

Regular Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024

Call to order

Councilwoman Brenda Womble called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Councilwoman Melinda Baker led the pledge.

Womble offered the invocation.

Roll call

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

Not present: Mayor Kevin Baker, Council member Jimmy Shuffield

Others present: Shira Kelley, Police Chief Toby Morales

Approval of minutes

- Hughes motion to approve minutes of November regular meeting
- Baker second
- Voting yes: Baker, Hughes, Womble

Departmental Reports

Financial statement: Womble says the vendor is still working on CenterPoint data migration.

Police Department: Morales says officers had 183 contacts with 104 citations and 73 warnings over the past month. Full-time officers have been burning comp time; all have less than 35 hours of comp time now. He said Sylvia got numerous donations (both merchandise and money) from area businesses and residents to purchase toys and gifts for children. Officers are taking seven children on a Shop with a Cop program and are donating a meal and toys to one family and a meal to another. Any leftover funding will be put aside for a children's activity at Easter.

Planning Commission: no report.

Street Department: no official report. Hughes says last night's rain washed out several areas. M. Baker will contact Damon to get culverts cleared.

Sewer Department: Womble says they have parts to repair some of the sewer pumps. She has a meeting tomorrow about insurance payments for some of the repairs.

- Hughes motion to approve departmental reports
- Baker second
- Voting yes: Baker, Hughes, Womble

Old Business

None

New Business

CARES Act money

The council reviewed use of Covid-era CARES Act federal funding. Money was used for payroll costs, including overtime, and sewer repairs and maintenance.

Resolution 2025-1 (Budget)

Hughes introduces and reads Resolution 2024-1, "A resolution for the adoption of a budget for the city of Rockport, Arkansas, for twelve (12) months beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025. Appropriating money for each item of expenditure therein providing for, and other purposes."

- Hughes motion to approve budget
- Baker second
- Voting yes: Baker, Hughes, Womble

Ordinance 2024-4 (Wards)

Hughes introduces and Kelley reads Ordinance No. 2024-4, "An ordinance placing the recently annexed lands into wards in the city of Rockport, Arkansas."

- Hughes motion to accept first reading of the ordinance
- Baker second
- Voting yes: Baker, Hughes, Womble

- Hughes motion to suspend rules and place ordinance on second reading by title only
- Womble second
- Voting yes: Baker, Hughes, Womble

- Hughes motion to suspend rules and place ordinance on third reading by title only
- Baker second
- Voting yes: Baker, Hughes, Womble

- Hughes motion to accept ordinance and adopt the emergency clause
- Womble second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Womble, Baker

Adjournment

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

Adjourned, 6:30 p.m.

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