

APPROVED: 1/30/2025

Bull Shoals City Council

Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2024

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

Mayor Bill Stahlman called the regular meeting of the Bull Shoals City Council at 6 30 pm on December 19, 2024 at 706 CS Woods Blvd., Bull Shoals, AR 72619

Everyone stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Mayor Bill Stahlman conducted the roll call as Recorder Tina Bailey was not present due to illness. The following persons were present: Mayor Bill Stahlman, Council members Wesley Phelan, Dale Forbus, Michael Castagna, Daryl Lindman, Joey Grede and Dino Giannini. Mayor Stahlman announced, we have a quorum to conduct business.

II. Minutes – November

Mayor Stahlman announced that the Recorder didn't complete the minutes for the November City Council meeting.

III. Treasurer Report

Mayor Stahlman stated he didn't receive an updated report so he had to use what the Recorder gave to him. He asked the Council if someone could explain the report. Councilman Joey Grede commented on how there were no line items to go on since the new software is being used. The Treasurer's Report was not approved.

IV Commission Reports – Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor Stahlman recognizes Planning & Zoning Commissioner Dave Higgins

Mr. Higgins announced that there is an interested party in the Bel Arco project and he is requesting for the property to be rezoned. Mr. Higgins announced that there will be a public hearing on this issue on January 9th, 2025 at 5 00 pm at City Hall. Notices in the local newspapers will have further information.

V Department Reports

a. Police – Chief Brad Harper stated the report stands as submitted and is attached. He also stated that the Police Department received 2 shot guns with bean bag rounds All Council members voted to accept the Police report as is.

b. Public Works - Joey Grede asked Mayor Stahlman about the Waste Water generator at Lift Station #16 Mayor Stahlman said the final approval has been released and the funds from FEMA should take 10-15 days from email to get and

purchase a generator. 1st and 2nd motions were made by Council members to accept the report and was passed. All members voted to accept the report.

c. Fire – Chief Brent Mitchel was present. Council members all voted to accept the report and was passed.

VI. Citizen Comments

Citizen Keith Hilburn showed concern about rezoning BelArco

Citizen Merle Fawcett asked about attending who can attend the public meeting for BelArco

Citizen Linda Fawcett asked why it took so long for the Lift Station #16 to get the generator replaced and where the money was coming from. Mayor Stahlman explained that the money was coming from FEMA storm damage and couldn't get a company to come in right away to install it.

VII. Continuing Business

a. Dam Site Park Bath House

Mayor Stahlman stated that he asked the Corp and FEMA about saving the city money if the City does the work. FEMA said the only if the improvements are needed and approved. The estimated costs of the City doing the work would be about \$2,000 The Mayor also commented on asking if Citizens would volunteer their experience and labor to achieve this project. The bids that were received by the city for this project failed to comply with having company insurance to do the job

b. Solid Waste contract

Mayor Stahlman asked about updating the contract with the present company

c. Village Mart

Mayor Stahlman noted that the City has already spent \$15,000 on an inspection, \$5,000 retainer fees for attorneys and still nothing has been done Mayor Stahlman commented that he will call Sam Pasting to get an update on this project.

d. Lift Station #6

Mayor Stahlman commented that Entergy is installing the electric for the pumps.

e. 1050 Co-op

Mayor Stahlman asked Council on how to proceed with this project. Council commented about having Planning & Zoning to have a zoning hearing with the owners about making this from a resort to an apartment complex. The topic of

having this project the owners should be paying water and sewer instead of being on a well for water which is against Water and Sewer City ordinances

VIII. New Business

a. City Account Signatories

Mayor Stahlman commented on City Account Signatories (signing of Cities checks) will be going into effect on January 2, 2025 and will include Mayor Bill Stahlman, Councilman Russ Mindkey, Councilman Daryl Lindman and Councilman Kevin Hutchison.

b. Lutheran Church Group

Mayor Stahlman called on Linda Masters to speak about her project at the church. Linda Masters commented on how the church is putting together an "All Weather Kit" that includes a hat, pair of gloves and pair of sox. They will be given to officers to distribute to needy people they come across as they patrol our City

c. Unsafe House in City

Mayor Stahlman noted that a tree has fallen on a vehicle and house on this property. The people occupying this house are living in the woods behind the house. The Mayor was told after taking office that the City's Building Inspector has resigned the job. He has found a replacement and is having this person taking steps to update licenses for this position. The Mayor informed this person about this problem of this tree.

d. Golf Course Sink Holes

Mayor Stahlman commented about sink holes that are on Rivercliff Road that run through golf course to the White River from culverts installed 60 years ago. The Mayor reached out to the Corp of Engineers because the City does not have the money to make the repairs. The Mayor suggested taking out the culverts and digging and putting an open ditch line back in. The culverts under the street will also have to be replaced due to them rusting out. The Mayor sent a letter about this concern and have to wait for recommendations of repairing these culverts.

e. Dog Leash Law

Police Chief Harper commented on a dog that was loose and returned it to its owner. The same dog got out again. The Ordinance needs to be addressed on loose dogs. Citizens raised concerns about loose dogs. Mayor Stahlman suggested amending Ordinance stating when walking dog, it has to be on leash and the person must have control of the leash at all times.

f. 2024 Amendment for Police Department

Mayor Stahlman discussed that the Police want to take line items with money and transfer it to line items where they need the money instead. Dale Forbus made motion to accept this change and Mike Castagna seconded the motion to move money to needed line items in the Police Budget for 2025 Councilmen Joey Grede and Daryl Lindman voted no 4/2

g. Citizens Comments

Tim Curtis commented on doing a forensic audit of the Cities' finances to see where all the money is.

IX. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Stahlman commented that he is not on any social media group and there are comments circulating about a recent lawsuit involving a former Mayor. He commented that his name is not on that said lawsuit. This lawsuit involves a former Mayor, 2 City Employees and City Employee of Lakeview

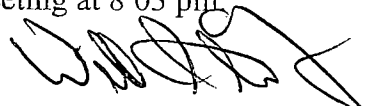
Mayor Stahlman also talked to the Arkansas Municipal League about the Workshop meetings. These meetings are considered a "Special Meeting" and are not required to have an agenda. The Workshops are for Council Members to present topics for an agenda for the Council Meetings next meeting.

Mayor Stahlman sent off the Corp letter for the sink holes. ARDOT advised the City that in front of Perfect Catch and Living The Dream, there are no designated sidewalks because it's all driveway in front of the businesses Putting in sidewalk would be a safety hazard. It was discussed that if this phase 2 of this project was not done, the City would not be penalized for not finishing. The City would have to apply for any further projects through grants

Mayor Stahlman also noted that he was sworn in on December 9th, 2024 for the Mayor's position and was advised that all paperwork would be available to him on day one. The Mayor expressed his concerns on all of the City's citizens and employees work together to help this community become back to a family Any Citizens interested in helping this community to make the City whole again is more than welcomed.

X. Adjournment

Councilman Daryl Lindman made a motion to adjourn this meeting, 2nd by Councilman Dino Giannini. All Council members voted to adjourn. Mayor Bill Stahlman adjourned the meeting at 8 03 pm.

APPROVED: 
MAYOR STAHLMAN

ATTESTED: 
RECORDER