

Bull Shoals City Council

Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2017

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

Mayor Nixon called to order the regular meeting of the Bull Shoals City Council at 6:30 pm on November 30, 2017 at 706 CS Woods Dr. Bull Shoals, AR 72619.

Tina Bailey conducted the roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor David Nixon, Mr. Graley, Mr. Traylor, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Lindman, and Mr. Giannini. Ms. Bailey announced we have a quorum to conduct business. Ms. Rhodes arrived at 6:44 pm.

II. Accepting of the Minutes

Mayor Nixon asked the council members if they had read the minutes from the October meeting. Mayor asked for motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Traylor made the motion to approve and Mr. Giannini seconded. The minutes were adopted by acclamation.

III. Treasurer Report

(A) Mayor announced that Mr. Doshier was running late and will present the budget report when he arrives.

(B) Mr. Doshier presented the October financials. Ms. Bailey needs to place the bank statement report to everyone. Mr. Doshier reported that we are still about \$80,000 down for the year as compared to \$250,000 down at the same time last year. We are doing a lot better in managing our funds. Sales taxes are up from last year. Turn backs are also up. All departments as a whole are doing well for the year. Mayor announced that as of October we are running in the black at around \$60,000. We are slowly getting out of the hole from last year. Mayor thanked everyone for holding expenses down.

IV. Department Reports –

- a) Police Department – Chief Kuchenbecker announced that the Shop with a Cop and Fireman Event will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 8:30 am. He announced that anyone could still make a donation. He thanked everyone in the community for helping.
- b) Fire Department Report – Chief Mitchell reported we are under a Statewide Burn Ban. Please keep everyone aware of the Burn Ban. Mr. Nickels asked if

there was something in place as far as the Quorum Court to pass an ordinance for a burn ban. Chief Mitchell said that the City of Bull Shoals does have a burn ordinance and safety is the key.

- c) Public Works – We have a Workforce employee that gives us a person that works for 40 hours for free. We are now staffing 1 temporary worker from the AID temporary services. Mr. Graley asked about the ditch work that needs to be done and Mr. McConnell replied” We are waiting of FEMA.

All of the reports were accepted without objections.

V. Program Reports-

- a) Parks- The parks are closed at this time and therefore there is no report. Mayor reported that the Christmas Parade on December 2, 2017 @ 6:00 pm. will begin from the Dam Site Park.
- b) Planning and Zoning – Mayor reported that the committee did not meet this month and therefore have nothing to report.

Mr. Doshier has arrived. Please see the notes under the Treasurer Report (B)

VI. Old Business

- a) Mayor Nixon reported that the Wastewater Plant Project is getting closer. As of today, all of the documents are now in the hands of the USDA. He spoke with Mr. Hodges and if there are no problems with the paperwork we are on track to start bids in January. Mr. Graley reported that there have been no Wastewater Sewer committee meetings since last year.
- b) Mayor Nixon presented the councilmembers with a projected budget for 2018. It is a conservative budget that reflects last year’s budget. He asked that the councilmembers take it home and study it for November workshop.

Ms. Rhodes first apologized for being late. She then said thank you to Mr. Graley for being part of the budget committee last year and for asking questions? She also thanked Mr. Nickels for getting involved with the bank accounts. Ms. Rhodes also thanked Mayor Nixon for all the work that he did with the budget. She stated that the reason the finances of the city are in poor shape is because of mismanaged money from the previous treasurer/recorder Kimberly Williams. She also believes that there should be accountability on Ms. Williams. Mayor responded that there are items that are under investigation at this time.

Mr. Graley said that he appreciated the departments for their work with the budgets. Mayor said that he regrets that there are no raises this year.

- c) Fire Fighter's Pension to LOPFI- All the paperwork is finished except for 1 person. Chief Mitchell is trying to contact the person.
- d) The Ordinance committee was assembled to clean up the ordinances. Ms. Carol Short reported the code book is now updated to a digital copy. The committee also presented the Mayor with the 2017-1.1 City Code on the flash drive. Ms. Short also stated that the paper copies are available to look at in the front office, the recorder's office, and the Mayor's office. Ms. Rhodes stated that she is extremely appreciative of the committee which consists of Ms. Short, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Mosher, & Mr. Belt. Mr. Nickels said thank you to the committee.

VII. New Business

- a) Proclamation for the City of Bull Shoals to become a Purple Heart City- Mayor Nixon read the proclamation. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote and everyone voted yes. Mayor announced that we are now a Purple Heart City.
- b) We still have minutes to clean up. Especially there is a Resolution for a Park Fee's Ordinance that it needs "teeth". Mayor asked that everyone "Please look over the minutes and this resolution,"for the next meeting.
- c) Scriveners error – 1972 Ordinance 43- Crestline did not exist in 1972 near Hilcrest. Ordinance 2017-7 corrects Ordinance 43. Mr. Graley motioned to accept the ordinance. Ms. Rhodes seconded. A roll call vote was taken and all councilmembers said yes. A second reading by title only was done and all voted yes. A third reading by title only was done and all voted yeas. Mr. Nickels motioned to have an emergency clause and Mr. Giannini seconded. A roll call vote was taken and Mr. Graley said no, Mr. Traylor abstained, Mr. Nickels said yes, Mr. Lindman said yes, Ms. Rhodes said no, and Giannini said yes. The emergency clause did not pass but the ordinance will be effective in 30 days.

VIII. Citizen Comments

- a) Rich Elliott – 801 Betty Jean, Mr. Elliott has negative feelings about the disappointment of the Vacation Water/Shut Offs communication. He would like documentation to answer the questions he has. Ms. Rhodes said that she

will be glad to answer any questions. Mayor apologized for not communicating as well as he should have.

- b) Jerry Eagen – 135 Atwater Cove, He said that he had asked for someone to fix his driveway. Mayor again apologized for not communicating. Mr. Eagen also brought up the bird that was on his porch that had a broken wing and he could not get help for 12 days.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Giannini motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Rhodes seconded.

Mayor Nixon adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Tina Bailey

Minutes approved by: [Name]