

# ***Bull Shoals City Council***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

January 26, 2023

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

Mayor Savu called to order the regular meeting of the Bull Shoals City Council at 6:30 pm on January 26, 2023 at 706 CS Woods Dr. 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: Dino Giannini, Joey Grede, Michael Castagna, Dale Forbus, and Wesley Phelan. Daryl Lindman was absent. Ms. Bailey announced we have a quorum to conduct business.

### **II. Minutes** – Mayor Savu asked if everyone had read the December minutes. Mr. Grede motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Giannini seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

### **III. Treasurer Report**-Mr. Doshier reported the bank reconciliation balances as of December 31, 2022 are \$2,253,076, up \$123,261 from a year ago. City sales tax collections for December were \$37,580 which are down \$3,059 from last December. Collections for the year are up \$13,777 from last year. YTD collections are \$464,800 versus \$451,024 a year ago. Total income for the city for December was \$170,507, which is up \$2,741 from a year ago. Total expenses over that same time frame are \$260,781, which is down \$75,311 from last year, resulting in a net loss of \$90,274 this December versus a loss of \$168,326 December 2021. Year to date income is \$2,665,266 with expenses of \$2,295,537. This results in a net income from operations of \$369,729 which is down from last years \$372,191. A change of \$2,462. Mr. Phelan motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Mr. Castagna seconded. The report was approved by acclamation.

### **IV. Department Reports -**

- a. Fire**-Chief Mitchell stated the report stands as submitted and is attached.
- b. Police**- Chief John Ainsworth was absent and Mayor Savu stated the report stands as written and attached.
- c. Public Works**- The reports are submitted as written.

Mr. Grede motioned to accept all the reports and Mr. Phelan seconded. The reports were approved by acclamation.

- V. **Commission Reports-Planning & Zoning Commission-** Commissioner Bonnie Sumner stated the planning and zoning did not meet in January do to the inclement weather and therefore no report.

VI. **Continuing Business –**

- a. **Discussion of the recommendation by the P&Z concerning short term rentals.** Mayor Savu asked to wait to meet with the new City Attorney before moving forward.
- b. **Trapping animals within City limits-** Mayor Savu stated John Ainsworth is to meet with Game and Fish for more details.
- c. **Discussion of payment for the special election to Marion County, 10,029.79.** Mayor Savu is stated that it looks like we are going to have to pay it but is waiting for the ruling from Arkansas Municipal League.

VII. **New Business**

- a. **Ordinance 2023-01-**Establishing rules of procedure for Council.
  - a) Mr. Phelan spoke to adding a sentence to the existing procedures from 2022-01, Section 1A, which states, “Only matters discussed at a prior workshop may be voted on in a regular meeting, unless the City Council shall vote by a majority that an emergency exists to suspend the rule.” Mayor Savu stated “He would like to add Public Input: during the Workshop: Comments at end of meeting to allow citizens to address agenda items or other concerns. And also at Council Meeting: Comments after Commission/Committee Reports.” Mr. Phelan motioned to accept his proposed Ordinance with the addition and Mr. Giannini seconded. A roll call vote was taken and Mr. Giannini said yes, Mr. Grede said no, Mr. Castagna said no, Mr. Forbus said no, Mr. Phelan said yes. The motion fails 3/2. Mr. Forbus made the motion to accept Mayor Savu’s Ordinance which provided for Public Input: per Section I & II which address agenda items only, and public comments at the end of the Council meeting, along with the addition of

Mr. Phelan's sentence (stated above) and Mr. Castagna seconded. A roll call vote was taken and Mr. Castagna said yes, Mr. Grede said yes, Mr. Giannini said no, Mr. Phelan said no, and Mr. Forbus said yes. The motion carried. 3/2

- b) **Resolution to hire a new city attorney**- Mayor is going to proceed in searching for a new attorney.

#### VIII. Citizen Comments-

- a. **Maralynn Pool**-101 Falltime- She would like to know the highlights of the departmental reports.
- b. **Keith Hilburn**-107 Hardtimes Circle-Thanked the Mayor for being out with the people and city workers. He also thanked Officer O'Neal for help with a citizen.
- c. **Phil Freezie**-1503 Carolyn Dr.-He stated he did a FOIA of councilmembers attendance and commenting about political sign removal.
- d. **Carol Duss**-100 Walnut Ave.-Are we proceeding with the Harps Building court date? Mayor Savu stated we are proceeding and will keep everyone up to date.
- e. **Jim Kuchenbecker**-112 Edgewood.-He stated it was nice to see a profecient crew during this last snow.
- f. **Ken Nevius-103 Catherine Ct.**-Would like a lot less fighting and more cooperation. He also thanked the Council for serving.

#### IX. Adjournment-

Mr. Castagna motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Forbus seconded. The motion carried and Mayor Savu adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tina Bailey

*Tina M. Bailey*

Minutes approved by: [Name]

*Mark Savu 2/24/2023*