

Des Arc City Council

Regular Council Meeting

City of Des Arc

March 17, 2026

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2026-03 on water and sewer rates. No comments.

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

Visitors present were; Rita Dobson, Christi Rogers, Chris Smith, Gail King, Karmen Sutton, Cornelius Earl, Clark McCarty, Terrell Sutton, Dewayne Chappell, Leon Moon, Loretta Underwood, Jessica Brown, Doug Price, Cecil Winsett, Caleb Hale, Donna McIntosh, Craig Treadwell, Rick Ford, 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 Doug Estes, Alderperson Virgil Moore, Alderperson Nicole Fisher, Alderperson Russell Smith, Alderperson Joseph York. Also present Police Chief Dewayne Mayher, and Recorder/Treasurer Janice Huffstickler, Atty T Buie

Motion to approve February 2026 financial Report by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Nicole Fisher. Passed 6-0.

Financial Report for February 2026 read by Clerk, Janice Huffstickler.

<u>Account</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
City General	190,802.04	185,291.30	88,325.24
DA Cemetery	5,156.69	8,811.06	63,946.30
Criminal Justice	692.08	84.45	7,656.13
DA Fire Rescue	.00	.00	1,916.03
Fire Protection (Act 833)	.00	4,349.36	118,229.37
Sales Tax Fund	28,109.66	53,686.90	256,213.61
Sanitation	26,279.48	32,913.29	19,292.97
LOPFI	15,221.67	8,235.24	8,047.00
Water & Sewer	114,313.49	114,454.56	39,370.35
No. Prairie Water	46,091.20	50,124.18	30,859.38
Gas Department	116,581.46	125,367.26	40,779.03
Street	20,860.47	19,193.80	44,022.15
Ambulance	43,520.71	54,936.57	105,527.74
Firemen's Pension	2,525.75	102.00	80,252.30
Parks & Rec	150.00	.00	46,613.97
City Sales Tax Fund	35,973.06	141,041.21	521,825.68
City of DA (Act 1262)	217.50	00.00	521.85
Police Dept. Equipment (Act 988	1,100.00	00.00	3,283.40
American Rescue Plan	165.39	00.00	72,031.02
Pee Wee Sports	0.00	4,751.70	16,965.09

Motion by Alderperson Joseph York to pay bills approved by finance committee. 2nd by Alderperson Keith Knupp. Passed 6-0

Motion by Alderperson Russell Smith to approve February 17, 2026 minutes. 2nd by Alderperson Nicole Fisher. Passed 6-0

Committee reports:

Police: N/A

Gas: New employee, Caleb Hale, Gas Distribution. Grant sent in.

Water & Sewer: Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Doug Estes to pay Bradley Ward for work done at water plant. Installing 4 new size 4 motor starters and overload relays and replacing all the cabinet wiring which supplies power to both high pressure service pumps. Cecil Winsett reporting well 5 and well 2 not functioning properly. Will flush systems every 6 months.

Ambulance: report included in packet.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Don Harvey, turned in notice of resignation effective April 01, 2026. Having served 45 years on fire department. Mayor Scott presented Chief Harvey with plaque for service rendered.

Animal Control: N/A

Park & Rec: N/A.

Sanitation:

Community Awareness & Clean Up: N/A

Grants: Alderperson Gail King still working on grants.

No Old Business Discussed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03: AN ORDINANCE TO FIX WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR CITY OF DES ARC WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS AND TO FIX WATER RATES FOR NORTH PRAIRIE COUNTY WATER EXTENSION CUSTOMERS FOR THESE SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY OF DES ARC, ARKANSAS, BECAUSE OF THE HIGHER COST OF PRODUCTION AND MAINTENANCE: DECLARING AN EMERGENCY: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion to introduce by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Joseph York, Passed 6-0, Motion by Alderperson Doug Estes to suspend rules and put on second reading. 2nd by Alderperson Russel Smith. Passed 6-0. Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Nicole Fisher, Passed 6-0. Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Russell Smith to adopt Ordinance 2026-03. Passed 6-0. Motion by Alderperson Doug Estes, 2nd by Alderperson Nicole Fisher to adopt Emergency Clause. Passed 6-0. Read by Atty T Buie

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF DES ARC CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF WHITE RIVER ENTERGETICS, LLC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706(D) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003). Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp 2nd by Alderperson Nicole Fisher to introduce Resolution 2024-06. Passed 6-0. Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Russell Smith to adopt Resolution 2026-4. Passed 6-0. Read by Attorney T. Bouie.

Loretta Underwood spoke to council about deeds to grave site properties purchased. Motion by Alderperson Doug Estes, 2nd by Alderperson Keith Knupp to give deeds for plots in question. Passed 6-0.

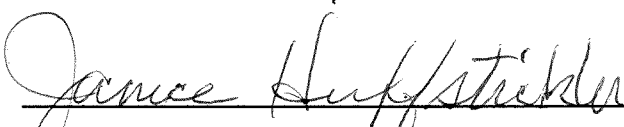
Very deep discussion on properties that have been discussed with potential buyer. Properties must be surveyed. Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Doug Estes to suspend bidding on property. Have property surveyed and marked. Passed 6-0

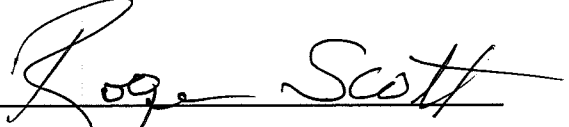
Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp to Adjourn, 2nd by Alderperson Doug Estes. Passed 6-0

PASSED THIS 21 DAY OF April, 2026

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Janice Huffstickler, Recorder-Treasurer


Roger Scott, Mayor