

**Regular Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas
Tuesday, June 25, 2024**

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Womble led the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

Roll Call

Members present: Melinda Baker, Darrell Hughes, Brenda Womble

Others present: Shira Kelley, Police Chief Toby Morales

Approval of Minutes

- Hughes motion to accept minutes of May 21 regular meeting
- Baker second
- Voting yes: Hughes, Baker, Womble

Financial Report

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

Departmental Reports

Planning Commission: no meeting

Sewer Department: see written report

Police Department: Morales presented a written report

Street Department: need to bushhog and weed-eat several corners

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

Old Business

Baker said Mayor Kevin Baker had overruled the council's May 21 vote to install a three-way stop at Military and Nix Roads, due to concerns that one of the signs would affect a Malvern street. K. Baker has instructed Damon to stripe the road instead.

New Business

Womble says the city needs to sell the street department's diesel truck; we cannot keep pouring money into it without results.

Baker has contacted the prison to request an inmate crew to trim branches on several roads. Hughes says they need to haul the cuttings away rather than leaving them alongside the road or at the edge of the woods. Baker says they can pile the debris on the 3-acre triangle she and Kevin own.

Womble says the kitchen sink at City Hall is clogged. She is going to call Tommy Wright and set up payments for the \$1,000 the city still owes him so he can come to check the sink. She said Damon Dyer thinks the pipe may be broken outside.

Baker introduces and reads **Resolution 02-2024**, "a resolution providing for the additional appropriation of funds for the operation of the city of Rockport, Arkansas for the budget year 2023, and declaring an emergency."

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

Hughes introduced **Ordinance 2024-1**, read by Hughes and Kelley, "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, 5th day of November 2024."

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

Hughes introduces and reads **Ordinance 2024-2**, "an ordinance of the City of Rockport, Arkansas, prohibiting the use of engine brakes (also known as "jake brakes") on Rockport city streets."

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

Due to having only two yes votes, Baker called Mayor Kevin Baker to break the tie. K. Baker voted no and said he would talk to the offender whose trucks are excessively jake-braking. He said the city council can reintroduce the ordinance at a later date if the offender continues.

Adjournment

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

Adjourned, 6:52 p.m.

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