

**Regular Meeting of the City Council  
City of Rockport  
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas  
Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024**

**Call to order**

Councilwoman Brenda Womble called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Councilwoman Melinda Baker led the pledge and offered the invocation.

**Roll call**

*Council members present:* Melinda Baker, Jimmy Shuffield, Brenda Womble

*Not present:* Darrell Hughes, Mayor Kevin Baker

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

**Approval of minutes**

- Baker motion to approve minutes of ~~Aug. 20~~ Sept 17 regular meeting
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Baker, Shuffield, Womble

**Departmental Reports**

*Financial statement:* Womble says city is going to a different financial software, so reports should be more reliable in future

*Sewer:* none Womble says the state requires an annual audit of the sewer system. The city still owed for the previous one; Crews & Associates has paid the delinquent amount and is paying for the current audit. Womble has gathered relevant information for the audit.

*Police Department:* see written report. Morales says Trunk or Treat is coming up and the department expects good turnout.

*Planning Commission:* no report.

*Street Department:* no report

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

## **Old Business**

Womble says advertisement has been placed in *Malvern Daily Record* about annexation on upcoming ballot.

## **New Business**

Womble asks the council to remove former employee Joyce Ankrum from all city bank accounts.

- Shuffield motion to remove Ankrum from accounts
- Baker second
- Voting yes: Baker, Shuffield, Womble

Womble asks the council to add new employee Sylvia Orrell to accounts

- Baker motion to add Orrell to accounts
- Shuffield second
- Voting yes: Baker, Shuffield, Womble

*Animal Ordinance:* tabled for later discussion

*Ordinance 2024-3:* Baker introduces Ordinance 2024-3, “An ordinance establishing the procedure for posting of bylaws, resolutions and ordinances.”

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

- Baker motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading by title only
  - Shuffield second
  - Voting yes: Baker, Shuffield, Womble
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- Baker motion to accept the ordinance
  - Shuffield second
  - Voting yes: Baker, Shuffield, Womble
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- Baker motion to enact the emergency clause
  - Shuffield second
  - Voting yes: Baker, Shuffield, Womble

Discussion of city-wide fall clean-up. Council decides to put waste trailers at City Park for residents to deposit trash Nov. 15-17. No vote required.

**Adjournment**

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

*Adjourned, 6:02 p.m.*

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