

**Regular Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas
Tuesday, July 15, 2025**

Call to order

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Womble led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City clerk Shira Kelley gave the invocation.

Roll call

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

Other city personnel present: Shira Kelley

Citizens present: Petra Wilson, Ed Wilson, Pam Hall, Allen Leible, Ron Brady, Brandon Rimmer (*Malvern Daily Record*), Heather Ritter (*Malvern Daily Record*)

Approval of minutes

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

Departmental Reports

Financial statement:

Hughes motion to approve the part of the financial report presented

Baker second

Voting yes: Baker, Hughes, Womble

Police Department: written report submitted

Planning Commission: no report

Street Department: Baker says we are waiting for the paving company to resurface a street. Need to find out how many loads of rock we need. Also waiting for FEMA aid after spring storm.

Sewer Department: Womble says we had some repairs made recently. David from Haynes is coming back to inspect and determine what else needs to be upgraded. He is coordinating with Scott Yarbrough on this.

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

New Business

A group of citizens attended the meeting with questions about the budget, sewer, spotty financial reports and lack of payments to the county for dispatch services. Pam Hall presented on July 14 a written request for a list of documents and information. Following extensive questions and discussion, Baker advised Ms. Hall that the city will gather the requested documents and contact her when they are available. In answer to questions about payments for the 911 system, the council said they would be discussing that issue later in the meeting.

Ordinance 2025-3: Baker introduced and Hughes read Ordinance 2025-3, “An ordinance levying the millage for real property within the city limits of Rockport, Arkansas.”

- Hughes motion to accept the ordinance on its first reading
 - Baker second
 - Voting yes: Hughes, Baker, Womble
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- Hughes motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance for the second time by title only
 - Baker second
 - Voting yes: Hughes, Baker, Womble
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- Hughes motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading by title only
 - Womble second
 - Voting yes: Hughes, Womble, Baker
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- Hughes motion to accept the ordinance
 - Baker second
 - Voting yes: Hughes, Baker, Womble

Ordinance 2025-4: Hughes introduced and read Ordinance 2025-4, “An ordinance establishing sewer tapping fees for Rockport, Arkansas, and declaring an emergency.”

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

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

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

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

Adjournment

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

Adjourned, 7 p.m.

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