

City of Bull Shoals Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday July 2, 2025, at 6:30pm
Bull Shoals City Hall Council Chambers
706 C.S. Woods Blvd Bull Shoals, AR 72619

Donated Property: The meeting focuses on a property donated to the city by Mr. David Alvarez, previously used as a shooting range and potentially for police training.

Financial Concerns: Significant financial issues associated with the property are revealed, including over \$9,000.00 in back taxes due. Connection fees and electricity costs. Uncertain value and marketability of existing equipment. Termite infestation, roof leaks, and other building repairs needed.

Intended Use Debate: There's discussion and some disagreement about the intended use of the property. While some believe it was primarily intended for the police department, others emphasize Mr. Alvarez's desire for the city to use it in the way that best benefits the community.

Potential Uses Explored: Various alternative uses are suggested, including:

- * Leasing the property to a private gun range operator.
- * Leasing the property to Marion County.
- * Using the land for debris management during emergencies.
- * Marketing the building to an outdoor recreation company for rental income.

Mural Controversy: A disagreement arises regarding a potential mural honoring the donor's deceased friend, with conflicting opinions from family members.

Action Items: Pay the back taxes. Conduct a thorough inspection of the building to assess its condition and ADA compliance. Catalog and market the existing equipment for sale. Obtain accurate financial projections for the costs associated with the property. Coordinate with experts to evaluate the equipment and address the termite and roof issues.

Motion to pay back taxes made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Yes – 6, No – 0.

Conclusions:

- * **Asset with Challenges:** The donated property is recognized as a potential asset to the city, but it comes with significant financial and logistical challenges.
- * **Financial Assessment Needed:** A comprehensive financial assessment is crucial to determine the true cost of owning and maintaining the property.
- * **Multiple Options Open:** The city is open to exploring various options for the property's use, with a focus on generating income and benefiting the community.
- * **Honoring the Family:** The council emphasizes its commitment to honoring the donor's family and the memory of their deceased friend.

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* Next Steps Defined: Clear action items are established to move forward with assessing the property, addressing its issues, and exploring potential uses.

Adjournment: Councilwoman Pucci made motion to adjourn, Councilman Bolen 2nd motion. Yes – 6, No – 0. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____

Mayor Bill Stahlman

Recorder Paula Reynolds