call a Special Meeting in order to appoint a Recorder as soon as possible. Mr. Traylor seconded. The date is set for Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:30 pm at City Hall. The motion was accepted unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Nixon specified that the Budget needs to be amended to reflect salary change in Recorder/Treasurer. Mayor Nixon clarified that the approved budget reduction in salary for the Recorder/Treasurer position was located in the FY 2017 Budget, - line #509 of the General Fund Expense Budget, (Mayor/Recorder/Treasurer Salary/Wages)

### **VIII. Mayors comments**

- a) There are now openings for the Planning and Zoning Board
- b) There are vacancies in the Park Committee.

### **IX. Citizens comments**

- a) Lynn Chandler of Chandler's Inn commented that she liked the flow of the meeting. She also was concerned with the weed killer and its effects to our water supply.
- b) Tina Cole with the NWAEDD is looking for a citizen of Bull Shoals to be part of the Hazard Planning team. She also offered her services to help with FEMA.
- c) Tim Curtis expressed his concerns of the weed killer and the waterways. He also expressed his appreciation of the meeting running smoothly.
- d) Kenneth Poppy- Asked question about the asphalt and the roads. Public Works Director Scott McConnel announced that Road 178 from the Dam Site to Flippin will be done by the state starting next Monday.

### **X. Adjournment**

Mayor David Nixon adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Tina Bailey

Minutes approved by: [Name]