

City of Bull Shoals Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday December 18, 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. Pledge allegiance. Councilman Hutchison, Councilman Webb, Councilman Meinking, Councilman Bolen, Councilman Grede, Councilman Howell and Mayor Stahlman – We have a quorum.

Minutes from 11/20/2025: Motion to accept made by Councilman Howell, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Yes – 6, No – 0. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept treasurers report made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 6, No – 0. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Department Reports:

Police: Officer Haley presented findings on the success of the "Fill-A-Cruiser" food drive and "Shop with a Cop" events, as well as a visit to a nursing home. All were successful.

Police Vehicle Trade-In: Discussion about trading in an unmarked Dodge Charger for a new 2025 Ford Police Interceptor. The offer was a trade-in value of \$16,000 and a reduced price of \$44,000 for the new vehicle, resulting in a net value of \$29,620. Concerns were raised about the need for another vehicle, the availability of funds.

Have a Heart Animal Shelter: Discussion regarding a new \$25 fee for cities surrendering dogs to the shelter. Concerns were raised about the legality of charging fees versus accepting donations for non-profit organizations.

Parks: Approval from the Corps of Engineers to install donated playground equipment at Browns Beach. Discussion about a new co-host agreement for bringing a fishing tournament to Bull Shoals. This would promote City of Bull Shoals. Concern was raised about the city's liability if there is a major accident in the tournament.

City Website: A citizen's complaint about the city website redirecting to the Chamber of Commerce under the business section was discussed.

Old Business:

Ordinance 2025-15 (Alcohol Privilege Tax): The council voted to repeal and replace Ordinance 2007-3, establishing an annual privilege tax and license for the storage, transportation, and sale of alcohol beverages. First reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion to suspend the rules, read by title only the second and third time. Motion to accept made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Webb. Yes – 6, No – 0. Second reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Howell, 2nd by Councilman Grede. Yes – 6, No – 0. Third reading, motion to

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accept made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Webb. Yes – 6, No – 0. Ordinance passed.

New Business:

Public Works Pay Increase: A motion was made to grant an hourly wage increase of 50 cents for public works employees who receive required licenses or certificates. Motion to accept made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Yes -6, No – 0. Increase accepted, retroactive to when they obtained the certification.

Ordinance 2025-16 (Water, Sewer, and Sanitation Billing): The council voted to repeal Ordinance 2013-1 and establish updated rules and procedures for water, sewer, and sanitation billing. First reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion to suspend the rules, read Ordinance 2025-16 by title only for second and third reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Yes – 6, No – 0. Second reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Grede, 2nd by Councilman Howell. Yes – 6, No – 0. Third reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Grede, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Yes – 6, No – 0. Ordinance 2025-16 is approved.

Ordinance 2025-17 (Electronic Fund Transfers): First reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Webb, 2nd by Councilman Meinking. Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion to suspend the rules, reading Ordinance 2025-17 by title only for the second and third reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Yes – 6, No – 0. Second reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Webb. Yes – 6, No – 0. Third reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Webb. Yes – 6, No – 0. The council voted to establish procedures and measures for electronic fund transfers (EFTs) and payments.

Ordinance 2026-01 (City Council Rules and Procedures): First reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Webb, 2nd by Councilman Meinking. Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion to suspend the rules, read by title only for second and third reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Webb. Yes – 6, No – 0. Second reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Yes – 6, No – 0. Third reading, motion to accept made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Webb. Yes – 6, No – 0. The council voted to repeal and replace Ordinance 2025-01, establishing rules and procedures for the City Council.

Resolution 2025-R29 (Police Officer Salaries): Motion to accept made by Councilman Webb, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 6, No – 0. The council approved a resolution making

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all City of Bull Shoals full-time police officers' salary.

Resolution 2025-R30 (Federal Surplus Property Program): Motion to accept reviving FSPP made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Webb. Yes -6, No – 0. The council approved a resolution in support of reviving the state-run federal surplus property program.

Resolution 2025-R31 (Sanitation Deposit): Motion to accept sanitation deposit made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Yes – 6, No – 0. The council approved a resolution making a required deposit for sanitation for City of Bull Shoals customers that have sanitation pickup only.

Resolution 2025-R32 (Lift Station Number 6) repealing Resolution 2024-26: Motion to accept made by Councilman Webb, 2nd by Councilman Grede. Yes – 6, No – 0. The council approved a resolution authorizing payment to Jack Tyler Engineering Incorporated for replacement and design modifications to Bull Shoals Lift Station number 6.

Resolution 2025-R33 (Commercial Water and Sewer Minimum): The council approved a resolution to repeal Resolution 2025 R24 that set a minimum dollar amount for water sewers that use zero water in a month's filling time. Motion to accept minimum made by Councilman Webb, 2nd by Councilman Grede. Yes – 5, No – 0. Councilman Hutchison abstained.

Resolution 2025-R34 Hourly wage increases for obtaining certifications for Public Works employees: Motion to accept made by Councilman Webb, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Yes – 6, No – 0. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-R35 (Have A Heart Animal Shelter Agreement): The council approved a resolution to enter into an agreement with Have A Heart Animal Shelter in Yellville, Arkansas for the city of Bull Shoals Animal Control. Motion to accept made by Councilman Howell, 2nd by Councilman Webb. Yes -6, No – 0.

Blue Bags: The council voted to discontinue the use of blue bags for recycling. Motion to discontinue made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Webb. Yes – 6, No – 0.

Citizens' Comments:

A citizen inquired about the co-host agreement for the fishing tournament.

A citizen expressed concerns about the alcohol privilege tax and suggested allowing Sunday sales for grocery stores. To sell on Sunday's must get voters' approval.

A citizen complained about people living in Bel - Arco despite it being voted down by the city council and citizens.

A citizen raised concerns about the city's liability in hosting the bass tournament.

A citizen requested a discussion on planning and zoning codes at the next workshop.

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A citizen stated that the Marion County Quorum Court has passed an ordinance 2025-53 and an ordinance 2025-54.

Mayor's Comments:

Nick Knopick is going forward with another lawsuit against the city.

Marion County Quorum Court is proposing a 0.75% tax increase.

Plans have been submitted for Casey's gas station.

Conclusions:

The City Council addressed a variety of issues, including financial matters, public safety, infrastructure, and community services.

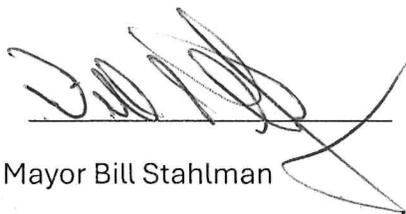
The council demonstrated a commitment to improving the city's infrastructure and services.

The council is facing challenges related to planning and zoning enforcement, as well as legal issues.

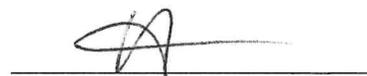
The council is actively seeking ways to generate revenue and support local businesses.

The council values citizen input and is willing to address their concerns.

Approved:



Mayor Bill Stahlman



Recorder Paula Reynolds