

ORDINANCE: 2026 - 01

PASSED

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORD: 2025-01 WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF BULL SHOALS, MARION COUNTY ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS The Arkansas State Statues provide latitude to municipal governing bodies in the establishment of rules and procedure, and

WHEREAS, The City Council City of Bull Shoals has determined that it is in the best interest of said City to have such rules and procedures in place to ensure transparency and open communications with its citizens, and

WHEREAS, this ordinance replaces ordinance, 2025- 01, and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bull Shoals, Marion County, Arkansas.

SECTION 1- MEETINGS

A. REGULAR-Regular meetings by the City Council shall be held on the last Thursday of each Calendar month beginning at 6:30 PM. except for November and December 2026, City Council meeting will be held on November 19th, 2026, and December 17th, 2026, due to holidays. If an emergency exists, the City Council may set an alternate date by vote for the meeting.

B. WORKSHOP-Regular workshop meetings of the City Council shall be held on Tuesday, 9 days prior to the regular City Council meeting, beginning at 6:30 PM. Except for November and December 2026 City Workshops will be held on November 10th, 2026, and December 8th, 2026. If an emergency exists, the City Council may set an alternate date by majority vote for the meeting.

C. SPECIAL- Special meetings of the City Council may be Called by the Mayor or by any (3) Alderman who shall make a request to the Recorder/Treasurer at least (2) days prior (unless a critical emergency/emergency exists) to the time specified for such meeting. Such a request shall include the topic to be considered and the reason that consideration of said topic cannot be delayed. The person requesting the meeting shall be responsible for notification at least (2) hours, prior, each Alderman, the Mayor, and such Media that have requested notice to be given

SECTION III-PRESIDING OFFICER

- A. Control of meeting. The mayor shall preserve order and conduct the proceedings of the meeting following the guidelines of Arkansas Municipal Leagues Procedural Rules for Municipal Officials.
- B. Absence of Mayor. Under A.C.A. 14-43-501 Organization of governing body section (b) (3) (B) states that the presiding mayor can designate an elected official that may perform all the functions of the mayor during disability or absence of the mayor. Under this statute I name RANDAL BOLEN to fill the mayoral duties. If the Mayor, and his designee are both absent from any meeting, the Recorder shall perform the function of this office, or the City council can vote for a presiding officer for that meeting. (ref A.C.A. 14-42-111)
- C. Participation in debate. The presiding officer may speak upon any question recognizing that some discretion must be exercised so as not to override a fair opportunity for debate by members of the Council.

SECTION IV-ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

- A. Reading Requirement — All bylaws and ordinances shall be read in full on three (3) different days unless two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council shall suspend the rule (ref A.C.A. 14-55-202).
- B. Voting Requirements
 - 1. Passage of every bylaw, ordinance, resolution, or order to enter into a contract by the Council, the yeas and nays shall be recorded [ref. A.C.A. 14-55-203(a)].
 - 2. To pass any by-law, ordinance, resolution or order a concurrence, a majority of the whole number of members elected to the Council, shall be required [ref. A.C.A. 14-55-203 (b)].
 - 3. Any person or persons taking issue with an ordinance enacted by the City Council may within thirty, (30) days of publication of said ordinance file a referendum petition requesting reconsideration of said ordinance by fully stating reasons the ordinance should be reconsidered within said petition.
 - 4. Emergency clause of any given ordinance shall only be executed if a true emergency exists [ref A.C.A. 14-55-203 (c) (1) (C)]. (Existing Law)
 - 5. The mayor shall have a vote to establish a quorum of the City Council and when his/her vote is needed to pass any ordinance, bylaw, resolution, order, or motion. (14-43-501) (B).

Posted Date: 12/22/2025 Posted By: Paula Reynolds Recorder.