

**Regular Meeting of the City Council  
City of Rockport  
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas  
Tuesday, July 16, 2024**

**Call to order**

Councilwoman Brenda Womble called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Councilwoman Brenda Womble led the pledge and prayer.

**Roll call**

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

*Not present:* Melinda Baker, Mayor Kevin Baker

*Others present:* Shira Kelley, Police Chief Toby Morales

**Approval of minutes**

- Hughes motion to approve minutes of the June 25 regular meeting
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

**Departmental Reports**

*Financial Statement:* included in packet

*Police Department:* included in packet

*Planning Commission:* no report

*Street Department:* no report. Discussion: Morales says a couple of trees were trimmed on Butterfield Cutoff Road today; he received two complaints today about cars hitting overhanging limbs. Womble says Military Road is almost as bad. Will continue trimming.

*Sewer Department:* information included in packet. Lightning strikes have damaged some pumps. Had to have a pump box pumped out (over 6,000 gallons) and will have to do it again. Fiber optics crew hit a gas line today but they have also helped with the pump boxes. A resident removed and replaced a mobile home but hooked onto the old septic tank instead of reconnecting to the sewer. Hughes says need to send ordinance to the resident that requires them to reconnect to the sewer and suggests getting relevant paperwork from Arkansas Department of Health to indicate requirements. Womble says she has submitted all sewer issues to Arkansas Municipal League insurance and is waiting to see what gets approved for coverage.

- Hughes motion to approve all departmental reports

- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

**Old Business**

Hughes introduces and reads **amended Ordinance 2024-1** prior to its final reading next month.

- Hughes motion to approve amended ordinance
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble
  
- Hughes motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2024-1 on its second reading by title only
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

Hughes reads Ordinance 2024-1 by title: “An ordinance calling for and setting the election for the annexation of certain lands into the city of Rockport, Arkansas, during the general election on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2024”

**New Business**

*City attorney:* Discussion of converting city attorney position to contract only, not paying covering payroll taxes. Hughes says need to check with Arkansas Municipal League to make sure this is okay.

*Water cooler:* Womble is going to get rid of the office water cooler and purchase an electric cooler that will hold 100 bottles of water.

- Hughes motion to purchase electric cooler
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Shuffield, Womble

**Adjournment**

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

*Adjourned, 6:58 p.m.*

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shira Kelley, Secretary Kevin Baker, Mayor