

**Regular Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas
Tuesday, August 20, 2024**

Call to order

Councilwoman Brenda Womble called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Councilwoman Brenda Womble led the pledge. Councilman Darrell Hughes offered the invocation.

Roll call

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

Not present: Melinda Baker, Mayor Kevin Baker

Others present: Shira Kelley

Approval of minutes

Hughes motion to approve minutes of July 16 regular meeting

Shuffield second

Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

Departmental Reports

Financial statement: none. Womble reports they ran payroll this week.

Police Department: none. Chief Morales was out of the office for a funeral.

Planning Commission: no report

Street Department: no report

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

Old Business

Hughes introduces Ordinance 2024-1. This is the annexation ordinance the city intended to do last year and read twice but delayed, so this is actually the fifth reading of the ordinance. Hughes and Kelley read the ordinance.

- Hughes motion to accept Ordinance 2024-1
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

Police car: the city received two bids to purchase the Dodge Charger. City clerk Shira Kelley opened and read the bids:

- 1) Diane Freeman, \$2,400
- 2) Lindsey McCann: \$2,500
 - Shuffield motion to accept the high bid of \$2,500 for the Charger
 - Hughes second
 - Voting yes: Shuffield, Hughes, Womble

Mower deck: the city received three bids to purchase the mower deck. Kelley opened and read the bids:

- 1) Cody Baker: \$1,400
- 2) Garner Gassman: \$2,500
- 3) Matt Robbins: \$1,250
 - Hughes motion to accept the high bid of \$2,500 for the mower deck
 - Shuffield second
 - Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

New Business

Hughes introduced and read Ordinance 2024-2, the annual millage ordinance.

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

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

Hughes reads by title

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

Hughes reads by title

- Hughes motion to accept the ordinance
- Shuffield second

- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

Womble will take copies of the ordinances to the county clerk and Hot Spring County election commission this week.

Womble says the city is having to replace sewer pumps too often. Some are under warranty; others are not. Slugs are getting into the computer boards and shorting them out. Discussion. This is something homeowner can't access to maintain, so city is responsible for replacing. No action taken.

Adjournment

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

Adjourned, 6:31 p.m.

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