

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE OZARK CITY COUNCIL**

JANUARY 12, 2026

Ozark City Council Meeting Room

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Roxie Hall, Upon a roll call a quorum was declared. Present were Council Members Angela Harris, Argest Hyler, Summer Miner, Charlie Meeker, and Randy Melton. Also present were Mayor Hall, City Clerk Susan Stevens, and City Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk Marla Ward. Karen Hawkins from the Chamber of Commerce gave the invocation and Officer Shae Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charlie Meeker stated that he would like a more detailed account of the discussion with the City Attorney that occurred during the December meeting and made a motion to table the January minutes until the February meeting. This was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the minutes were tabled. Randy Melton made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special City Council meeting held December 15, 2025. This was seconded by Summer Miner. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the minutes were approved. A motion was made by Randy Melton to approve the Financial Reports and was seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the financials were approved.

The Water Department reports repairing 1 water main break, 41 locates for Arkansas One Call, and repairing several small leaks and jetting several sewer mains. They have ordered a new pump for the lift station at the sewer plant and replaced a pump for the drying beds at the sewer plant. The radio read meters are continuing to die, we have started working on replacing them as we can with new meters. We purchased 120 used meters to replace some of the dead ones. The vault project for Helberg and Eat/Butterball tank was bid out and awarded to M. Phillips Construction. We should be starting this project soon.

The Ozark Police Department provided a year-end report of 552 arrests, 9 search warrants, 808 reports. 83 affidavits, 102 accidents, 68 private property accidents, 12 juvenile tickets, 1 homicide, 17 internet crimes against children, 447 city ordinance warnings, 37 city ordinance tickets, 19 motorist assists, 114 dogs/cats picked up, 825 tickets, 4,229 warnings, and 1457 court subpoenas served. Twenty-one different agencies used our training facilities in 2025. Ozark also hosted 14 training classes. These agencies used our facilities on several occasions throughout the year. Officers from these agencies and training classes purchased food and gas and some even stayed in Hotels and Bed & Breakfast's in the city.

The Street Department reports fixing pot holes, cleaning up grown-up spots in town, and performing maintenance on some of their trucks.

The Fire Department reports 726 total calls for 2025. They have started working on the training schedule for 2026. Several zoning requests have been submitted. Inspections are going on at 36th Street development and Alston Street home.

The Community Center reports that food truck rental space is free for now to possibly bring in more trucks. There will be various specials throughout the month posted on Facebook. There are multiple issues with the pool heater. Parts are ordered. Sunbelt has been here multiple times and are still trouble shooting the issue as well. Manager Brooke Rosson stated please know that I am working on this to the best of my ability and I assure you, no one wants it fixed more than I do!

There was a budget committee meeting on December 15, 2025. The insurance for the Food Pantry and the Empower Retirement program were discussed as additions to the budget in 2025. Karen Hawkins from the Chamber of Commerce presented a handout showing the events and projects promoting local events. This included a projected budget. It is currently set at \$25,000.00 not counting the Director's salary. Justin McCormick from Main Street Ozark presented a handout requesting continued financial partnership from the City. These funds would cover the Ozark Area Train Depot Museum, a Research Center, the Downtown Beautification Program and the Director's salary. These requests totaled \$71,000.00. There was a \$43,760.00 reduction from the A&P which cuts out the Research Center and reduces the Depot Museum by \$4,000.00. Madelyn Williams presented a handout regarding Senior Citizen Center services for Ozark only. They serve lunches daily, provide transportation, and sponsor short day trips as well as health and wellness events. Their charge for meals for those age 60 and up are by donation, age 59 and under are \$8.00. The next committee meeting is set for January 5, 2026 at 5:30pm.

The Planning Commission presented Ordinance 2026-3 "An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Regulations and Zoning maps of the City of Ozark; and for Other Purposes." This ordinance will rezone 302 East Commercial Street from R1/A1 to C-2 for the purpose of building an RV park. The owners have checked with the Corps of Engineers regarding all specs and requirements for entrance/exit (two are required.) Q: Randy Melton--what about upkeep of the property? A: Roxie Hall--the upkeep will fall under the City Ordinance 2020-8. Q: Angela Harris--how big is the property? A: just under 10 acres. Q: Randy Melton—are the water and sewer adequate? A: Roy Sampley—yes. Nick Trotter stated that plumbing plans also have to be submitted to the state offices. Summer Miner made a motion for the ordinance to be read. This was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Angela Harris read the ordinance. Argest Hyler made a motion to dispense with the 2nd and 3rd reading and proceed by title only and was seconded by Randy Melton. Angela Harris then read the title of the ordinance two times. Randy Melton made a motion to approve and was seconded by

Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Ordinance 2026-3 was approved.

A&P Commissioner Maddie Jarrard spoke regarding their sponsorship of the Norman Powell Research Center, The Depot Museum, and all the Christmas events and the parade. They would like to widen their scope of services even more. There is an ad on the State page with links to local A&P's. Show your support by liking and following these pages. Loren Maier's resignation also opens up a spot on the A&P Commission.

2. Old Business

Resolution 2026-1 Annexation of Workman's Property. Randy Melton stated that the only concerns regarding water and sewer had been resolved. Argest Hyler made a motion for the Resolution to be read. This was seconded by Randy Melton. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Angela Harris read the resolution. Randy Melton then made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Resolution 2026-1 was approved.

3. New Business

Argest Hyler made a motion to add the budgets to the Agenda and was seconded by Randy Melton. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the addition was made.

a. Ordinance 2026-1 "An Ordinance Designating Procedures for Meeting of the City Council of the City of Ozark, Arkansas."

Argest Hyler made a motion for the ordinance to be read and was seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Angela read the ordinance. Randy Melton made a motion to dispense with the 2nd & 3rd readings and proceed by title only. This was seconded by Summer Miner. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Angela read the title two times. Randy Melton made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Ordinance 2026-1 was approved.

b. Ordinance 2026-2 "An Ordinance Amending the 2026 Budget and the Previous Ordinance setting the salary of the city clerk for 2026."

Angela Harris made a motion for the ordinance to be read and was seconded by Randy Melton. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Angela read the ordinance. Angela Harris made a motion to dispense with the 2nd & 3rd readings and proceed by title only. Summer Miner seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Angela read the title two times. Summer Miner made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Ordinance 2026-2 was approved.

- c. ASI, Inc provided a handout regarding their rate increase.
- d. CARDS, Inc. provided a handout regarding their rate increase.

Summer Miner pointed out that it is in their contract that they are allowed a 3% increase annually. The rental payment for the Transfer Station of \$1,200.00 per month will resume in March of 2026.

e. Vacancy Declaration for the Position of City Attorney

A motion was made by Argest Hyler and seconded by Angela Harris to declare the vacancy. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved. There will be a Special City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 20 at 5:30pm to discuss contract items and salary. Devin Bramlett has been researching these issues.

f. Vacancy Declaration for Council Member for Ward 1, Position 1

A motion was made by Charlie Meeker and seconded by Summer Miner. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved. Applications will be accepted at City Hall until noon on January 29th. The Council will go into Executive Session during the February 9th meeting and select the replacement.

g. Resolution 2026-2 Approval of City Budget

A motion was made by Charlie Meeker to approve the 2026 city budget, removing the City Attorney salary until the position is filled. This was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Resolution 2026-2 was approved.

h. Resolution 2026-3 Approval of Water Department Budget

A motion was made by Randy Melton to add Resolution 2026-3 to the Agenda and seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the item was added to the agenda. A motion was then made by Randy Melton to approve the 2026 Water Department Budget and seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Resolution 2026-3 was approved.

4. There was no public input.

5. Announcements:

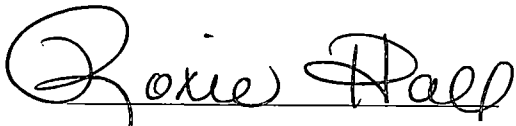
*City Offices will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 19, 2026.

*The Ozark High School Cheerleaders won their 4th straight State Champion title! They also appeared and were interviewed on Channel 5 News local broadcast.

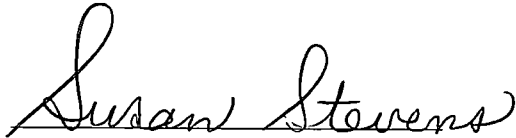
6. Adjournment

Randy Melton made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes for the Ozark City Council meeting held Monday, January 12, 2026 were approved and passed this 9th day of February, 2026.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roxie Hall", written in black ink.

Mayor Roxie Hall

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan Stevens", written in black ink.

City Clerk Susan Stevens

