

Des Arc City Council

Special Council Meeting

City of Des Arc

September 29, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Roger Scott

Present were Mayor Roger Scott, Recorder/Treasurer Janice Huffstickler, Alderperson Doug Estes, Alderperson Keith Knupp, Alderperson Virgil Moore, Alderperson Nicole Fisher, Alderperson Russell Smith, and Alderperson Joseph York. Also present City Attorney T Buie, Chief of Police DeWayne Mayher and Lisa Mills with Hazen Herald.

Guest present were Gail King, Judy Burnett, Rita Dobson, Paul Guess, Pam Pritchard, Sarah Smith, Aaron Stucky and Cecil Winsett, new water plant supervisor.

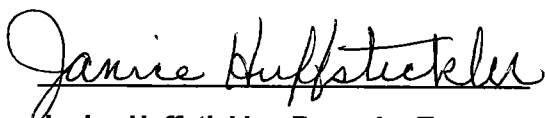
This meeting was called to order for the purpose of hearing from Des Arc Chamber of Commerce, their needs of funds to support Christmas on the River, which has been planned for a several months. Alderperson Keith Knupp asked Chamber member Paul Guess what the needs were. Need at this time is \$40,000.00. \$25,000.00 to pay for the band, \$5,000.00 to pay for the stage. \$10,000.00 to pay Mr Steve Powell for his work through December 2025. Lighting the courthouse will be paid from other funds. City attorney T Buie was asked to advise on the legal aspect of this request. City cannot legally donate any funds to any organization. City would need contract in order to pay these things out of city funds. Contract must designate how funds are spent for these items. Chamber is willing to honor a contract through December 2025. Council discussion at great length.

Motion by Alderperson Doug Estes to take \$40,000.00 from CD that was set aside for matching Riverside Grant. 2nd by Alderperson Nicole Fisher. Passed with votes as listed, Alderperson Doug Estes, Yes. Alderperson Keith Knupp, Yes. Alderperson Virgil Moore, Abstain as he is a member of Chamber of Commerce. Alderperson Nicole Fisher, Yes. Alderperson Russell Smith, No. Alderperson Joseph York, Yes. 4 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain.

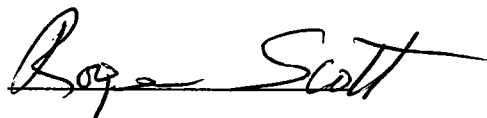
Motion by Alderperson Russell Smith to adjourn. 2nd by Alderperson Doug Estes. Passed 6-0.

PASSED THIS 21 DAY OF October 2025

ATTEST:


Janice Huffstickler, Recorder-Treasurer

Approved:


Roger Scott, Mayor