

Des Arc City Council

Regular Council Meeting

City of Des Arc

March 18, 2025

Mayor Roger Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Visitors present were; Rita Dobson, Christi Rogers, Paul Guess, Lisa Mills from Hazen Herald.

Invocation was given by Alderperson Joseph York

Pledge was given by all present.

Council members present were Alderperson Keith Knupp, Alderperson Virgil Moore, Alderperson Nicole Fisher, Alderperson Russell Smith and Alderperson Joseph York. Alderperson Doug Estes was absent. Also present Police Chief Dewayne Mayher, and Recorder/Treasurer Janice Huffstickler an City Attorney T. Buie

Motion to approve February 2025 financial Report by Alderperson Nicole Fisher, 2nd by Alderperson Russell Smith. Passed 5-0.

Financial Report for February 2025:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
City General	232,025.53	166,265.25	79,505.93
DA Cemetery	3,234.04	4,803.92	52,319.68
Criminal Justice	612.08	716.41	9,857.43
DA Fire Rescue	.00	.00	1,916.03
Fire Protection (Act 833)	.00	00.00	87,265.18
Sales Tax Fund	26,957.15	2,196.79	531,267.70
Sanitation	27,877.28	30,499.22	23,861.25
LOPFI	220.95	7,397.21	6,171.11
Water & Sewer	76,822.18	89,672.95	87,627.24
No. Prairie Water	49,195.57	48,349.93	77,308.84
Gas Department	95,006.11	27,043.88	110,857.14
Street	15,906.56	26,216.17	17,819.13
Ambulance	35,511.92	43,065.31	148,216.52
Firemen's Relief & Pension	158.03	104.00	66,844.40
Parks & Rec	150.00	.00	46,613.97
City Sales Tax Fund	29,076.84	46,463.64	600,444.83
City of DA (Act 1262)	31.25	00.00	399.51
Police Dept. Equipment (Act 988	250.00	58.12	3,511.61
American Rescue Plan	59.60	00.00	155,450.99
Pee Wee Sports	0.00	32.48	34,758.73

Motion by Alderperson Nicole Fisher to pay bills approved by finance committee. 2nd by Alderperson Keith Knupp. Passed 5-0

Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp to approve February 25, 2025 minutes. 2nd by Alderperson Nicole Fisher. Passed 5-0

Committee reports:

Police: All O K

Ambulance: Director Christy Rogers asking for Assistant Director as she is the only authority. Needs someone to learn full operation of system. Suggest Mitchell Weaver as he is a para medic and has considerable knowledge of ambulance director.. Suggest \$400.00 per month. Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Joseph York. Passed 5-0

Senior Citizens: Mayor Scott appointed Alderman Russell Smith and Alderman Joseph York as Senior Citizens committee members.

No Old Business Discussed.

Motion by Alderperson Joseph York, 2nd by Alderperson Russell Smith to purchase land from State of Arkansas for \$19275.00. property located on white river.

Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp 2nd by Alderperson Nicole Fisher to Approve Drainage Study for grant. Passed 5-0

Motion by Alderperson Nicole Fisher, 2nd by Alderperson Russell Smith to approve liquor license for Tortuga's restaurant. Passed 4 for. Alderperson Keith Knupp abstained from vote.

Work meeting set for Tuesday March 25, 2025, 6:00 PM to discuss moving some funds to Merchants and Planters Bank.

Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp. 2nd by Alderperson Joseph York to raise water rates by 5% , no increase in sewer rates. Passed 5-0

Paul Guess, President of Chamber of Commerce volunteered chamber members to get legals on properties considered for Riverfront Park. Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Joseph York to put CD from Sales Tax Savings plus From Sales Tax Fund totaling \$300 K aside for Building new Riverfront Park. Not to be used for anything except Riverfront Park. To be deposited in Merchants and Planters Bank. Passed 5-0

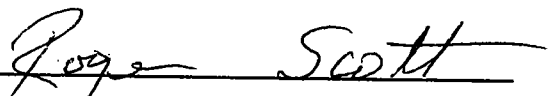
Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp to Adjourn, 2nd by Alderperson Nicole Fisher. Passed 5-0

PASSED THIS 15th DAY OF April, 2025

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Janice Huffstickler, Recorder-Treasurer


Roger Scott, Mayor