

Bull Shoals City Council

Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2023

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

Mayor Michael Savu called to order the regular meeting of the Bull Shoals City Council at 6:30 pm on October 26, 2023 at 706 CS Woods Blvd., Bull Shoals, AR 72619. Everyone stood and gave Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. Recorder Tina Bailey conducted the roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor Michael Savu, Council members: Joey Grede, Michael Castagna, Wesley Phelan, Dino Giannini, Daryl Lindman and Dale Forbus. Ms. Bailey announced we have a quorum to conduct business.

II. Minutes – Mayor Savu asked if everyone had read the September minutes. Mr. Lindman motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Castagna seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried.

III. Treasurer Report-Mr. Doshier was absent and Mayor Savu read the report which stated the bank reconciliation balances as of September 30, 2023 are \$2,554,457, up \$266,784 from a year ago. City sales tax collections for September were \$43,549 which are down \$1,440 from last September. Sales tax collections for the first nine months are \$352,273 against last years \$346,933. That is an improvement of \$5,540. Total income for the city for September was \$187,725, which is down \$7,932 from a year ago. Total expenses over that same time frame are \$180,698, versus last years \$343,163. This results in a net income of \$7,027 for September, which is up from a loss of \$147,506, September 2022. Total income for the time period ending September 30, 2023 is \$2,023,941 which is down from last years \$2,076,134. A difference of \$52,193. Total expenses over the same time frame are \$1,550,647 versus \$1,646,349 for 2022. That's down \$95,702 from last year. Net income through the first nine months is \$473,199, against last years net income of \$429,696, an improvement of \$43,503. Mr. Lindman motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Mr. Castagna seconded. Everyone said yes except for Mr. Grede. The motion carried. 5/1

IV. Department Reports -

- a. Police**- Chief John Ainsworth stated the report stands as submitted and is attached.
- b. Fire**-Chief Brent Mitchell stated the report stands as submitted and is attached.

c. **Public Works-** The reports are submitted as written and are attached. Mr. Grede motioned to accept all the reports and Mr. Phelan seconded. The motion carried and the reports were approved.

V. **Commission Reports-Planning & Zoning Commission-** Carol Duss stated the report stands as submitted. She stated the commission is working on learning about subdivision covenants and updating “The Plan”. Mr. Castanga motioned to accept the report and Mr. Lindman seconded. The motion carried.

VI. **Citizen Comments (related to agenda)-**

a. **No citizen comments**

VII. **Continuing Business –**

a. **Water Connection Fees –** Mayor Savu stated we will be rewriting the ordinance wording.

b. **Sidewalk Handrails-** Mayor Savu stated Tom Davenport stated they should be done by the end of the month.

c. **Sidewalk Phase 2-**Mayor Savu reported he turned in the 3rd quarter report for Phase 2.

VIII. **New Business-**

a. **Park Increase –** Mayor Savu referenced the 2019-03 Ordinance, Section Cancellation and Modification of Fees, stating The City of Bull Shoals henceforth declares and reserves the right to annually modify any, or all fees established in this Ordinance by simple Roll Call Vote recorded in City Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Lindman motioned to approve the increase in the park fees and Mr. Grede seconded. A roll call vote was taken and everyone said yes except Mr. Giannini said no and Mr. Phelan abstained. The motion carried. 4/2 The rates for pavilions rental will be \$35 for half day and \$50 for full day. The rates for other park facilities will be \$15 for half day and \$30 for full day. For the campsite fees, Point Return will be \$15 per day and Damsite Park rates are 50 Amp sites are \$40 per day and 30 Amp sites are \$35 per day. The exception is for Sites 1 & 2 will be \$45 per day.

b. **Doctor’s Building -**Mayor Savu read Resolution 2023-06 entitled, “A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER PROPERTY TO BAXTER

COUNTY REGIONAL HOSPITAL, INC., IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE ORIGINAL QUITCLAIM DEED” in its entirety and is attached. Mr. Forbus motioned to accept the Resolution 2023-06 and Mr. Castagna seconded. A roll call vote was taken and everyone said yes. 6/0 The motion carried.

IX. Citizen Comments- (limited to 3 minutes per citizen wishing to speak)

- a. Benicia Friese-** She would like to suggest the city have a farmers market or something for people to do including vendors, crafters, etc. She also wants a fence to be put up around the towing company in town.
- b. Steve Duss-** Where do we stand on the Village mart and its materials that may be removed. Mayor Savu stated the date has not been set and there is no tiles in the building.

X. Adjournment-

Mr. Lindman motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Forbus seconded. The motion carried and Mayor Michael Savu adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tina Bailey