

# Des Arc City Council

## Regular Council Meeting

City of Des Arc8

August 18, 2026

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR ROGER SCOTT.

Visitors present were Rita Dobson, Chris Smith, Dewayne Chappell, Shelly Easley, Stephen Fields, Wade Allwhite, Craig Treadwell, Cecil Witt, Drew Smith, Anna Beth Guess Fisher, and Paul Guess. Also Attorney T Buie, Police Chief Dewayne Mayher, Ambulance Director Christy Rogers, and Donna Jean McIntosh.

Invocation was given by Alderperson Joseph York

Pledge was given by all present.

Council members present were Alderperson Keith Knupp, Alderperson Doug Estes, Alderperson Nicole Fisher, Alderperson Russell Smith, and Alderperson Joseph York. Alderperson Virgil Moore resigned as council person in ward 3.

Recorder-treasurer Janice Huffstickler was present. Recorder/Treasurer Huffstickler read the financial statement for July 2026. Motion to approve financial statement by Alderperson Doug Estes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Joseph York. Passed 5-0.

Financial Report for July 2026:

| <u>Account</u>                   | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Disbursements</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| City General                     | 202,002.90      | 212,203.85           | 22,753.99             |
| DA Cemetery                      | 10,081.10       | 8,418.91             | 38,674.27             |
| Criminal Justice                 | 992.08          | 0.00                 | 9,528.45              |
| DA Fire Rescue                   | .00             | .00                  | 1,788.22              |
| Fire Protection (Act 833)        | .00             | 16,631.85            | 97,834.02             |
| Sales Tax Fund                   | 27,844.79       | 10,000.00            | 171,755.34            |
| Sanitation                       | 31,780.10       | 31,287.32            | 25,328.46             |
| LOPFI                            | 240.87          | 143.00               | 7,159.87              |
| Water & Sewer                    | 79,569.37       | 80,464.75            | 54,417.62             |
| No. Prairie Water                | 58,981.06       | 47,428.80            | 45,321.80             |
| Gas Department                   | 23,905.47       | 28,802.37            | 13,396.79             |
| Street                           | 17,363.64       | 24,741.07            | 21,210.20             |
| Ambulance                        | 54,818.89       | 51,244.52            | 50,009.27             |
| Firemen's Relief & Pension       | 688.28          | 110.50               | 85,354.59             |
| Pee Wee Sports                   | 0.00            | 2,395.04             | 14,100.89             |
| City Sales Tax Fund              | 31,282.80       | 27,784.31            | 443,144.89            |
| City of DA (Act 1262)            | 417.50          | 0.00                 | 1,914.35              |
| Police Dept. Equipment (Act 988) | 490.00          | 00.00                | 2,035.05              |
| American Rescue Plan             | 121.13          | 00.00                | 47,662.53             |

Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp to pay bills approved by finance committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Russell Smith. Passed 5-0

Motion by Alderperson Russell Smith to approve July 21, 2026 minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Nicole Fisher. Passed 5-0

Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp, second by Alderperson Nicole Fisher to accept resignation of Virgil Moore. Declaring a vacancy in that position. Passed 5-0. Three persons were present for appointment to fill vacancy in ward 3 seat. Those were Dewayne Chappell, Levi Fleming, and Drew Smith. Motion by Alderperson Doug Estes to select Drew Smith to that Seat. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Keith Knupp. Vote 3 for, 2 against. Drew Smith was seated to Ward 3 seat.

Resolution 2026-10 was voided and canceled due to Ms. Bradford calling and speaking with mayor.

Resolution 2026-11: A Resolution Declaring Certain Buildings, Houses and other structures located at 307 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in the city of Des Arc, Arkansas, to Constitute a Public Nuisance and Condemning Said Structures: Providing a Period of Time for Property Owner to Abate Said Nuisance; and for Other Purposes. Motion to introduce by Alderperson Russell Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Nicole Fisher. Passed 6-0. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-11 by Alderperson Russell Smith. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Joseph York. Passed 6-0. Resolution read by T Buie, Attorney.

Resolution 2026-12: A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2025-09 Authorizing the Mayor of Des Arc to Apply for a Grant on Behalf of the City of Des Arc Network Gear Upgrades. Motion to introduce Resolution 2026-12 by Alderperson Doug Estes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Nicole Fisher. Passed 6-0. Motion by Alderperson Doug Estes to approve Ordinance 2026-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Joseph York. Passed 6-0.

Resolution 2026-13: A Resolution Declaring Certain Buildings, Houses and Other Structures located at 1308 Erwin Street In The City of Des Arc, Arkansas, To Constitute A Public Nuisance and Condemning Said Structures: Providing A Period of Time For Property Owner To Abate Said Nuisance; and For Other Purposes. Owner, Howard Hinshaw spoke to council stating clean up and improvements he has recently made to property. He assured that he would continue to get property into living condition. Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp to table all actions on this Ordinance for 60 days. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Russell Smith. Passed 6-0

Wade Alwhite, of Des Arc Baseball Association requesting financing of \$34,000.00 from the city to install astro turf on Field #4, Softball field. Motion to approve by Alderperson Doug Estes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Keith Knupp. Passed 6-0

Mayor Scott informed all council members of the burning of a Gazebo in city park. Thought to have started from electrical wiring.

Senior Center; Report by Alderperson Russell Smith that kitchen floor is still buckled, needs repairs. Will get bids on repairs.

Gas Dept: Still having excess loss on gas. Caleb reported on checking meters as well as for leaks in lines. Using infred lazer, found several leaks inside and outside of town.

Sewer: Several lines have been found needing to be replaced. Bond Engineering checking all sewer man holes. Looking at grant for sewer repairs.

Water: Cecil Witt reporting need for transfer switch at cost of \$50,000.00. Gave report on booster station. Cameras for water plant received. T Buie gave report on Mediation of law suit. Motion by Alderperson Russell Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Doug Estes to send Mayor Scott and Alderperson Keith Knupp to attend Mediation.

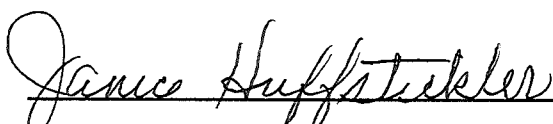
No old business discussed.

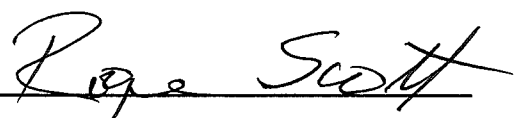
Motion by Alderperson Russell Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderperson Drew Smith to adjourn. Passed 6-0

PASSED THIS 15 DAY OF September, 2026

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
Janice Huffstickler, Recorder-Treasurer

  
Roger Scott, Mayor