

Des Arc City Council

Regular Council Meeting

City of Des Arc

June 16, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Roger Scott

Invocation by Alderperson Russell Smith

Pledge to the American flag given by all present..

Guests present were. Rita Dobson, Donna Jean McIntosh, Lisa Mills, Chris Smith, Leon Moon, Stuart Morden, Cecil Whitson and Dewayne Chappel.

Present were Alderperson Doug Estes, Alderperson Keith Knupp, Alderperson Nicole Fisher, Alderperson Russell Smith and Alderperson Joseph York. Alderperson Virgil Moore was absent. Recorder/Treasurer Janice Huffstickler and Attorney T Buie, and Dewayne Mayher present

Motion to adopt financial report was by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Doug Estes. Passed 5-0

Financial Report for May 2026:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
City General	180,567.44	223,141.10	12,490.61
DA Cemetery	4,117.12	7,877.23	37,989.74
Criminal Justice	2,012.08	232.51	8,294.29
DA Fire & Rescue	.00	127.81	1,788.22
Fire Protection (Act 833)	.00	909.83	116,139.88
Sales Tax Fund	29,873.98	30,000.00	241,766.36
Sanitation	29,353.15	31,229.01	22,963.79
LOPFI	15,239.82	6,509.85	14,766.43
Water & Sewer	335,825.27	329,324.39	34,354.00
No. Prairie Water	48,500.89	64,171.09	29,129.63
Gas Department	33,202.75	47,327.61	15,590.65
Street	21,878.80	20,832.29	36,852.62
Ambulance	53,248.60	48,413.20	60,049.33
Firemen's Relief & Pension	2,595.83	110.50	84,025.41
Parks & Rec	0.00	35.04	16,530.97
City Sales Tax Fund	36,259.88	23,388.96	457,276.78
City of DA (Act 1262)	100.00	0.00	1,341.85
Police Dept. Equipment (Act 988)	30.00	321.10	1,566.31
American Rescue Plan	112.75	.00	47,416.69

Motion to approve paying bills was by Alderperson Doug Estes, 2nd by Alderperson Nicole Fisher. Passed 5-0

Motion to Approve May 19, 2026 council meeting minutes by Alderperson Doug Estes, 2nd by Alderperson Russell Smith. Passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2026-07, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-10 TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF CLAUDIO RAMIREZ ON BEHALF OF TORTUGA'S MEXICAN GRILL OF DES ARC, INC., FOR A PERMIT TO OPERATE TORTUGA'S MEXICAN GRILL OF DES ARC, INC AS A PRIVATE CLUB IN THE CITY OF DES ARC AT 405 ARKANSAS HIGHWAY 11;

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Whereas, Ordinance no. 2025-10, the City Council of Des Arc, Arkansas, approved the application of Justin Ramirez for a permit to operate Tortuga's Mexican Grill of Des Arc, Inc as a private club at its proposed location of 405 Arkansas Highway 11 in Des Arc, Arkansas: but it is the understanding of the City Council that the applicant was, or will be, changed to Claudio Rameriz. Motion to introduce. Read Title Only, by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Doug Estes. PASSED 5-0. Motion by Alderperson Nicole Fisher, 2nd by Alderperson Russell Smith for second reading by Title Only. Passed 5-0. Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Russell Smith for third reading by Title only. Passed 5-0. Motion by Alderperson Nicole Fisher, 2nd by Alderperson Keith Knupp to adopt Ordinance 2026-07. Passed 5-0. Motion by Alderperson Russell Smith to read Emergency Clause. 2nd by Alderperson Nicole Fisher. Passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2026-08, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND RECORDER OF THE CITY OF DES ARC, ARKANSAS. TO CONVEY ALL OF ITS INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY TO JASON JONES FOR ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION. Where as, on April 21, 2026, the City Council of the city of Des Arc, Arkansas, accepted a bid of \$869.00 from Jason Jones as the purchase price for the following property, said price being fair and adequate consideration: South ½ of Lot 12, Block 13 of the Erwin Survey to the Town, now City, of Des Arc, Northern District Prairie of Prairie County, Arkansas. Read by Attorney T. Buie. Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Nicole Fisher to accept. Passed 5-0

Update on City Lawsuit, Attorney T. Buie has agreed to represent the city of Des Arc.

Committee Reports:

Police: Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp, 2nd by Alderperson Russell Smith to permit chief of police to have access to all city security cameras as he deems necessary, Passed 5-0

Gas: Gas loss 30%. Alderperson Keith Knupp suggest meter at point of city getting gas.

Water and Sewer: flushing lines in the Hickory Plains area. Chris Smith gave report on needing mapping device for water department. Motion by Alderperson Doug Estes, 2nd by Alderperson Nicole Fisher to purchases GNSS plus 13" Lap top computer For \$4000.00 plus cost of IPAD. Passed 5-0. Bradley Ward, Electrician checking electrical at water plant.

Finance: N/A

Street: preparing to start repairs.

Ambulance:

Cemetery:

Fire Dept: Received generator

Animal Control:

Park and Rec:

Sanitation: N/A

Community Awareness and Clean up: Donna Jean McIntosh checking with other cities about bad housing situation. Fire chief to go with Donna Jean McIntosh to check out housing.

Grants: Received \$50,000.00 grant to finish repairs at legion hut. \$200,00.00 for Entergy, city hall.

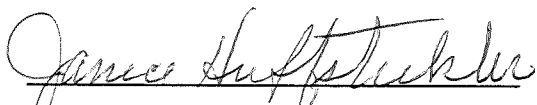
OLD BUSINESS:

Received new American flags. Need 25 more.

Motion by Alderperson Keith Knupp, to adjourn. 2nd by Alderperson Gail King. Passed 4-0.

PASSED THIS _16 _DAY OF __June__ ,2026

ATTEST:


Janice Huffstickler, Recorder-Treasurer

Approved:


Roger Scott, Mayor