

Bull Shoals City Council

Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2024

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

Mayor Carol Duss called to order the regular meeting of the Bull Shoals City Council at 6:30 pm on May 30, 2024 at 706 CS Woods Blvd., Bull Shoals, AR 72619.

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

Recorder/Treasurer Tina Bailey conducted the roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor Carol Duss, Council members: Joey Grede, Michael Castagna, Wesley Phelan, Dale Forbus, and Dino Giannini. Council member Daryl Lindman was absent. Ms. Bailey announced we have a quorum to conduct business. Mayor Duss thanked everyone for their hard work during the Storm.

II. Minutes – There are no minutes to present.

III. Treasurer Report-Mr. Doshier was absent and Mayor Duss read the report which stated the bank reconciliation balances as of April 30, 2024 are \$2,929,802, up \$254,802 from a year ago. City sales tax collections for April were \$36,610 which are up \$147 from last April. Year to date collections are \$139,044 against \$139,287 from a year ago, a difference of \$243. Total income for the city for April was \$184,205, which is down \$182,507 from a year ago. Last year's total does include a \$187,344 grant so income is actually up about \$5000. Total expenses over that same time frame are \$173,150, versus last years \$175,636. This results in a net income of \$11,055 for April, which is down from last year's income of \$191,076, that did include the grant money. Year to date income is \$777,662 versus \$923,420 from a year ago. Expenses are \$784,349 versus \$736,875 from last year. 2024 is currently showing a net loss of \$6,782, whereas 2023 was showing a net income of \$186,545. At this point last year you had received \$208,044 in grant money, so actual figures would show a loss in 2023 through April of \$21,499. Therefore you have improved overall for 2024. A reminder that your ARPA money sets at \$353,932 and needs to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. Mr. Giannini motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Mr. Phelan seconded. Everyone said yes except for Mr. Grede and Mr. Forbus. The motion carried. 3/2

IV. Department Reports -

- a. **Fire-Chief Brent Mitchell** stated the report stands as submitted and is attached. He spoke about storm sirens versus weather apps on the

phones. He stated we would need a minimum of 8 sirens for the city and would cost over \$100,000.00.

b. Police- Chief Brad Harper stated if anyone needed help with technology to receive storm alerts they would be glad to help. Chief Harper stated the report stands as submitted and is attached. He also described the police officers schedules. Chief Harper introduced Joseph Beasley as one of the part-time officers.

c. Public Works- Mayor Duss stated the reports are submitted as written and are attached.

Mr. Grede motioned to accept all the reports and Mr. Castagna seconded. The reports were approved. The motion carried. 5/0

V. Commission Reports-Planning & Zoning Commission- Chairman Dave Higgins introduced himself. He stated the goals for the planning and zoning which included building a database and organize by Wards. He stated we do not have an engineer like Mountain Home. The ordinance that created the commission was dated to 2001-03. He stated they would like to get updated. Mr. Castagna motioned to approve the report and Mr. Grede seconded. The motion carried. 5/0

VI. Citizen Comments (related to agenda)-

A citizen stated according to an ordinance the officers are to live within 20 road miles of the city limits. He suggested to give the officers an incentive pay for living within those boundaries. A citizen commented about the treasurer's report. Councilmember Forbus questioned the salary of the Treasurer.

VII. Continuing Business –

a. Village Mart Update-Mr. Ezell has resigned. Mr. Grede motioned to drop the case and Mr. Forbus seconded. Mr. Castagna would like to see a plan on what the Village Mart Owner would like to do? A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Grede voted yes. Mr. Giannini voted no. Mr. Phelan voted no. Mr. Forbus voted yes. Mr. Castagna voted no. The motioned failed. 3/2

b. Sidewalks Update- Mayor Duss announced the sidewalks phase 2 will begin the bidding process.

c. 10/50 Co-Op Update – Mayor Duss stated Mr. King is researching this and we do not have any information at this time.

- d. **Resolution 2024-R-13-ARPA Funds Allocation –A**
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY’S 2024 BUDGET AND ARPA GRANT BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE COSTS- Mayor Duss read the resolution in it’s entirety. Mr. Phelan motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. Lindman seconded. A roll call vote was taken and everyone said yes. The motion carried. 5/0 The resolution is attached.
- e. **Streets-** Mayor Duss suggested using funds from the general funds to work on the streets and Mr. Giannini suggest sealing the roads. There was discussion and Mayor Duss stated she would still do research.

VIII. New Business-

- a. **Police Raises-**
 - a) **Police Academy (Retroactive)-** Mr. Giannini motioned to give the police academy graduate a .50 per hour raise and it be retroactive and Mr. Grede seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 5/0
 - b) **On-Call- Resolution 2024-R-14- A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN INCENTIVE PAYMENT FOR ON-CALL AVAILABILITY FOR CITY POLICE OFFICERS-** Mayor Duss read the resolution in it’s entirety. Mr. Giannini motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. Phelan seconded. Everyone said yes. The motioned carried. 5/0 The resolution is attached.
- b. **Police Truck Purchase from Fire Department – Resolution 2024-R-15- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 2019 FORD F150 VEHICLE-** Mayor Duss read the resolution in it’s entirety. Mr. Giannini motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. Castagna seconded. Mr. Grede abstained and everyone else said yes. The motion carried. 4/1 The resolution is attached.
- c. **Police Purchase of 2 Vehicles**
 - a) **Resolution 2024-R-16-16 -A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 2021 Ford Explorer Pursuit Vehicle –** Mayor Duss read the resolution

in its's entirety. Mr. Phelan motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. Giannini seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 5/0 The resolution is attached.

b) Resolution 2024-R-17- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 2019 DODGE CHARGER PURSUIT VEHICLE – Mayor Duss read the resolution in its's entirety. Mr. Grede motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. Castagna seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 5/0 The resolution is attached.

d. City Signatories – Mayor Duss announced that Councilmember Daryl Lindman and Councilmember Wesley Phelan have volunteered to be signatories on the city accounts. Mr. Giannini motioned to approve the signatories and Mr. Castagna seconded. Mr. Phelan and Mr. Lindman abstained and everyone else said yes. The motion carried. 3/0

e. Resolution 2024-R-18- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A HEAT PUMP SYSTEM FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT– Mayor Duss read the resolution in its's entirety. Mr. Grede motioned to accept the bid from Bull Shoals Heating and Air Conditioning and Mr. Forbus seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 5/0 The resolution is attached.

f. Resolution 2024-R-19- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CENTERPOINT ACCOUNTING AND PAYROLL SOFTWARE WITH DEPOSIT CAPABILITY FOR THE WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT- Mayor read the resolution in it's entirety. Mr. Giannini motioned to approve the resolution and Mr. Grede seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 5/0 The resolution is attached.

g. New Planning & Zoning Appointment- Mayor appointed Mr. Scott Scholes. Mr. Giannini motioned to accept the appointment of Mr. Scholes to the planning and zoning commission and Mr. Phelan seconded. Everyone said yes. The motion carried. 5/0

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

A citizen asked about the average response time of a call. A citizen commented about police reports and there costs. A couple of citizens asked about the portable generator and insurance. A citizen commented on the sidewalks and the budget. A citizen asked

about the status of Dam Site Campground and asked when it will open due to the storm. A couple of citizens spoke about the Village Mart and it's costs:

X. Adjournment-

Mr. Phelan motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Giannini seconded. The motion carried and Mayor Carol Duss adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tina Bailey *Tina M. Bailey*
Carol Duss Mayor 8-29-24

