

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

MAY 11, 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 Randy Melton, Charlie Meeker, Argest Hyler, Ricky Yates, Summer Miner, and Angela Harris. Also present were Mayor Hall, City Attorney Christopher Brockett, City Clerk Susan Stevens, and City Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk Marla Ward. The invocation was given by Mayor Hall and Ricky Yates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Summer Miner to approve the April minutes and seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the minutes were approved. A motion was then made by Randy Melton to approve the financial reports and seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the financial reports were approved.

The Fire Department reports 42 calls for April. PPE training has been completed for all members. Two fuel tanks were put in place behind Station #1. Tanks are owned, maintained, and filled by Littlefield Oil Company. This will save money on fuel costs compared to pump prices. We are currently getting bids on a new chassis truck to replace the old broken-down brush truck. Last week we were able to see and drive a stock E-One Rescue Pumper Engine. Mayor Hall and Councilwoman Miner were also available to see the truck. This is an in-stock, ready-for-delivery engine. The truck is designed as a Rescue Pumper. I was already in the process of working with E-One on a design for this type of truck. It is basically 90% identical to the truck we were building up. If we went with a Rescue Pumper body it would solve the issue of our current Rescue truck being overloaded. Plus, there would be virtually no waiting time. Possibly a couple months to install shelving and set it up the way we would need it. Price is just over \$1 million. We have a Letter of Intent (to purchase) that is good for 30 days. Dealer Darrell Osborne was also present for discussion. Randy Melton asked if we would need to go through the bidding process. Mr. Osborne answered that purchases are pre-bid through Sourcewell and HGAC. The engine is not a ladder truck, but capable of responding to any rescue structure fires that we may have. Angela Harris stated that it sounds like an unexpected gift. Mayor Hall asked if Mr. Osborn could bring the engine to town again for the Council to see. R. Melton and R. Yates agreed as this is such a big purchase—investment-wise and the purchase and payment details need to be in place. Melton also asked if this would help our RSO rating and Nick stated that it should as presently we have no back-up engine. A. Hyler asked what the cost of equipping it would be. Mr.

Osborne stated that to make it ready-to-go (hoses, nozzles, shelving, axels etc.) would bring the cost up to approximately \$1.1 million. The engine is current with all EPA standards. A. Hyler asked if it would be rescue capable. Nick answered that yes, it would, if needed, as we will be making the 2015 the main rescue vehicle. Mr. Osborne will have the engine here in Ozark at the Community Center parking lot on Monday, May 18th at 4:00pm. Nick will also have spec sheets and finance quotes available.

The Police Department reports 15 arrests, 75 reports, 18 accidents, 70 city ordinance warnings, 0 city ordinance tickets, 2 dogs/cats picked up, 1 motorist assist, 22 warrants served, 32 subpoenas, 49 traffic tickets, and 305 traffic warnings. The OPD hosted a 3-day Criminal Justice Firearms and Crime Scenes Class and also a 5-day Basic Sniper Operations Class. The DHS MDT County meeting was held here. The Rogers PD SWAT also used our training facility. The Arkansas Drug Take Back was April 25th. The Ozark PD turned in 86 pounds of unused or expired medications. Police Chief Bramlett stated that we have 2 Dodge Durango's waiting for pick up. Their purchase price has already been budgeted. Argest Hyler made a motion to proceed with the purchase and was seconded by Randy Melton. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved. Chief Bramlett then asked what the council wanted to do with the 2016 Ford Explorer. Randy Melton made a motion to declare it excess property and if possible add it to the current on-line auction. This was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

The Community Center reports that space rental is still free for food trucks to possibly bring in more trucks. Presently, Hillbilly Snow and Holy Grounds Coffee are using our location. Reconstruction is in progress in our Putt-Putt area, a few have been updated now. Stop by to check them out! Upcoming closures: May 15 – Graduation! Summer lifeguard schedule begins May 18th. Upcoming events: *Summer Celebration *Back-to-School Bash *Several field trips have been scheduled by Cedarville Schools, Alma Intermediate School (2 days) and Bonneville Schools.

The Street Department reports fixing potholes and non-stop mowing. The drainage project on School Street is complete.

The Water Department reports doing 48 locates for Arkansas One Call. One main break. They have been working on sewer service line repairs on 3rd Street trying to get finished before they start re-paving the road. They have repaired several small leaks and jetted several sewers. The Helberg and Butterball Vaults Project was awarded to M. Phillips Construction. They have started materials procurement which may take a couple of months. Radio read meters are continuing to die. We have started working on replacing them as we can with new meters. We are working to get quotes on rebuilding the clarifier at the sewer plant. Only one quote has come in for a partial rebuild. The rate study should be back at any time. We were told they should be finished in a couple of weeks—a couple of weeks ago. We received the results for the 2025 Consumer Confidence Report.

Mayor Hall stated that we are having electrical problems throughout the city complex (continually throwing breakers affecting the HVAC and possibly the pumps at the pool). Pete from REA has been checking out the problems and we may have to shut down the facility for a day or more for repairs to be done safely.

2. Public Input

T.F. White stated that there are several city-owned properties such as the Kimbrough Building, but is anything being done with them? The storefront of the Model Cafe is still an eyesore. Is there a plan for use? Now more property has been deeded to the City on 1st Street (see 4a). Where did the money received for the Model Café go? We need to make opportunities happen in our downtown and bring properties up to speed. Could we get a group together to go through and try to suggest incentives for investments?

A motion was made by Angela Harris and seconded by Argest Hyler to add an update on the Kimbrough Building to our Agenda. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the topic will be added.

3. Old Business

a. Update on the Model Café: The new owner is working hard on repairs. The floors are down to the dirt. He does not want to lay plumbing or electric until he decides on what to use the building for. Nick has put him in touch with Kevie Haberer and the A&P Commission for ideas. The owner is aware of the timeline.

b. Landscaping Project: Argest Hyler got updated quotes from Landscaping Your Place. The proposals for work plus maintenance plus irrigation system are still good. The quote for Landscape Beds—Renovations & Installations is \$4881.06. The maintenance quote is \$987.50 and includes pruning and shaping of shrubbery, raking and blowing to remove clippings and any debris, application of a time-release fertilizer to shrubs, and furnishing and replenishing existing river rock gravel as needed. Any seasonal plants would also be replaced. Semi-Annual Landscape Maintenance to be done in the Fall of 2026 and Spring of 2027. Work is to begin in June. A motion was made by Summer Miner to approve the Landscaping Project for the Police Department Offices, City Hall and the Water Department Office. This was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved. Charlie Meeker then made a motion to approve the maintenance plan for these offices. This was seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved. It was agreed to wait on any landscaping at the Community Center as water availability is an issue. It was pointed out that in the Main Street contract it states that Main Street Ozark is responsible for the beautification and upkeep of the downtown areas. Theresa White, chairperson for Ozark Pride & Beautification stated that they are working with Main Street. We have recognition signs for people/businesses who are sponsoring an area. Still a need

for volunteers. Argest Hyler suggested that we hold off and rebid on a more exact plan for downtown. New hardware has been ordered for the Hometown Heroes Banners so they can be put back in place.

4. New Business:

a. 300 N. 1st Street - Many citations have been issued and fines are adding up. Property has been donated to the city. We are searching for heirs to sign paperwork.

Kimbrough Building Update: Six deeds have been filed, 2 are outstanding, 1 heir wants to retain her mineral rights. Mr. Brockett has filed for a title, if it lapses after the 30-day limit, the property will go to the city.

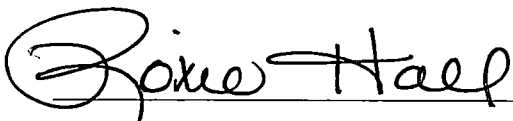
5. Announcements

*E-Waste is still going on this weekend at the Transfer Station. Please remember you will need a copy of your City of Ozark water bill. *Just a friendly reminder—There is NO ILLEGAL DUMPING!! This includes dumpsters at businesses, alley ways, or at the city owned yard. Tickets will and have been issued. We have already issued one ticket last week at a total of \$405.00! *Decoration Day at Highland Cemetery will be Memorial Day weekend. *City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026 in observance for Memorial Day. *We are thankful for the road work that has been done on Hwy 219 and N 3rd Street as well as on Hwy 23 and N. 18th Street. *We have had several calls about how many dogs are allowed in the city limits. That total is only 3 are allowed and they need to be tagged yearly at the cost of \$5.00. Also, a citation can be issued for excessive barking which violates our ordinance regarding disturbing the peace.

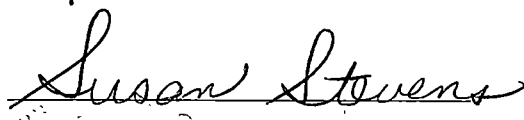
6. Adjournment

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

Minutes for the Ozark City Council Meeting held Monday, May 11, 2026 were approved and passed this 8th day of June 2026.



Mayor Roxie Hall



City Clerk Susan Stevens