

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE**

OZARK CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 8, 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 Summer Miner, Ricky Yates, Angela Harris, Randy Melton, Charlie Meeker and Argest Hyler. 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 the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Brockett.

A motion was made by Randy Melton to approve the May 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 minutes of the Special Meeting held May 21st, 2026. This was seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the minutes were approved. Summer Miner made a motion to approve the financial reports and was seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the financial reports were approved.

The Water Department reported 35 locates for Arkansas One Call. There were several repairs of small leaks and jetting several sewers. The upgrades on the Helburg/Butterball vaults should start this month. Our engineers are working with the Army Corps of Engineers to get clearance to proceed with the relocation of the water line near Hicks Creek. We are also negotiating easements with the land owners. Radio read meters are continuing to die, we have started working on replacing them as we can with new meters. The bar screen at the sewer plant has broken again, we are getting it repaired, but we need to look into a replacement soon. The rate study is in the final stages of review.

The Community Center reports repairs being done on the Pool Pak and maintenance scheduled. Summer is here! Very busy. Please help in reminding the age requirements for being dropped off at the Center. There is a 30% OFF on summer memberships! Stay connected on Facebook for any daily specials. Swimming lessons are being planned. SUMMER ONLY: Full facility Rentals offered on Friday & Saturday Night in addition to Sundays. Help get the word out! We will close at 5pm on Friday, July 3rd and be closed on July 4th.

The Police Department reports 21 arrests, 65 reports, 16 accidents, 9 city ordinance warnings, 2 city ordinance tickets, 3 dogs/cats picked up, 3 motorists assists, 26 warrants served, 45 subpoenas, 70 traffic tickets and 304 traffic warnings. Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Hardy graduated from the Arkansas Law Enforcement Academy,. He was awarded first place for physical training in his class. The OPD hosted training for the FBI SWAT, the DEA SWAT, the Conway PD SWAT, the State Police SWAT, and the Crawford County SWAT teams. We also hosted OPD SRT training and the monthly DHS MDT meeting. The 2016 Ford Explorer sold at online auction for \$1,800.00 and the 2018 Ford Explorer sold at online auction for \$2,295.00.

The Street Department reports working on culvert replacement in Pleasant Homes and drainage problems on Marts Drive. Also busy with mowing, spraying and weed eating.

Argest Hyler made a motion that monies received from the online auction of equipment be given back to each department individually. This was seconded by Ricky Yates. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

Next was discussion regarding the purchase of a Brush truck for the Fire Department. We have a Fleet bid from Whitson-Morgan for a 2027 F450 Extended Cab of \$69,215.48. After the addition of mud tires, emergency lights etc. (\$15,000.00), the total price would be \$84,215.48. They would be taking the flatbed and the wench off of the old truck and putting it on the new one. Charlie Meeker asked that we table the purchase to get a price on a gasoline engine as well as a diesel.

There was no public input.

Old Business:

Charlie Meeker reports on the bids for repairs at the Transfer Station. The CARDS, Inc. representative could not attend tonight's meeting for questions. A meeting was scheduled for June 29th at 10:00am at the Transfer Station.

New Business:

The A&P currently has no Chairman. Emily has had to step down due to residency requirements. The Mayor has asked 4 people to consider being on the Commission and all have refused. There are state authorized requirements for A&P commission members. These requirements can be modified by an ordinance from the City changing it to living in the city limits or county and not just the city. A Commission is required to have four business owners, 2 City Council members, and one at-large member. Discussion:

R. Melton: Do we have need for an A&P?

C. Brockett: Ozark set up our A&P in 1991 and could vacate it by ordinance.

C. Meeker & A. Hyler pointed out what a good job they do in promoting tourism and with programs like Little League. Mayor Hall stated that people with wrong or mis-information have caused problems. The Director position was considered overpaid which caused cuts to other projects with, for example, the CC, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Depot Museum. The A&P does have positive benefits. A. Gibson stated that the Commission is organizing a list of needs to restructure and that the last meeting was very well attended. They are currently speaking with other cities about the administration of their A&P Commissions.

Ordinance 2026-8 re Amending 2019-13 Concerning A&P Commission

Argest Hyler made a motion to read the ordinance and was seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Mr. Brockett read the ordinance. Angela Harris made a motion to dispense with the 2nd & 3rd readings and proceed by title only. This was seconded by Ricky Yates. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Mr. Brockett read the title. A motion was made to approve the ordinance by Summer Miner and seconded by Ange Harris. Upon a roll call vote all council members voted aye and Ordinance 2026-8 was approved with the emergency clause included in the ordinance.

Fire Chief Nick Trotter then presented more information on the purchase of the brush truck. There is 500 to 1000 pounds more weight in a diesel fueled truck than in a gasoline. The F450 is not available with a gasoline engine, only an F350, and the price difference is less than \$2000.00. Randy Melton made a motion to move ahead with the purchase of the F450 Diesel from Whitson Morgan. This was seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

5. Announcements

*Tire drop-off will be the following dates: June 17th to June 20th. **Absolutely no dealers!! Passenger tires only and you must have proof of residency in Franklin County. *They can be dropped off at the Franklin County Yard with the following dates and times: June 17th to June 19th from 8:00am to 4:00pm and June 20th from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

*NO Dumping in Business Dumpsters!! **This includes the trash bins at Highland Cemetery and our City Parks. **Please remember again that tickets are and will be given, NO exceptions!

*Just a friendly reminder that June 16th to June 19th is the 92nd Municipal League in Little Rock and myself, Susan , Marla, Brooke, Argest, Rick, Josh and Britton will be attending.

*On Saturday, June 27th, 2026, the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Mr. & Mrs. Firecracker Pageant. It will be held at City Hall so make plans to attend!!

*Reminder that the filing period for the upcoming election for Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney and City Council Seats will begin on Wednesday July 29th at NOON and end on Wednesday, August 5th at NOON!!!

*Mayor and City Attorney positions are full-time with benefits.

*City Clerk position is part-time.

*City Council seats are paid monthly with no benefits.

*Ozark Firework display will be Friday July 3rd, at Westside Park beginning at 9:45pm.
Bring the kiddos and spread the word!!

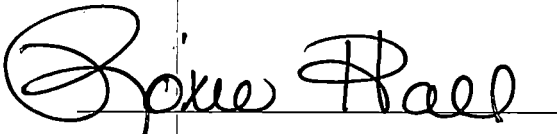
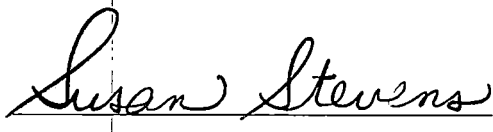
*A huge thank you to the citizens and businesses of Ozark for doing such a great job on mowing and keeping your properties clean. It is truly making a difference.

*If you are ever in doubt about knowing the rules or guidelines. We at City Hall would love to help you obtain that information!

*Just remember that's a perk about living in the city limits, you must follow the ordinances!!

A motion was made by Angela Harris to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Summer Miner. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes for the Ozark City Council meeting held Monday June 8, 2026 were approved and passed this 13th day of July, 2026.


Mayor Roxie Hall
City Clerk Susan Stevens