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Bull Shoals City Council Meeting Minutes

November 21, 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 November 21, 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 Carol Duss, Council members: Joey Grede, Michael Castagna, Wesley Phelan, Daryl Lindman, Dale Forbus and Dino Giannini. Mrs. Bailey announced we have a quorum to conduct business.

II. **Minutes – October** – Mr Lindman motioned to approve the October minutes and Mr Castagna seconded. Mr Grede & Mr. Forbus said no. The motion carried. 4/2

III. **Treasurer Report** – Mr. Lindman motioned to approve the October Report and Mr Phelan seconded. Mr Grede & Mr Forbus said no. The motion carried. 4/2

IV Department Reports -

a. **Police** - Chief Brad Harper stated the report stands as submitted and is attached. Officer Cook graduates on December 12th The Bull Shoals Shop with a Cop and Firefighter will be on December 7th We will be participating in the Baxter County Shop with a Cop on the same day. We do not have a Specific Code Enforcement Officer, the police department has assumed the responsibility Mr Forbus asked about some dogs and chief stated it was taken care of. Mr Phelan asked about the Big Tree issue and should we reach out to the City Attorney? There was a discussion between the Councilmembers and Chief Harper Chief Harper stated, they are at a point that they can do nothing more to help the situation. Mr. Phelan asked Mayor Duss to speak with the city attorney because it is a safety hazard.

b. **Fire** - Chief Brent Mitchell stated the report stands as submitted and is attached. Christian Halog will be attending Fire Training Classes the first part of December and then in January for 7 weeks. He also stated the Shop with the Cop and Firefighter is on December 7, 2024

at 12.30 pm. He thanked everyone for their donations. He stated that we had 575 calls for the year

- c. **Public Works** – The reports were submitted in councilmembers packet. Mr Grede asked about Lift Station #6 and Mayor Duss stated Entergy was out of state due to storms and we are still waiting on Entergy

Mr Lindman motioned to accept all the reports and Mr Phelan seconded. Mr. Grede said no. The reports were approved. 5/1

Commission Reports-Planning & Zoning Commission- Mr Dave Higgins was not here and Mayor Duss stated there was no report.

V Citizen Comments (related to agenda items only)-

None

VI. Continuing Business –

- a. **Water Towers-** Engineer Mr. Julian Brown stated they are preparing plans and specifications to take care of the Water Towers surface prept, sandblasted/power-washed, and painted. They will submit the plans to the Health Department for approval in order to solicit bids for the project. He stated the project will be ready to issue a contract around June and have the maintenance completed by the end of Summer. Mayor Duss asked about the importance of a SCADA system. Mr Brown stated how the SCADA system works. There is no system at the Master Meter at this time.
- b. **City Flag** – Mr Heinbech stated the project started in August. He asked Sami Castagna to set up a way for people to participate in the contest on line. Mr. Heinbech also stated he visited many local busnissess and schools to promote the project. There were 370 votes to pick the top 6 designs. The 5 judges to chose the winner were: Tim Keioning, VFW Commander Brain Jones, State Representative Jason Nasoranko, Artist Sami Castagna, and Mayor Carol Duss. He stated the digital copies are available. Mr Lindman motioned to approve the City Flag and Mr Phelan seconded. Mr. Forbus said no. The motion approved 5/1
- c. **Village Mart** – Mayor Duss presented a draft document to the councilmembers with a draft resolution as a starting point to the

Village Mart suit. There was a discussion between the councilmembers. Mr Lindman motioned to table and research the draft and Mr Giannini seconded. The motion carried. 5/1

- d. **Old Police Cars-** Mr Lindman motioned to have sealed bids for the sale of the old police cars and Mr Castagna seconded. The motion carried. 6/0
- e. **Bath House-** Mayor Duss stated we have a contractor and will be signing the contract tomorrow
- f. **Solid Waste Contract –** Mayor Duss stated the contract expired in September 2023, and is extended to 2026.

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

A citizen asked about an article in the paper about missing money. The Mayor stated she had contacted the Auditors and they stated it was not misappropriated. It was due to a software issue. A citizen asked about a safety issue on Rivercliff Dr. He would like the mayor to check into striping the road. A citizen asked about a paper that was placed on the seats of the chairs in the City Hall. Mr Forbus stated he picked up all the papers before the meeting. Mr Stahlman stated the paper on the seats are incorrect. A citizen asked about Mayor Duss being one of the judges of the flag.

VIII. Adjournment-

Mr. Giannini motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr Lindman seconded. Mayor Carol Duss adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.

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A citizen thanked the councilmembers for there service. He also recommended a forensic audit.

X. Mayor Comments-

- a. **City Lawsuit-** Mayor stated he is not involved with the lawsuit that was posted on Facebook. There are 2 city employees and a Lakeview employee that are involve.
- b. **Workshop Agenda-** Mayor stated according to the Arkansas Municipal League the workshop meeting does not require an agenda.
- c. **Sidewalks Phase 2-** Mayor stated that he spoke with ARDOT about losing any funds if we do not proceed with the sidewalks. They said we would not be penalized for any grants in the future.
- d. **Mayor Transition-** He stated there were no transition between the mayors. He stated there was paperwork on the desk.

Mr Grede thanked the public for standing by him for the past 6 years.

Chief Harper made an announcement to avoid Oak Street by 178 at this time due to a possible gas explosion.

Mr Castagna recommends to get a written document of no penalties on the Sidewalks, if they decide to drop it.

Mr Giannini motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr Castagna seconded. Mayor Bill Stahlman adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tina Bailey

APPROVED:

MAYOR STAHLMAN

ATTESTED:

RECORDER