

**Regular Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas
Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

Call to order

Councilwoman Brenda Womble called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Womble led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Roll call

Council members present: Darrell Hughes, Jimmy Shuffield, Brenda Womble

Others present: Shira Kelley

Approval of minutes

- Hughes motion to approve minutes of April 2025 regular meeting
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

Departmental Reports

Financial statement: no report. Womble says Center Point (financial software company) is supposed to teach Sylvia how to generate a report but has not yet done so.

Police Department: see written report

Planning Commission: no report

Street Department: It appears unlikely the city will receive FEMA funds to defray the cost of repairs from the spring floods.

Sewer Department: Womble has reported damage and failed lift stations to the Arkansas Municipal League to try to get insurance to cover repair costs. A failure Saturday (May 17) on Military Road near Highway 270 resulted in sewage on the surface of the ground.

Womble is working with a contractor to get a bypass et up to alleviate similar issues in the future. (This failure was due to poor work done by the initial construction company.) No word yet on soil samples.

- Hughes motion to approve departmental reports, excluding the financial report
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

New Business

Ordinance 2025-1: Hughes introduced Ordinance 2025-1, “An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 01-11-03C, establishing a personnel policy for the city of Rockport, Arkansas.”

Kelley read the ordinance.

- Hughes motion to accept the ordinance on its first reading
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

- Hughes motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance for the second time by title only
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

- Hughes motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading by title only, and enact the emergency clause
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

- Hughes motion to accept the ordinance
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

Adjournment

- Hughes motion to adjourn
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

Adjourned, 7:26 p.m.

Attest: _____ Approved: _____
Shira Kelley, Secretary Kevin Baker, Mayor