

**Regular Monthly Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas
Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022**

Call to Order:

Council member Darrell Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council member Brenda Womble led the Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer:

Opening prayer by council member Melinda Baker

Roll Call:

Council members present: Brenda Womble, Melinda Baker, Darrell Hughes

Others Present:

Shira Kelley, Sgt. Toby Morales

Approval of Minutes:

M. Baker asks Morales if the stop sign has been placed at Lady Bug Road, as directed at Sept. 27 meeting. Morales confirms.

M. Baker asks Morales if he has contacted members for the City Planning Commission. Morales confirms.

M. Baker motion to accept minutes of Sept. 27 regular board meeting

Womble seconds

M. Baker: Y; Womble: Y; Hughes: Y – motion carries

Financial Report:

M. Baker: would like to start getting financial reports in earlier itemized format.

Womble: staff time doesn't currently allow.

M. Baker: do we have enough money for payroll?

Hughes: state funds will come in next week.

M. Baker motion to accept financial report

Womble seconds

Hughes: Y; Womble: Y; M. Baker: Y – motion carries

Departmental Reports:

Planning Commission:

Meeting follows this meeting. Morales will lead. Nothing to report yet.

Discussion: need new mowing machine. Sewer rights-of-way need to be cleared (mowed, etc.)

Womble motion to accept departmental reports

M. Baker seconds

M. Baker: Y; Womble: Y; Hughes: Y – motion carries

Old Business:

Appointment of new city council secretary:

M. Baker motion to appoint Shira Kelley as new secretary

Womble seconds

Womble: Y; M. Baker: Y; Hughes: Y – motion carries

Commercial sewer price:

Womble will call other municipalities to research rates.

M. Baker says they've been advised to not do a flat rate for all businesses; should depend on what the business is. E.g., treating waste from a truck stop will cost more; the business should pretreat that waste before it enters the system.

Hughes says Nix Screw Machine Products is closing the Perla plant and moving all operations to Rockport. Need to account for chemical usage and pretreat before waste enters system.

Tabled for further research.

Generator:

Lock Electric hasn't been by yet to check on it.

New Business:

2023 City Budget

Hughes asks everyone to review proposed budget (included in packet). No discussion or decision. Will set up meeting when Mayor Baker is available.

Arkansas Rocks Scenic Byway

M. Baker introduces Resolution 2022-1: "A resolution by the City of Rockport in support of the Arkansas Rocks! Mining and Mineral Trail, a proposed scenic byway."

M. Baker motion to approve

Womble seconds

Hughes: Y; Womble: Y; M. Baker: Y – motion carries

Adjournment:

M. Baker motion to adjourn

Womble seconds

M. Baker: Y; Womble: Y; Hughes: Y – motion carries

Attest: _____
Shira Kelley, secretary

Approved: _____
Kevin Baker, Mayor

Date: _____