

**Regular Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas
Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

Call to Order

Council member Darrell Hughes called the meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Council member Melinda Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer

Shira Kelley led the opening prayer

Roll Call

Council members present: Darrell Hughes, Melinda Baker, Jimmy Shuffield

Others present: Police Chief Toby Morales, Damon Dyer, Shira Kelley

Approval of minutes

- Baker motion to accept minutes of April 18 regular meeting
- Shuffield second
- Baker: Y; Shuffield: Y; Hughes: Y

Financial Report

No report available

Departmental Reports

Planning Commission

No report available

Street Department

Damon Dyer reports that Entergy is going to relocate a light at the park to shine on the walking track and the flag.

- Baker motion to have Entergy turn off street lights on Military Road that are not in Rockport limits
- Shuffield second
- Baker: Y; Shuffield: Y; Hughes: Y

Limbs need to be cut on Thomason Hanley, Pleasant Hill and Jenny Lane.

Need new street signs/adjust signs for Oak Meadow and JJ Hughes Road

Dyer still has some gravel for streets. Also has some bags of asphalt.

Phillips Road and JJ Hughes Road need maintenance. Creek at Y needs to be cleaned up; grass needs to be cut or sprayed. Potential job for inmates?

Police Report

Morales says officers made 198 contacts; issued 154 tickets and served three warrants. Did two days of training at ALETA for traffic/felony traffic stops.

Hughes asks if officers can train with a SWAT team. Morales says he's working with sheriff to reestablish Metro SWAT and will train them.

New Business

Dyer says QT station wants to look at location for potential construction.

Hughes says McClard's BBQ (opened today) paid for their liquor permit, but it will expire June 30. Recommends renewing at no charge.

Discussion of selling 2-acre parcel.

Shuffield motion to allow Brenda Womble to research selling and proceed as needed

Hughes second

Shuffield: Y; Hughes: Y; Baker: abstain

Dyer says need engineer to do some work related to sewer. Can we look at turning the pond near city hall into a settling pond? Won't smell and shouldn't affect truck stop. Need to do this or build a \$400,000 settling tank.

Discussion; no action

Dyer says Malvern's street department dug on Thomason Hanley without getting a permit.

Ordinance requires them to repair/restore with six-month warranty and pay fine.

- Shuffield motion to pursue action against Malvern for working without permit
- Baker second
- Shuffield: Y; Baker: Y; Hughes: Y

Dyer says will date notice to Malvern for today; fines will keep accruing until paid.

- Shuffield motion to adjourn
- Baker second
- Voice vote unanimous

Attest: _____
Shira Kelley, secretary

Approved: _____
Kevin Baker, Mayor

Date: _____