

**Regular Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas
Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2025**

Call to order

Councilwoman Brenda Womble called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Roll call

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

Others present: Shira Kelley

Approval of minutes

- Hughes motion to approve minutes of July 15 regular meeting
- Baker second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Baker, Womble, Shuffield

- Hughes motion to approve minutes of July 18 special meeting
- Baker second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Baker, Shuffield, Womble

Departmental Reports

Financial statement:

Baker motion to approve the financial report

Hughes second

Voting yes: Baker, Hughes, Womble, Shuffield

Police Department: no report

Planning Commission: no report

Street Department: no report

Sewer Department: no report

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

Old Business

None

New Business

Plumbers for sewer hookups

Womble identified two area plumbers to be approved for sewer hookups. Tommy Wright (Wright's Plumbing) and Austin Dyer (Drain Right, from Benton) will be on call for new sewer hookups, attaching the plumbing from the city's sewer lines to homes. Both are experienced with the Rockport system. Residents will be required to use one of these two, with more to be added to the list as they are identified and approved. This will prevent further instances of connection problems due to plumbers inexperienced with our system.

- Hughes motion to accept Wright's Plumbing and Drain Right as approved to connect to the city sewer line.
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Baker, Womble

Bank account changes

The city has an account called "city and street repair" that was established for sewer-related street repairs. Auditors have flagged this account because it is used for sewer expenses but doesn't list sewer.

- Womble motion to close "city and street repair" account and open "sewer maintenance and repair" account.
- Baker second
- Voting yes: Womble, Baker, Hughes, Shuffield

Legislative Audit

Womble said Mayor Baker met with the auditors.

Kelley pointed out the audit's cover letter requires the council to "take appropriate action" for each finding and "minutes of the meeting shall document the review of the findings and recommendations and actions taken."

Womble: the council has not taken action at this point because they just received the audit. They will review the audit this week.

Audit review should be on the September meeting agenda.

Bid opening

The city received three sealed bids from individuals wanting to buy the 2011 Chevrolet Silverado diesel truck. Kelley opened and read the bids, which were as follows:

1. Ryan Gillham: \$2,500
 2. Tyler Bray: \$2,000
 3. Jonathan Hawthorn: \$1,800
- Shuffield motion to accept Gillham's high bid of \$2,500
 - Baker second
 - Voting yes: Shuffield, Baker, Womble, Hughes.

Budget cleanup

Hughes introduced and read Resolution 001-2025, "A resolution providing for the additional appropriation of funds for the operation of the city of Rockport, Arkansas, for the Budget year 2024, and declaring an emergency." These funds were spent in the 2024 budget; the resolution reconciles expenses to the budget.

- Hughes motion to accept Resolution 001-2025
- Womble second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Womble, Baker, Shuffield

Adjournment

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

Adjourned, 6:16 p.m.

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