

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2025

The regular monthly City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Deborah Pinkerton after she declared that a quorum was present. A moment of silence was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were Alderman Neal, Alderman Saddler, Alderman Johnson and Alderman Cook.

A motion to approve the March regular monthly council meeting minutes were made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Sandy Cook. March end of month balances for each account were read and the April Financial Report was reviewed. A motion to approve the April Financial Report was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 4-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Grounds Supervisor Kenny Brenton reported that the department has cleaned out ditches, fixed washed out roads from the heavy rains, worked on the grader and filled in a ditch in the park.

Police Chief Ken Howard reported 41 citizen calls, 3 assists to other agencies, 15 citations, 22 warning citations, 1 alarm answered, 1 accident, 5 arrests, 15 felonies and misdemeanor reports filed, and 2 warrants served. SRO reports OC spray used in school by student, runaway student found and taken home, domestic call involving weapons and numerous calls from bus drivers.

Chief Howard informed the council that the new Omnigo software will cost \$2650 per year. A printer will be needed at a cost of \$639. The other system would have cost the City \$2650 plus \$599.50 per year and a printer cost of \$1250.

Fire Chief Cody Cooper reported 2 fire calls and 8 medical calls. The Firefighters Auxiliary has paid registration fees for 3 firefighters to attend Arkansas Fire Convention in Hot Springs the week of June 4-8. Bingo night was cancelled due to inclement weather and rescheduled for May 3 at 5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pinkerton stated that the constant use of the dumpster has resulted in a swift fill up. In order to slow this down the dumpster will only be available during hours the gate is open. The City receives an excellent rate for the dumpster from SRK, but no more than one dumpster per month is the extent the budget allows. The only exceptions that rule is in May. On May 17th the City will provide two dumpsters for the annual Spring Clean-up. The dumpsters will be available until noon unless filled earlier. Alderman Cook expressed that the fast fill up could possibly be partially contributed to the recent burn ban.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Cedarville Senior Center will be held on Monday, April 21st at 10 a.m. at 9350 Highway 59. (Weather permitting)

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Robert Taylor, Mark Gilby and Margaret Braiser of Candlelight Lane inquired as to why Candlelight Lane was considered a red road. The road is in desperate need of repairs. Trash trucks are refusing to go down the Lane and other vehicles have great difficulty using the road. Mayor Pinkerton stated she will see if the City can legally do anything to help.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Pinkerton presented Ordinance # 2025-04-15-01, setting amounts for trip meals. A motion to suspend the reading rule and read once only by number and title was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Saddler.

Roll Call: Alderman Neal – yes, Alderman Saddler – yes, Alderman Johnson – yes, Alderman Cook – yes. Passed 4-0

A motion to accept Ordinance # 2025-04-15-01 was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

A motion to declare Ordinance # 2025-04-15-01 an emergency was made by Alderman Saddler and seconded by Alderman Neal.

Roll Call: Alderman Neal – yes, Alderman Saddler – yes, Alderman Johnson – yes, Alderman Cook – yes. Passed 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

The City received a refund from ARDOT of \$25,320.84 after the completion of Lucian Wood Road. The mayor recommended the refund be appropriated and applied to the principal of the loan. A motion to apply the refund to the principal of the loan was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0


The Cedarville Fire Department received a refund of \$599.00 from the Crawford County Rural Firefighters ARP funds. Mayor Pinkerton requested the money be appropriated and added to the fire department budget. A motion to apply the refund to the fire department was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 4-0

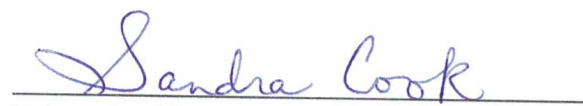
The City is responsible for a small portion of Millpond Road. The county is in the process of surfacing Millpond with chip & seal. Mayor Pinkerton acquired a quote for the city portion to be surfaced as well. The county would agree to surface the City portion at the time of the County portion if the City pays for the materials at a cost of approximately \$39,111. The County road department would provide the labor. A motion to the agreement between county and city was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 4-0

The Firehouse Subs Grant of \$43,976.66 will be used to purchase battery operated rescue tools. A motion to accept the Firehouse subs grant and appropriate the funds to the Fire Department for the purchase of rescue tools was made by Alderman Saddler and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0 The funds should be received by May 16th.

Alderman Cook asked about a second option for the additional electrical outlets for the park. Mayor Pinkerton stated that Armer Electric will present her with viable options soon.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Saddler and seconded by Alderman Cook. Passed 4-0


Mayor


Recorder/Treasurer