

City of Bull Shoals Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 20, 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.

Chamber of Commerce Recognition: The Chamber of Commerce was thanked for their efforts in improving the community and promoting local business.

Chamber of Commerce Presentation: The Chamber of Commerce presented a \$1,300 donation to the Parks Department from the Dam Food Fight fundraising event.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with a correction regarding a resignation with Motion to accept made by Councilman Hutchison, 2nd by Councilman Meinking. Yes – 6, No – 0.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved. Motion made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Hutchison. Yes – 5, No – Councilman Grede.

Department Reports: Reports from police, fire, street, water, and sewer departments were submitted and accepted. A question was raised about fire hydrant maintenance if the testing was finished. Motion to accept reports made by Councilman Grede, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 6, No – 0.

Parks Committee: The Parks Committee did not meet in November, but updates were given on holiday lights in the park, including installation dates, a drive-thru event Dec 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 and opportunities for community participation.

Website Update: The new city website is live (cityofbullshoals.gov), and fixes are being made.

Email Update: City email addresses are changing from ".org" to ".gov".

Planning and Zoning: The Planning and Zoning committee did not meet Nov and Dec.

Budget Committee: The Budget Committee thanked a citizen (Tracy) for her detailed review of the proposed budget and identified errors. Volunteers are helping with grant writing.

High Water Infrastructure: Discussion of a \$1.2 million project to address high water infrastructure, involving multiple stakeholders.

2026 City Budget: Resolution 2025 R27: to adopt the 2026 city budget was passed. Motion to accept 2026 budget made by Councilman Meinking, 2nd by Councilman Webb. Roll call to accept – Hutchison - Yes, Webb -Yes, Meinking -Yes, Bolen -Yes, Grede -Abstained, Howell -Yes.

Ward-Based Voting: A decision was made to maintain the current at-large voting system for council members. Concerns were raised about misinformation on social media regarding this issue. Motion to keep as is made by Councilman Hutchison, 2nd Councilman Howell. Yes – 6, No – 0.

State Aid Street Monies: Resolution 2025 R-28 was passed to utilize state aid street monies for a city project involving street reconstruction. Motion to suspend rules made by Councilman Hutchison, 2nd by Councilman Meinking. Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion to accept resolution made by Councilman Webb, 2nd by Councilman Bolen. Yes – 6, No – 0.

Citizen Comments: A citizen thanked the council for their work and the improved atmosphere of the

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meetings.

Mayor's Comments:

A new full-time police officer (Haley Herren) has been hired.

A change to salaried police officers is being considered to allow them to volunteer for the fire department.

City Hall hours will change in January 2026 to Monday thru Thursday 8am to 5pm. Friday 8am to 12pm.

Progress on disc golf layout at Danuser Park.

Request for approval of installing playground equipment at Browns Beach Park.

Motion to vote on accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy for a Public Works director, to keep policy as is made by Councilman Grede, 2nd by Councilman Meinking. Yes – 6, No – 0.

Website Update: Stacey requested that citizens report any issues with the new website.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Bolen, 2nd by Councilman Webb. Yes – 6, No – 0.
The meeting was adjourned.

Conclusions:

Community Engagement: The meeting highlights efforts to engage the community through events, volunteer opportunities, and a new website.

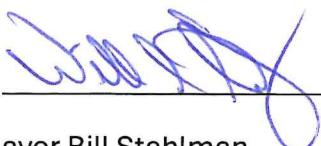
Budget Focus: A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to budget-related matters, including review, corrections, and adoption.

Infrastructure Projects: The council is actively pursuing infrastructure improvements, including street repairs and high water infrastructure.

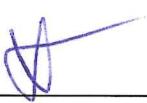
Transparency: Efforts are being made to increase transparency through the new website and open communication.

Positive Tone: The meeting appears to have been conducted in a more positive and productive manner compared to past meetings, as noted by a citizen.

Approved:



Mayor Bill Stahlman



Recorder Paula Reynolds