

Bull Shoals City Council

Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2024

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 March 28, 2024 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, Daryl Lindman, Dale Forbus, and Dino Giannini. Ms. Bailey announced we have a quorum to conduct business.

II. Minutes – Mayor Savu asked if everyone had read the February minutes. Mr. Grede motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Phelan seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 6/0

III. Treasurer Report-Mr. Doshier was absent and Mayor Savu read the report which stated the bank reconciliation balances as of February 29, 2024 are \$2,974,845, up \$439,148 from a year ago. City sales tax collections for February were \$35,899 which are up \$1,134 from last February. Year to date collections are \$70,185 against \$67,417 from a year ago. That is an improvement of \$2,768. Total income for the city for February was \$178,851, which is down \$30,344 from a year ago. Total expenses over that same time frame are \$145,551, versus last years \$204,765. This results in a net income of \$33,300 for February, which is up from a gain of \$4,429, February 2023. Year to date income is \$430,753 versus \$394,437 from a year ago. Expenses are \$434,549 versus \$377,043 from last year. 2024 is currently showing a net loss of \$3,796, whereas 2023 was showing a net income of \$17,394. A reminder that your ARPA money sets at \$352,316 and needs to be allocated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. Mr. Lindman motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Mr. Phelan seconded. Everyone said yes except for Mr. Grede and Mr. Forbus. The motion carried. 4/2

IV. Department Reports -

a. Police- Acting Chief Brad Harper was absent and Mayor Savu stated the report stands as submitted and is attached.

- b. **Fire**-Chief Brent Mitchell stated the report stands as submitted and is attached. We are having the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Danhuser Park on March 30, 2024 at 10 am.
- c. **Public Works**- Mayor Savu stated the reports are submitted as written and are attached. He also introduced Matthew Newby as a new employee of the Water Department. Water Clerk Darla Hulen answered questions about the Lead & Copper state project.

Mr. Grede motioned to accept all the reports and Mr. Phelan seconded. The reports were approved. The motion carried. 6/0

V. **Commission Reports-**

- a. **Planning & Zoning Commission**- Chairman Carol Duss stated the report stands as written. She stated she has collected 23 covenances. They voted to change the meeting date from the 4th Wednesday of the month to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Mr. Grede motioned to accept the report and Mr. Phelan seconded. The report was approved. The motion carried. 6/0

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

- a. **Tim Curtis** – He does not approve of the lead and copper project.
- b. **Phil Friese**- He spoke about his concerns about the FOIA requests.

VII. **Continuing Business –**

- a. **Resolution 2024-R-04-Water and Sewer Connection Fees Increases.** Mayor Savu read the Resolution 2024-R-04, which is titled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION FEES AND RELATED COSTS” in its entirety. Mr. Phelan motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. Giannini seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 6/0 The resolution is attached.
- b. **Ordinance 2024-02-FOIA Fees**-Mayor Savu read the ordinance in its entirety for the first reading. There was discussion about the fees. Mr. Castagna motioned to read the ordinance in its entirety and suspend all the other readings and Mr. Phelan seconded. The motion did not carry for suspending the readings. Mr. Lindman motioned to

table the ordinance and Mr. Phelan seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 6/0

VIII. New Business-

- a. **Resolution 2024-R-05- Lawnmowers Purchase-** Mr. Phelan motioned to suspend the rules according to Ordinance 2024-01 and 2013-02, to consider Resolution 2024-R-05 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO HUSTLER FASTRAK 54" MODEL 941732 ZERO TURNING RADIUS MOWERS", and Mr. Grede seconded. Mayor read the resolution in its entirety. Mr. Phelan motioned to proceed with the resolution and Mr. Giannini seconded. There was a discussion about the 54" versus the 60" decks. Mr. Grede motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. Forbus seconded. Everyone said yes. 6/0

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

- a. **Bonnie Sumner-** She publicly thanked everyone that was involved in cleaning up on 178 last Saturday.

X. Adjournment-

Mr. Lindman motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Phelan seconded. The motion carried and Mayor Michael Savu adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tina Bailey

Tina M. Bailey

Dino Giannini

Wesley Phelan

