CITY OF DARDANELLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 1, 2025
6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: PETITION TO CLOSE AN ALLEY IN BLOCK 12 BETWEEN LOTS 7 & 9: Mr. William Rix was present to speak in favor of closing the alley in Block 12 between lots 7 & 9. There was no one in attendance to speak against the closing of the alley.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRAYER- City Clerk Amanda Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Council Members Present: Kenneth Duvall, Bobby Childress, Jenny Coffey, Kurt Spears, and Rashad Woods. Crystal Malloy was absent.

Other Officials Present: Mayor Jimmy Witt, City Clerk Amanda Smith, City Attorney Ken Helton, Chief of Police Joe Paterak, and Treasurer Courtney James.

Visitors Present: Chamber of Commerce Director Stacey Daughtrey, Director of Arkansas River Valley Library- Dardanelle Tiffany Fowler, William Rix, John Phillips, and Police Lieutenant Steve Wilson.

Media Present: Ms. Elizabeth Wilson, Dardanelle Post Dispatch

Mayor's Monthly Update: Mayor Witt wished the Dardanelle Sand Lizards the best in the Semi-Finals on Friday night. Mayor Witt announced that there would be a moving pep rally on Thursday. The pep rally will go to each school in the school district and then come down Front Street. The pep rally will be at 10:50 a.m. Mayor Witt also reported that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be tomorrow night, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. Most of the Christmas trees down by the river are all decorated, and the total of trees sponsored this year is 102. Mayor Witt stated his appreciation for the team who has helped put all the Christmas festivities together. Mayor Witt also reported that the Christmas parade has been rescheduled for December 9th at 6:30 p.m. due to the Dardanelle Sand Lizards playing in the football semi-finals on Friday evening. To finish his report, Mayor Witt stated that last Wednesday, November 26th, the city signed the contract and received the payment for the land for the new hotel. Mr. Baldwin will be completing his franchise this week and the dirt work for the hotel should begin on the first of February.

Approval of Minutes: Council Member Coffey made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2025, council meeting. Council Member Duvall seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the Council was polled. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Report of Committees:

BUDGET – Kenneth Duvall (CH), Bobby Childress, Rashad Woods- The budget committee met on November 13, 2025, to review the proposed 2026 Budget which is an item on the agenda.
CEMETERY & ANIMAL CONTROL– Crystal Malloy (CH), Jenny Coffey, Kurt Spears-No Report.
CODE ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, POLICE – Kurt Spears (CH**),** Kenneth Duvall, Bobby Childress – No Report
PERSONNEL & POLICY –Kenneth Duvall (CH), Rashad Woods, Bobby Childress- No Report

RECREATION – Crystal Malloy (CH), Kurt Spears, Rashad Woods- No Report
STREET & REFUSE– Kenneth Duvall (CH), Jenny Coffey, Crystal Malloy-No Report
WATER & WASTEWATER –Kurt Spears (CH), Jenny Coffey, Kenneth Duvall- No Report

Chief Paterak: Police Department Monthly Report: Chief Paterak reported the department had 681 calls for November. The Police Department issued 207 warnings and 156 citations for the month. Chief Paterak reported that the officers completed eighty hours of miscellaneous training for the month and that the court income for November was $11,854.00. Chief Paterak updated the council on the Steps Grant numbers and reported that the department passed their audit with the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training with 100 percent compliance. Officer Lewis's last day was October 9,2025 and the new officer started today. All three new officers will begin academy on January 12, 2026. To finish his report, Chief Paterak shared a commendation for Officer Flores from the Russellville Police Department for his help on a DWI Investigation.

Carl Cross: Public Works Report: Public Works Director Carl Cross was absent, so Mayor Witt gave the report in his place. Mayor Witt reported that there were two major issues with two of the city's wells. One issue was with a bulb on the bottom of the well and the other well had a motor stop working. One well is back up and operating and Mayor Witt was unsure on the status of the other well. Mayor Witt also reported that the public works employees have been picking up leaves and limbs and preparing for the upcoming 2nd Street water line construction.
Mayor Witt finished the report by announcing that the city will not be audited this year due to Arkansas Legislative Audit losing employees. The city will have a two-year audit next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ken Helton, City Attorney:** Agreement with Arkansas River Valley Library for 2026- Council Member Duvall made a motion to approve the agreement to give the library $1,000.00. Council Member Coffey seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the Council was polled. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.
2. **Ken Helton, City Attorney:** In-Kind Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club for 2026- Council Member Duvall made a motion to approve the agreement to pay the club $24,000.00 for the year 2026 in monthly installments of $2,000.00 each. Council Member Woods seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the Council was polled. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.
3. **Ken Helton, City Attorney:** In-Kind Agreement with Friendship for Senior Activity Center Van- Council Member Woods made a motion to approve the agreement to furnish a van to the Senior Activity Center. Council Member Coffey seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the Council was polled. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.
4. **Ken Helton, City Attorney:** 2026 Contract with Sammie McDowell- Council Member Duvall made a motion to approve the Land Lease Contract for 2026. Council Member Woods seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the Council was polled. The vote was four in favor to one against. The vote was as follows:
   Council Member Woods Aye
   Council Member Coffey Aye
   Council Member Childress Aye
   Council Member Spears Nay
   Council Member Duvall Aye

The motion carried.

5. **Ken Helton, City Attorney:** 911 Services Agreement between the City of Dardanelle and Yell County- Council Member Duvall made a motion to approve the 911 Services Agreement. Council Member Childress seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the Council was polled. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.
6. **Ken Helton, City Attorney:** 2026 Leachate Contract- Mayor Witt explained that the contract was the same as the previous years. Council Member Spears asked if the city had increased the rate, and Mayor answered that last year the rate topped out at seven cents, and Mayor would give a couple of years of reprieve to Ozark Ridge before the city renegotiated the rates. Council Member Duvall made a motion to approve the 2026 Leachate Contract. Council Member Woods seconded the motion. There was no further Discussion, and the Council was polled. The vote was four in favor to one against. The vote was as follows:
   Council Member Woods Aye
   Council Member Coffey Aye
   Council Member Childress Aye
   Council Member Spears Nay
   Council Member Duvall Aye

   The motion carried.
7. **Ken Helton, City Attorney:** Ordinance 2025-15 An Ordinance to Close Alley in Block 12 Between Lots 7&9- First Reading- Mr. Helton read the Ordinance in full. Council Member Duvall made a motion that the ordinance be placed on its first reading. Council Member Coffey seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the Council was polled. All members voted aye, and the motion carried. Council Member Childress made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Council Member Coffey seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the council was polled. All members voted aye, and the motion carried. Ordinance 2025-15 will be placed on its second reading at the January Council meeting.
8. **Ken Helton, City Attorney:** Fire Department Elected Officers for 2026-2027 (Shane Crowe Chief and Jonathan Tidwell Assistant Chief)- Council Member Duvall made a motion to approve Shane Crowe as Chief of the Dardanelle Fire Department and Jonathan Tidwell as Assistant Chief of the Dardanelle Fire Department. Council Member Spears seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the Council was polled. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.
9. **Jimmy Witt, Mayor:** Presentation of the 2026 Budget- Mayor Witt presented the 2026 Budget to the Council. Mayor Witt encouraged the council to review the budget and ask any questions they might have. Mayor Witt explained that after raises and everything the budget had around a 16% reserve, so the city factored in two new major projects. One project will be the bathroom/concession facility at the soccer complex, and the city budgeted $100,000 for that project. The second project will be a newer, more modern fire bay, and the city budgeted $175,000 for the project with $95,000 being paid from a combination of the Act 833 fund and the secondary fire truck fund the city had in place. Mayor Witt explained that there have been a few minor things added into the budget, but overall, he is pleased with the budget. The budget has grown this year, and our sales tax revenue has grown as well. The final reserve for the 2026 budget is 10.45%. There was no action taken on this matter. The budget will be voted on at the next council meeting.
10. **Ken Helton, City Attorney:** Ordinance 2025-16 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2025-13- Mr. Helton read the Ordinance in full. Council Member Duvall made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Council Member Coffey seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the Council was polled. All members voted aye and the motion carried. Mayor Witt requested a motion for the rule requiring an ordinance to be read in full on three different days be suspended and the ordinance be placed on its second reading by title only. Council Member Childress made a motion to suspend the rule. Council Member Coffey seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the Council was polled. All members voted aye, and

the motion carried. Mr. Helton read the ordinance for a second time by title only. Council Member Duvall made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Council Member Woods seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the Council was polled. All members voted aye, and the motion carried. Mayor Witt requested a motion to suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read in full on three different days and the ordinance be placed on its third reading by title only. Council Member Coffey made a motion to suspend the rule and have the ordinance placed on its third reading by title only. Council Member Woods seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the Council was polled. All members voted aye, and the motion carried. After the third reading, Council Member Duvall made a motion for the passage of the ordinance. Council Member Coffey seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the Council was polled. All members voted aye, and the motion carried. Ordinance 2025-16 was approved and shall go into effect 91 days after passage.

Mayor Witt requested the council to go into Executive session. Council Member Duvall made a motion to go into executive session. Council Member Coffey seconded the motion. The council excused themselves at 6:39 p.m. The council returned to the chamber at 6:49 p.m. Mayor Witt explained that after the executive session, no action was taken on the matter.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

1. City of Dardanelle Monthly Financial Reports for October 2025
2. Monthly Report for November 2025 Code Enforcement

Council Member Duvall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Spears. All members voted aye, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Mayor Jimmy L. Witt

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Amanda R. Smith