

City of Bull Shoals Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday August 28, 2025, at 6:30pm
Bull Shoals City Hall Council Chambers
706 C.S. Woods Blvd Bull Shoals, AR 72619

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Began with a moment of silence for Councilman Daryl Lindman. Followed by the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance were Councilman Hutchison, Councilman Meinking, Councilman Bolen, Councilman Howell, Mayor Stahlman and Recorder Reynolds. We have a quorum. Councilwoman Pucci was absent.

First order of business was to fill the vacant seat of ward one, seat one. Councilman Hutchison nominated and motioned to accept George Joey Grede, Councilman Bolen 2nd the motion. George Joey Grede was unanimously accepted and immediately sworn in for the rest of the term.

Approval of Minutes & Reports: The council reviewed and approved minutes from the previous meeting, as well as reports from the Treasurer, Police, Fire, Streets, Water, and Sewer departments.

Financial Matters:

A discrepancy in the Fire Department's revenue report was noted and will be investigated. The council discussed pursuing delinquent water/sewer/trash bills, potentially using a creditors attorney to avoid upfront costs to the city.

The council approved spending \$2,600 for shipping to refurbish the headworks sewer equipment that would cost \$300,000 to replace.

Infrastructure & Maintenance:

We received the permits to cut dead trees in Dam Site Park so they will be removed. We already trimmed the ones we got permission for.

Water leaks are being addressed by the Water Department.

Hydrant repairs are a cooperative effort between the Fire and Water Departments.

The council approved a water tower refurbishment project with Viking for a total of \$335,900. The maintenance is a yearly renewed contract, and Viking will be responsible for the managing and upkeep of our water towers. Motion to accept Vikings bid by Councilman Howell, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 5, no – 0. Bid for refurbishing water towers accepted.

Community & Beautification:

The Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the city on Dam Jam and other projects.

The council discussed sharing the cost of banners for light poles with the Chamber but wants more information on materials and designs.

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Motion to accept getting the banners made by Councilman Howell, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 5, No – 0. The council approved splitting costs with the Chamber of Commerce.

Rivercliff Road Issue: The council discussed options for repairing the compromised road, including grant applications and potential partnerships with other agencies. The Corps of Engineers is pushing for grant applications. We also have the option of not leasing the land south of Rivercliff and letting it revert back to the Corp of Engineers.

Resort Stakeholder Meetings: The council is working to restart stakeholder meetings with resort owners to address issues and present a unified front.

Ordinance 2025-09 Short-term rentals. Second reading by title only, Motion to accept made by Councilman Howell, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 5, No – 0.

Ordinance 2025-11 Water Sewer deposit fees. Read by title only for second reading. Councilman Meinking motioned to suspend waiting on third reading, Councilman Grede 2nd motion. Yes – 5, No – 0. Third reading motioned to accepted by Councilman Grede, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 5, No – 0. Ordinance passed.

Ordinance 2025-12 Property maintenance. First reading motion to accept made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Grede. Yes – 5, No – 0. The council discussed and approved the first reading of a revised Clean Premises Ordinance. Motion to suspend rules and read by title only made by Councilman Howell, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 5, No – 0. Second reading to be done at council meeting on September 25, 2025.

Resolution R13 Cleanup Lien 211 Alford: Motion to accept the lien in the amount of \$3798.19 made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Howell. Yes – 5, No – 0. The council approved a resolution to file a cleanup lien on a property at 211 Alford Drive.

Budget Amendments: The council approves resolutions R14 Parks and R15 Dam Site to amend the city budget for both, reallocating funds to various line items. Motion to accept R14 made by Councilman Howell, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion to accept R15 made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Grede. Yes – 5, No – 0. Both amended budgets passed.

Deer Eradication Program: The city's deer eradication program will begin September 1st.

Alvirez Family Donation: A plaque commemorating the Alvirez family's donation in the name of Susanne Due property to the city will be installed and unveiled.

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FOIA Requests: The council discussed issues with lengthy FOIA requests that are not being picked up or paid for.

City blood drive is on October 6, from 9am until 2pm in council chambers.

Conclusions:

The council is actively addressing infrastructure needs, financial issues, and community development.

There's a focus on long-term solutions and responsible resource management.

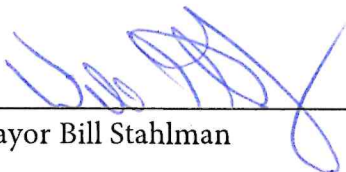
Collaboration with other organizations (Chamber of Commerce, Corps of Engineers, etc.) is important.

There's a desire to improve the city's appearance and quality of life for residents.

The council is working to balance the needs of businesses with safety and community standards.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilman Howell, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 5, No – 0. Meeting adjourned.

Approved:



Mayor Bill Stahlman



Recorder Paula Reynolds