

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE OZARK CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 9, 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 Ricky Yates, Summer Miner, 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 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Ian McIlhaney followed by the Invocation given by Mayor Hall.

A motion was made by Summer Miner to approve the minutes of the February meeting. This was seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the minutes were approved. Randy Melton made a motion to approve the financial reports and was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the financial reports were approved. A&P Director Maddie Jarrard has resigned her position. There will be a working meeting of the city council and department heads on Monday, March 30th.

The Water Department reports 55 locates for Arkansas One Call. Three main breaks. repairing several small leaks and jetting several sewers. The Helberg and Butterball Vaults Project was awarded to M. Phillips Construction and they have started materials procurement which may take a couple of months. Radio read meters are continuing to die and we are replacing them as we can with new meters. We are working to get quotes on rebuilding the clarifier at the sewer plant. The one quote that came in was for a partial rebuild. Paperwork has been sent to Arkansas Rural Water for a rate study.

The Street Department reports that most of last month was spent at the cemetery clearing the bluff for the new fencing and fixing pot holes.

The Fire Department reports 92 calls. They are clearing out the overgrown tree line behind Station 1 in preparation for the privacy fence. They assisted with the clearing of the bluff line at the cemetery. Three Fire Academy classes are scheduled starting this month.

The Community Center reports free space rental for now to bring in more food trucks. The CC will be closed March 2 through March 6 for a cleaning/maintenance week. This will include getting the gym floor resurfaced, completing the flooring throughout the Locker Rooms, replacing a pump, and deep cleaning all areas! Plans and Specials for Spring Break, March 23-27, will be announced soon. A tentative date for the Underwater Easter Egg Hunt is April 4th.

The Ozark Police Department reports 35 arrests, 42 reports, 21 accidents, 5 city ordinance warnings, 1 city ordinance ticket, 2 dogs/cats picked up, 27 warrants served, 50 traffic tickets, and 389 traffic warnings. They hosted a Law Enforcement Instructor Development Class, DHS MDT, DTF and Leadership Franklin County. Benton county SWAT used our training facility. Patrick Hardy started the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy on February 2nd.

3. Old Business

a. OAYO Taylor Kinney was present to discuss the contract between the city and OAYO. Since there is no specific designation of the three fields, they will be #1, #2, & #3 and assigned to Walden Drive. The bathrooms (which are under construction) will also be listed on Walden Drive. OAYO will be responsible for maintenance during the season and post season tournament play. The official season was agreed to be after spring break to the end of May. The city maintains the right to host other games at the fields involving other entities such as church or civic groups with an appropriate use schedule. Representatives of the OAYO board will oversee the schedule along with two members of the city council. City Attorney Brockett will draw up a contract containing the requested changes and content to be voted on in the April council meeting.

b. Artemus McIlhaney presented his letter to the Corps of Engineers regarding sub-leasing the Reed Mountain property for use by the Boy Scouts. Randy Melton made a motion to approve the sending of the letter and was seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

c. Main Street Ozark / Justin McCormick spoke on the T-Mobile grant project downtown. The project size may have to be adjusted due to funding. These changes will be dependent on the grant requirements. He stated that Main Street is trying to go local for sponsors since larger corporations are hesitant to invest in small town projects. We are also in a time crunch as the project is required to be completed by September 8, 2026. Main Street Ozark meets every 4th Wednesday at noon and all are welcome.

d. Kimbrough Building Update / City Attorney Christopher Brockett gave the update on this project. 75% of the building has been turned over to the City. There was one heir who requested to retain mineral rights. There is also 20% of the title that is unknown. We will be posting an online and printed search for 30 days. If no heir etc. is located, the building will be deeded to the City.

4. New Business

Mayor Hall requested a motion to add item d. Union Bank to the agenda. A motion was made by Charlie Meeker and seconded by Argest Hyler. Upon a roll call vote all council members voted aye and the item was added to the agenda.

- a. A motion was made by Randy Melton to place Summer Miner on the A&P Board to replace Loren Maier. This was seconded by Angela Harris. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.
- b. A motion was made by Randy Melton to process the Christmas bonus of \$750.00 from the Ozark School District to the School Resource Officer (SRO) through the City's general fund. This was seconded by Ricky Yates. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.
- c. Rose McKinnon presented a request for a land swap of property belonging to the City of Ozark and the Franklin County Fair Board. She provided a handout in the council packet. The Fair Board owns property on the west side of 29th Street between the OAYO and Tractor Club properties. They propose to trade this property for property owned by the City on the east side of 29th Street. The police department would like to use this property for a gun range for classes etc. to be held as there is no housing etc to be liable. An access road will probably need to be built. The Tractor Club has a driveway for their two buildings. Argest Hyler asked about the proximity of Pleasant Homes. Pleasant homes is 380 feet west of the proposed range. Mrs. McKinnon stated that the Fair Board has given 100% approval. Mr. Brockett stated the need for a survey and a fence between the OAYO and city property. There is a 99-year lease on the property which will dissolve with a deed transfer. Argest Hyler made a motion to proceed with the land swap with the appropriate survey and legal descriptions in place. This was seconded by Randy Melton. Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.
- d. Union Bank --- They offered a change of rate for a current CD we have with them. It will be changed from 1% for 3 months to 4% for 6 months. We will also be removing T.R. McNutt, Sonya Eveld and Cecil Zolliecoffer as signers and replacing them with Mayor Roxie Hall and City Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk Marla Ward. Angela Harris made the motion to approve these changes and was seconded by Charlie Meeker. (Mr. Meeker also suggested getting CD rate quotes from other banks.) Upon a roll call vote, all council members voted aye and the motion was approved.

The State of the City Address was presented by Mayor Roxie Hall.

5. Announcements: *Spring Clean-Up will begin Monday April 6, 2026 and end Saturday April 11, 2026. If you have a copy of your City of Ozark water bill, you are allowed to take 1 regular truck load free to the transfer station. *Just a reminder that trash has to fit inside the cans, please DO NOT put mattresses, chairs, and extra trash on the ground. The only exceptions are weather related or during the spring/fall clean-up. *We still have several homes and business that need addressing (numbers) that can be read from the road. We are enforcing the city ordinance regarding this issue. *There are signs placed around town regarding the road construction on Hwy 23 and Hwy 219. This has been needed for quite a while so please be

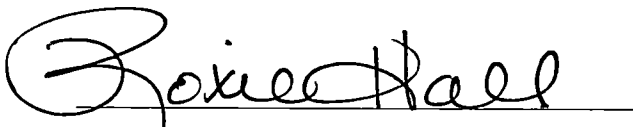
patient. Remember "it takes a mess to make progress." *The Community Center received a very thorough deep cleaning last week and looks amazing! Thank you to Brooke and her crew for doing such an awesome job!! * There has been a lot of hard work done involving the Bluff at Highland Cemetery. Thank you to our Street Crew, Nick, and Shane for helping with this project. Run for the Fallen will be starting here on the morning of Friday, March 13, 2026. A program at the Community Center will begin at 7:45 am with the run starting at 8:00am. Please show them a GREAT Ozark send off! Line the streets from City Hall to Gar Creek Park. *We still have 11 unpaid business licenses and 9 unpaid food truck licenses. Another reminder will be mailed out on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. *We will be having quarterly committee meetings unless something comes up:

1. Monday, March 30, 2026
2. Monday, June 1, 2026
3. Monday August 24, 2026
4. Wednesday, November 16, 2026

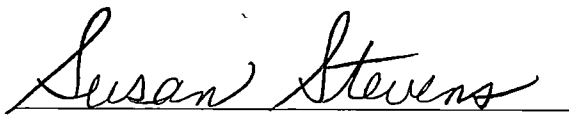
****These meetings will take place at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers.****

A motion to adjourn was made by Randy Melton and 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, March 9, 2026 were approved and passed this 13th day of April, 2026.



Mayor Roxie Hall



City Clerk Susan Stevens

