

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

APRIL 13, 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, Charlie Meeker, Ricky Yates, Argest Hyler, Summer Miner and Randy Melton. Also present were Mayor Hall, City Attorney Christopher Brockett, City Clerk Susan Stevens, and City Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk Marla Ward. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Randy Melton and the Invocation was given by Theresa White.

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

A handout was presented showing excess property owned by the city. There is to be an online auction in May. Randy Melton made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ricky Yates. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

The Water Department reports 48 locates for Arkansas One Call. There were 3 main breaks. 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. They are working to get quotes on rebuilding the clarifier at the sewer plant. One quote came 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.

The Police Department reports 14 arrests, 58 reports, 9 arrests 29 city ordinance warnings, 4 city ordinance tickets, 2 dogs/cats picked up, 3 motorist assists, 23 warrants served, 51 subpoenas, 57 traffic tickets, 366 traffic warnings. The OPD hosted a 40-hours basic SWAT class, DHS MDT. The Conway PD SWAT used our training facility. The Chamber of Commerce Luncheon was also hosted.

The Community Center reports that *space rental is still free at this time. We presently have Hillbilly Snow and Holy Grounds Coffee. *Spring Break Recap—there was a huge turnout! We made around \$12K for the week. Thank you to our sponsors for the week. They were Heath Roberts from State Farm in Fort Smith and MaryAnn Bramlett. *The Underwater Easter Egg Hunt was a wonderful event. Numerous prizes thanks to MasterMade, Ken's Towing, Jim's Heating & Air, and CARDS, Inc. *Reconstruction on our Putt-Putt area begins this week. *We are striping our parking lot with the Fire/EMS zones being updated. *We will be closed April 25th for Prom and May 15th for Graduation. *Upcoming events include a Summer Celebration, a Back-to-School Bash, and several field trips.

The Street Department reports that mowing and weed eating has kicked off for the year. They restriped the CC parking lot, fixed potholes and installed a lift in the shop. We had several pieces of equipment that were taken off the city books for the auction.

The Fire Department reports they ran 57 calls in March. They also completed the Intro Class for 3 new members.

Theresa White reported for Ozark Pride & Beautification. This year's City Clean-up was very successful. They were able to clear 44 bags of trash with cigarette butts being the biggest problem. Carla Chatman won the \$250.00 volunteer "door Prize." A big thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers. Mrs. White stated that there are 5 members on the committee and more people are always needed and welcome.

Kelli Drummond, Chairman of the Planning Commission, presented Ordinance 2026-6 to rezone 305 Prothro Drive, Tract 1 in Ozark from R-1 to R-3. A motion to read the ordinance was made by Argest Hyler and seconded by Summer Miner. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Mr. 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 Randy Melton. 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 2026-6 was approved.

2. Public Input: Crystal Wright stated that they are working on outsourcing work on the T-Mobile grant project to stay within budget and on the required timeline.

3. Old Business

a. Paperwork on the land swap with the Fair Board was not ready to be presented.

b. A motion was made by Angela Harris to approve the OAYO contract regarding the ball fields and to allow Mayor Hall to sign the contract. This was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

c. Bridge Lights

We are looking into grants to fund the project with the help of Bill Gossage.

d. Transfer Station

The ADEQ has been invited to inspect / view the Transfer Station with the Council. The city has permits to run the station. CARDS has the responsibility to maintain it.

e. Landscaping Project

Angela Harris made a statement that we should include the downtown and not just City Hall in the landscaping. Police Chief Devin Bramlett stated that we had 2 classes going on just today and there are multiple classes scheduled each month. We should have a more inviting and professional looking space. Mr. Yates asked if we only had the one bid from Landscaping Your Place. Mayor Hall answered that the only other bid came from Ft. Smith. The bid from LYP was \$4881.06 for City Hall and \$962.89 for the Community Center. Maintenance is included in this fee. An automatic irrigation system was offered at \$3950.00 as water connections are already available. It was agreed for Argest Hyler to talk to Freddy Ree of LYP and get another bid to include the downtown areas. There was also discussion about the benches on 2nd Street.

4. New Business

a. Police Officer Brody Bowles received the Ozark Police Department's Life-Saving Award. While off duty in Fort Smith, he started CPR and continued medical attention for an elderly woman who had collapsed and was unresponsive until EMS arrived and could take over.

b. Ordinance 2026-5 re Closure of South 19th Street. Angela Harris made a motion to read the ordinance and was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Mr. Brockett 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 Mr. Brockett read the title. A motion to approve was made by Randy Melton and seconded by Ricky Yates. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Ordinance 2026-5 was approved.

c. Water & Sewer Tap Fee Increase. Argest Hyler made a motion to approve the increase requested by the Water Department. The motion was seconded by Randy Melton. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

d. Ordinance 2026-7 re Amending the City of Ozark 2026 Budget. 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 and Mr. Brockett read the ordinance. A motion to dispense with the 2nd & 3rd reading and proceed by title only was made by Argest Hyler and seconded by Randy Melton. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Mr. Brockett read the title of the ordinance. It was noted that the year printed was 2025 instead of 2026. A motion was made to

approve the ordinance as amended to correct the year by Randy Melton and seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and Ordinance 2026-7 was approved.

e. Fire Department Proposals:

1. Remove the Air Recharge System SN 5405469 from the Accountability Item list and transfer to the Cecil Fire Department.

2. Allow our 2001 Ford F350 VIN 1FDWX37F01EB93235 to be listed and sold via online auction.

3. Purchase 8 new MSA SCBA's with 8 masks and 12 4500 PSI tanks. We will receive 8 extra tanks for free with purchase of 8 SCBA's, making a total of 20 tanks. Total cost of \$91,000.08. These funds will be taken from the current ACT 833 balance.

A motion was made to approve the SCBA purchase by Angela Harris and seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved. A motion was then made to approve the transfer of equipment to the Cecil Fire Department by Angela Harris and seconded by Randy Melton. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

5. Announcements

*We had a very successful Underwater Easter Egg Hunt on March 27th. We more than doubled the number of kids this year. Thank you to all of our sponsors.

*Spring Break was a very busy week. We collected over 200 hygiene items for the Ozark Nursing Home. We hosted a free ice cream day sponsored by Signature Stone Monuments and MaryAnn Bramlett, and we hosted a free swim time sponsored by Heath Roberts of State Farm in Fort Smith. On Good Friday, Mayor Hall and Family sponsored a free popsicle day.

*We are looking for sponsors for a Back-to-School event in August. Please let us know if you are interested.

*Thank you to all residents who made a very good showing on Spring Clean-Up! Also, a great job and thank you to CARDS for getting it all picked up in a timely manner. Thirty tons were picked up in the city with about fifty drop-offs at the Transfer Station.

*As some of you have already heard from Ozark Pride & Beautification and Main Street Ozark, Saturday was a great clean-up day. We appreciate everyone working together to make a difference.

*Please remember the filing period for all elected city offices. This includes the offices of the Mayor, the City Clerk, the City Attorney and all 6 City Council seats, The election will be held in November.

*Work is getting started on the indoor Putt-Putt to update, paint, and add a few pieces.

*Last week we had a school from Moffett, Oklahoma come here to use the Community Center and they really enjoyed it. There are several more school field trips scheduled.

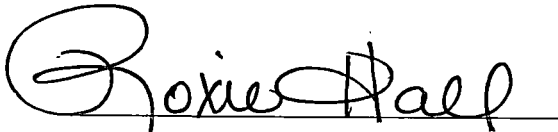
*Progress is being made on the Concession Stand at the West Side ball fields. Thank you to Lonnie Shepherd and Briand Gattis for their hard work and generous donations.

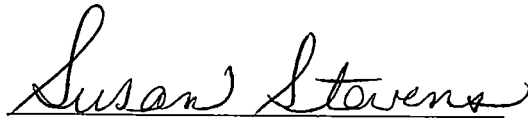
*We are currently waiting for the mulch to get here to be able to fill around the new playground equipment.

6. Adjournment

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

Minutes for the Ozark City Council Meeting held Monday April 13, 2026 were approved and passed this 11th day of May, 2026.



Mayor Roxie Hall

City Clerk Susan Stevens