

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 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 September regular monthly council meeting minutes was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Neal. 4-0

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Grounds Supervisor Kenny Brenton reported the department has been cutting and trimming roadways and cleaning ditches and culverts. Supervisor Brenton is training a new grader operator and ditch witch operator.

Police Chief Ken Howard reported 26 calls for service, 7 assists to other agencies, 11 incident/offense reports, 1 alarm, 3 misdemeanor arrests, 17 citations, 64 warnings, 2 motorist assists and 1 code enforcement.

Fire Chief Cody Cooper reported 7 medical calls, 1 smoke investigation, 1 roadway obstruction and 1 grass fire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Police Auxiliary and the Fire Auxiliary will host the Trunk or Treat scheduled for October 25th.

The Fall clean-up dumpsters were a success and are currently still available until filled.

The Hope & Light Display in the park is scheduled for December 12th.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Jon Odom of Dorothy Drive discussed House Bill 1606 that was passed by Arkansas legislature providing legal operation of UTVs on public roads. The bill allows each city to accept or deny this privilege. Mr. Odom asks the City of Cedarville to consider making this legal for the City under the provisions of this law.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Pinkerton asked the council to add an item to the agenda. A motion to add an item was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Cook.
Passed 4-0

A tree on Salem Lane that is a hazard to the roadway needs to be removed. Mayor Pinkerton has received three bids for removal.

Compas Tree Trimming	\$1400
Archie Tree Service	\$1500
Pat Mullican	\$1000

Compas Tree Trimming and Archie Tree Service are both bonded but Pat Mullican is not.

A motion to accept the \$1400 bid from Compas Tree Trimming was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Neal. Passed 4-0

Mayor Pinkerton has been approached about the shooting of guns within the city limits. She suggests posting a plea to please not shoot during school hours. She also asks for any suggestions from the council.

A motion to adjourn to executive session for personnel was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

A motion to reconvene regular session was made by Alderman Neal and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

Mayor Pinkerton stated that interviews were held for the position of Chief of Police. The Council has appointed Andy Jones as Police Chief beginning on December 1. This is the last council meeting for the current chief, Chief Ken Howard. Chief Howard stated it has been great working for the City of Cedarville.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Johnson. The motion failed. Another item needed to be discussed.


An adjustment needs to be made to the amount needed to finish Millpond Road. It is estimated to be around an additional \$10,000. A discussion occurred concerning why the additional amount is needed.

A motion to pay the additional amount up to \$10,000 was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Motion failed with a 2-2 vote. Mayor Pinkerton abstained from breaking the tie.

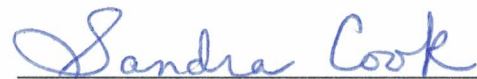
The discussion became heated and Alderman Saddler left the meeting. Alderman Neal suggested obtaining an accurate written estimate and call for a special meeting to reconsider the needed funds.

A motion to obtain an accurate estimate and call for a special meeting was made by Alderman Neal and seconded by Alderman Cook. Passed 3-0

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Neal and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 3-0



Mayor



Recorder/Treasurer