

**Regular Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas
Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

Call to Order

Council member Melinda Baker 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, Jimmy Shuffield, Melinda Baker, Brenda Womble

Others present: Police Chief Toby Morales, Shira Kelley

Approval of minutes

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

Financial Report

- M. Baker motion to accept financial report
- Hughes second
- M. Baker: Y; Hughes: Y; Womble: Y; Shuffield: Y

Departmental Reports

Planning Commission: No report

Street Department: Damon Dyer not present to report. M. Baker says someone was spraying ditches today; says they should be mowing and only spray in areas mower can't reach. By law, must document what is sprayed, when, where, weather conditions, etc. Hughes says need to put in writing to remind Damon to abide by chemical spray training.

Police: See handout (reproduced as attachment, p. 3). Toby has talked to sheriff & Shane Davis at Sheriff's Office and Curtis Kyle at Malvern Police Department about paying jail fees. All indicated this is long-standing practice. He will try to negotiate to have use of two beds per month at the jail for no additional fee.

Officers are participating in several training session in the next month; all sessions are free.

Sewer: Womble says Damon got a “bubbler” and installed it, but she does not have details. Darrell says there has been discussion of applying for a grant from the Natural Resources Commission to help with sewer expenses.

- Hughes motion to accept departmental reports
- Baker second
- Hughes: Y; Baker: Y; Shuffield: Y; Womble: Y

Old Business

None

New Business

Rebecca Ivy will attend the 2023 Arkansas Rural Development Conference in Hot Springs next week.

Womble: need to figure out how to make payroll this week.

M. Baker calls Mayor Kevin Baker on speakerphone; council discussion on ideas to cut cost.

Adjournment

- Baker motion to adjourn
- Womble second
- Voice vote: unanimous

Attest: _____
Shira Kelley, Secretary

Approved: _____
Kevin Baker, Mayor