

City of Bull Shoals Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 26, 2025, at 6:30pm
Bull Shoals City Hall Council Chambers
706 C.S. Woods Blvd Bull Shoals, AR 72619

At 6:30 pm the meeting is called to order. In attendance is Mayor Stahlman, Councilman Hutchison, Councilwoman Pucci, Councilman Meinking, Councilman Lindman, Councilman Bolen and Recorder Reynolds. We have a quorum.

Council Member Appointment: A former council member is being considered for reappointment. The council confirms his willingness to return and votes him in. Motion to reinstate Mike Howell made by Councilman Hutchison, 2nd By Councilman Bolen. Yes – 5, No – 0. Councilman Howell reinstated and sworn in by Mayor Stahlman.

Executive Session: The council moves to an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Reconvenes at 7:07pm. Giving Mayor full authority to handle personnel issue. Minutes Approval: The council discusses the length and format of the city council minutes and approves them. Motioned to accept May minutes made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 6, No – 0.

Financial Reports: The council reviews and approves the treasurer's report. Yes – 5, No – 1(Councilwoman Pucci).

Police Department: The police chief discusses STEP grants for DWI and speed enforcement. The council discusses the cost of training new officers and the impact of overtime on existing officers. The council discusses on-call officers staying in their offices. The council discusses code violations.

Fire Department: The fire chief presents the June report. The council discusses the upcoming Fourth of July fireworks and hydrant maintenance. The council discusses training opportunities.

Public Works: The council reviews and approves the combined Water Department, Wastewater, and Street Report.

A 50-cent raise is approved for Ed Martin for obtaining a level three wastewater license. The council discusses the Bull Mountain tank mixer project.

Parks and Recreation: The council discusses the condition of the parks and the need for mowing and cleanup. The council discusses bids for mowing and sewer line work. The council is discussing a \$100,000 grant opportunity. The council discusses a new playground outfit that was donated.

Planning and Zoning: The council discusses a letter to be sent to C4 resort authorities regarding zoning laws. The council discusses ordinance 2025-09 regarding resorts and short-term rentals. The council approves sending the letter to C4 resort authorities.

Chamber of Commerce: The council congratulates Don Button on becoming the Chamber President.

The council discusses putting up banners.

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Water and Sewer Rates: Ordinance 2025-10, The council discusses a water rate study and the need for rate increases. The ordinance is read in its entirety. First reading to accept motioned by Councilwoman Pucci, 2nd by Councilman Howell. Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion to suspend the rules and read by title only made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Meinking. Yes – 6, No – 0. Second reading by title only; motion made by Councilwoman Pucci, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 6, no – 0. Third reading by title only; motion made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by councilman Lindman. Yes – 6, No – 0. The council approves the ordinance to increase water rates in two steps.

Browns Beach and Point Return: The council discusses procedures and fines for boat launch at Browns Beach and campsites at Point Return for nonpayment. The council approves new signs with a change to the wording. Motion made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Howell. Yes – 6, No – 0.

Ordinance 2025-07: The council approves an ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance 2015-03 permitting municipal employees and officials to conduct business with the city of Bull Shoals and prescribing the extent of such authority. The ordinance is read in its entirety. Motion to accept first reading made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Meinking. Yes – 5, No – 1 (Councilwoman Pucci). Motion to suspend the rules and read by title only; motion made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 6, No – 0. Second reading by title only; motion made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 6, no – 0. Third reading by title only; motion to pass made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 6, No – 0.

Mayor's Salary: The council discusses and approves an ordinance setting the mayor's salary at \$40,000 per year and making it a full-time position (36-60 hours a week). The ordinance is read in its entirety. Motion to accept first reading made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Howell. Yes – 4, No – 2 (Councilman Lindman and Councilwoman Pucci). Motion to suspend the rules and read by title only; motion made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 5, No – 1 (Councilman Lindman). Second reading by title only; motion to accept made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 4, No – 2 (Councilman Lindman, Councilwoman Pucci). Motion to accept made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Howell. Yes – 4, no – 2.

Resolution 2025-09 The council approves a resolution authorizing specific individuals or businesses to do business with the city of Bull Shoals. Motion to accept made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 3, No – 1, Abstain – 2. Mayor votes yes. Resolution 2025-09 passed.

Resolution 2025-10: The council approves a resolution declaring Bluetooth lapel mics as surplus property. Motion to accept made by Councilwoman Pucci, 2nd by Councilman

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Meinking. Yes – 6, No – 0. Resolution 2025-10 passed.

Hiring a Lawyer: The council approves hiring a lawyer for filing liens, unpaid bills owed to the city, and for condemned properties.

Solid Waste Contract: The council discusses the solid waste contract and the need to seek bids for future contracts.

Citizen Complaint: The council discusses a citizen complaint about a property and determines that there is no violation of the zoning ordinance.

Conclusions:

The city council is actively engaged in managing the city's affairs, addressing issues related to finances, infrastructure, public safety, and community development.

The council is working to improve the city's financial stability by increasing water rates and seeking bids for solid waste contracts.

The council is committed to enforcing zoning regulations and addressing citizen complaints.

The council is supportive of the police and fire departments and is working to provide them with the resources they need to serve the community.

The council is working to improve the city's parks and recreation facilities.

The council is addressing personnel matters and ensuring that city employees are compensated fairly.

The council is seeking legal advice to ensure that the city is operating in compliance with the law.

There is a strong emphasis on transparency and accountability in the city's operations.

There is a sense of urgency to address certain issues, such as the need for water rate increases and the solid waste contract.

There is some disagreement among council members on certain issues, but they are able to work together to reach consensus.

Adjournment: Councilman Meinking made motion to adjourn, Councilman Bolen second motion. Yes – 6, No – 0. Meeting adjourned.

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Approved:

Mayor Bill Stahlman

Recorder Paula Reynolds