

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE

OZARK CITY COUNCIL

JULY 13, 2026 / 5:30 pm

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 Argest Hyler, Charlie Meeker, Angela Harris, Randy Melton, Summer Miner and Ricky Yates. Also present were Mayor Hall, City Attorney Christopher Brockett, City Clerk Susan Stevens, City Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk Marla Ward. The invocation was given by Artemus McElhaney. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by two local scouts, Aiden Lindsey and Ian McElhaney.

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

A motion was made by Argest Hyler to add the Water Project Sales Tax and the properties at 300 N. 1st Street and the Kimbrough Building to the Agenda. This was seconded by Randy Melton. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

Mayor Hall thanked all the Department Heads for their leadership during the tornado clean-up and recovery.

The Water Department reports 1 repair to a water main break. 36 locates for Arkansas One Call. The repair of several small leaks and jetting several sewer mains, replacing a pump for the drying beds at the sewer plant. Radio read meters are continuing to die, averaging 20 per month. There are three quotes provided for replacing the radio read meters. The vault project for Helberg and East/Butterball tank was bid out and awarded to M. Phillips Construction; we should be starting on this project soon. The line relocation at Hick's Creek is awaiting aquatic delineation from the USACE. Frank's Bait Shop now has water and sewer. Our new truck arrived.

The Police Department reports 3 motorist assists, 6 dogs/cats picked up, 29 arrests, 79 reports, 11 accidents, 25 warrants served, 3 juvenile tickets, 101 city ordinance warnings, 1 city ordinance tickets, 93 traffic tickets, and 373 traffic warnings. The OPD hosted SRT monthly training, the River Valley Child Advocacy Center (MDT) meeting and a Game & Fish meeting.

The Street Department had a busy month with all the storm clean-up, mowing and weed eating. We hauled 177 dump truck loads of storm damage and chipped 8 truck loads.

The Community Center reports they are waiting on parts to repair the Pool Pak, then maintenance will be done. Summer is here! We are very busy. Please help in reminding the age requirements for being dropped off at the Center. 30% OFF Summer Memberships (Special will end August 10). Stay connected on Facebook for any daily specials. Swimming Lessons went well with 20 participants. Summer Only: Full Facility Rentals offered on Friday & Saturday Nights in addition to Sundays. Help get the word out! We are planning to have a Back-to-School BASH on August 8. Currently looking for sponsors to set up booths or donate school supplies. With school starting August 10th Lifeguards will go back to the school schedule—on duty starting at 4pm weekdays.

2. There was no Public Input

3. Old Business:

a. Water Meter Quotes. Roy presented quotes for water meters. A motion to approve a quote from Henard Utility Products, Inc. from Searcy, AR for \$182,550.00 (+tax) was made by Argest Hyler and seconded by Randy Melton. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved. They should be able to begin in about a month.

b. CARDS, Inc. The representative was unable to attend and will reschedule for next month's meeting.

c. Ordinance 2026-11 re the Land Swap Between the City of Ozark and the North Franklin County Fair Board. A copy was not sent out in the packet. Randy Melton made a motion to have the Ordinance read aloud and was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and City Attorney Brockett read the ordinance. A motion to dispense with the 2nd & 3rd readings and proceed by title only was made by Angela Harris and seconded by Ricky Yates. In discussion, Randy Melton asked about the existing lease that is attached to the city property. Mr. Brockett stated that when the NFCFB takes possession of the property the lease passes to them. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Mr. Brockett read the title. A motion to approve was made by Randy Melton and seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Ordinance 2026-11 was approved.

4. New Business:

a. Mr. Bob Wright from Crews & Associates (for Hawkins-Weir) presented information on the water improvement project. Our Bond Issue has paid for the Community Center and the Fire Department building. The cost of the project will be right at \$23 million. We will be financing \$16 million of that by applying the bond issue tax to the water project. The existing tax would be applied to \$23 million at 1.16 million per year at 4.65% fixed rate interest

which is a good rate for any possible dip in revenue. The tax is not going away, but by using the bond issue tax monies the rate of increase for Ozark citizens will only be \$15 to \$20 compared to an increase of up to \$75 if it is not used. It is imperative that an Ordinance repledging the existing tax towards the new debt be passed in the August city council meeting for the issue to be brought to the November ballot. Argest Hyler asked if voting in August would give enough time to meet ballot requirements, and yes, it will be. Randy Melton asked if we can refinance in the future? Answer: Yes. Prices are always going up, but interest rates fluctuate with the market. Randy Melton made a motion that we put the information from Crews & Associate out for discussion in the August 10th council meeting to be available for the November ballot. This motion was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

b. Properties on 300 N. 1st Street and the Kimbrough Building. The question was asked do we still want to auction these properties? Randy Melton stated that yes, we do. We are not in the real estate business and yes this does include both properties. Angela Harris made a motion to carry forward with the auction process and was seconded by Summer Miner. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

Discussion: Marc Dietz was present to represent the auction company. The auction is set for August 20th, 2026. There will be no reserve amount for the property on North 1st. The City has invested \$122,944.98 in the Kimbrough Building just since 2023. There will be a reserve set for the Kimbrough Bldg. Will we make a profit from the sale—probably not. The auction will be advertised online, tv, radio, Facebook, print, auction sites, etc. Any fees and expenses will be applied to the purchase. Mr. Brockett pointed out that there may also be taxes (2025) that have not been paid. If the reserve is not met, the property will be listed with a realty company to be determined by the Council. This is legal because we own the property. Angela Harris made a motion that after reviewing records, the Mayor and City Council will set the reserve at the August 10th City Council meeting. This was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

c. A & P Chairman Mrs. Theresa White is our candidate to be the new chairman of the A&P Commission. She has previously served on the A & P in Russellville, Arkansas, so we look forward to her service in our city. It was noted that she will be stepping down as chairman of the Ozark Pride & Beautification Committee and being replace by T.F. White in that position so there will be no double duty. Argest Hyler made a motion to approve Theresa White as Chairman of the A & P Commission in Ozark. This was seconded by Ricky Yates. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

d. Conducting Business with Council Members

i. Ordinance 2026-9 “An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Ozark, Arkansas to Conduct Business with Mike Miner and NAPA Auto Parts Store who is the Spouse of City Council Member Summer Miner.”

Randy Melton 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 with Summer Miner abstaining. Mr. Brockett then read the ordinance. Angela Harris then made a motion to dispense with the 2nd & 3rd readings and proceed by title only. This was seconded by Randy Melton. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye with Summer Miner abstaining and Mr. Brockett read the title. Randy Melton made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye with Summer Miner abstaining and Ordinance 2026-9 was approved.

ii. Ordinance 2026-10 “An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Ozark, Arkansas to Conduct Business with JLW Towing and Recovery, LLC Which is Owned by City Council Member Argest Hyler.”

Summer Miner 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 with Argest Hyler abstaining. Mr. Brockett then read the ordinance. Randy Melton made a motion to dispense with the 2nd & 3rd readings and proceed by title only. This was seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye with Argest Hyler abstaining. Mr. Brockett then read the title. Randy Melton made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Ricky Yates. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye with Argest Hyler abstaining and Ordinance 2026-10 was approved.

MAYOR HALL --- JULY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*June 22, 2026 will be a day that will go down in the history books for the City of Ozark when a high end EF1 tornado with 95-105mph winds touched down in the Woodland West housing addition and crossed over to Pleasant Homes and Faith Addition. Within minutes, emergency personnel, first responders, the police department, the street department, and the water department were on the scene. Woodland West looked like a war zone when I arrived 30 minutes after the touchdown. God was definitely watching over our citizens! There were four homes that suffered severe damage and lots of downed trees and powerlines. Thankfully there were NO injuries or casualties!!! Everyone worked together to help out, and I couldn't be more proud!! Red Cross was on the scene within four hours, and the Lions Club was at the Community Center handing out supplies. I received numerous phone calls from area mayors willing to send help. The city employees were AMAZING and gave everything their all!! We started on Tuesday with picking up brush, limbs and trees to clear the area and by Friday you could see the results of the hard work and dedication by all involved. I want to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make a difference. This is what a community is all about!!

*On June 29th in conjunction with the 250th Birthday of our country, the City of Ozark joined with the Chamber of Commerce and hosted the first Mr. & Mrs. Firecracker pageant. We had 48 entries and had so much fun!! The Chamber raised \$2800.00 to go towards scholarships. We invited all contestants to the July 3rd celebration and had several that were in attendance.

*July 3rd was the city's annual firework display and was a HUGE success!!! The evening was full of absolute fun family time, with games and great live entertainment. We ended the night with, in my opinion, the greatest firework display yet!! Another BIG THANK YOU to the Street Department that got the park ready, to the Fire Department for all their work with the fireworks, the Police Department for ensuring the safety of the citizens, and for the great partnership between the City of Ozark, the Chamber of Commerce and the A&P Commission. Thank you also to our vendors who chose to come out for our celebration!!! Lastly, thank you to Devin Bramlett, Brooke Rosson, RaeLynn Hall, Jameson Hall, MaryAnn Bramlett, and Mrs. Vee!!

HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!

*I hope everyone go to see the incredible Flyover in celebration of America's 250th Birthday!! We greatly appreciate the Arkansas National Guard.

*Reminder that the filing period for all Ozark City Elected positions are open for election and begins on July 29th at 12pm and ends on August 5th at 12pm. Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney are all four-year terms and City Council Seats are two-year terms. Remember if you are interested that you must pick up your paperwork at Tammy Sisson's office at the courthouse. If you should have any questions, please contact me at 479-209-1299. Now is your time to serve and help your city!!

*Back to school is upon us!! The Back-to-School Bash will be Saturday August 8, 2026 in the Community Center parking lot from 9am to 12pm. If any businesses or individuals want to help, please contact me at 479-209-1299 or Brooke Rosson at 479-667-0864. Help Us, Help Kids have a great school year and an awesome fun day!!

***Unfortunately**, we are still having issues with illegal dumping in business dumpsters and the City Yard!! Just a friendly reminder that tickets are starting out at \$405.00 and no warnings are given!!!!

*Thank you to Harps Foods in Ozark for their June fundraiser they held and to all the customers who made this such a success. The Police Department and Fire Department appreciate the generous donations.

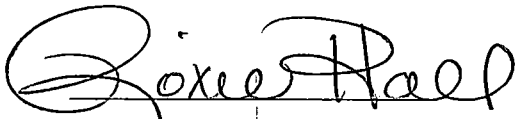
*Bargain's Galore on 64 will be August 13 through August 15th this year. Please remember that school will be in session during that time so please be safe when traveling on Hwy 64 and let's work together to keep our children safe! You WILL NOT be required to have a yard sale permit during that time!!! Please be advised the NEW guidelines still apply!! Those guidelines are the following: Signs must be taken down within 24 hours after the sale is over. DO NOT attach

signage to state or city street signs. If you are wanting booth space at East End Park, please contact Christy Jordan at 479-530-6307. Booth rental proceeds will be split between Shop With a Cop and Toys for Tots.

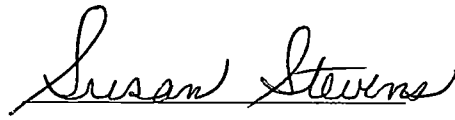
*If you have not noticed the landscaping in front of the City Offices, please check it out. Freddy and Samantha Ree with Landscaping Your Place did an AMAZING JOB !!!

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 July 13, 2026 were approved and passed this 10th day of August, 2026.



Mayor Roxie Hall



City Clerk Susan Stevens

