

MINUTES – August 14, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Big Flat City Council was called to order by Glenda Wiseman, Mayor.

Council Members Present: Lonnie Holt, Sharon White, Bonnie Sutterfield, & Kim Shelton. Absent: Shawn Shelton.

Guests & Others: Bobby Wallis, Fire Chief

Mike Treat, Recorder/Treasurer read the July Minutes & Bank Reconciliations for the General Fund, Building Fund, Street Fund, Fire Fund, & ARPA Fund.

Rich Hiter, Water Operator read the Bank Reconciliations for the Water System & reported a leak believed to be under Hwy. 14 in front of City Hall. Rural Water to bring listening device Monday, August 18 to confirm. Rich read a letter attorney Kelly Tester has written at his request to Shannon Briese, Attorney for Fifty-Six re necessity for a Maintenance & Operation Agreement between the two cities concerning the Pump House & other items related to the sharing of water. Consensus of Council letter should be sent. Attorney Tyler Henderson has not returned calls nor made any contact with Rich re the contract we entered into with him in February this year with exception of attending one Fifty-Six Council Meeting in February with Rich & several Big Flat Council Members & stating in a phone call in May that he was negotiating w/ Atty Briese re on a M & O Agreement. Glenda reported a phone call from Michael Tibbens re a note for buyers of his property re install of 2" water line (See March Minutes). Consensus of Council that such a letter could possibly be construed as a guarantee & would set a precedent so best not do do. Rich stated that Jerrod Ramsey had been faithful in paying down his past due water bill along with payment of current bill. Jerrod is requesting that he be forgiven \$50.00 per month by the city w/understanding that forgiven monies would be replaced back on bill should he default continuing payment at current rate. Consensus of Council - agreed to request.

Fire Dept. Report: No runs. Bobby requested to purchase fire related merchandise to use as a public relations tool during Truck or Treat & other public events. Council gave permission to do so.

Motion by Bonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon to accept Minutes & Reports as given. All Voted – Passed

Notified Council that Arkansas Federal Surplus Property Membership was due for renewal w/names of those wanting to be on list authorizing them to be able to use this entity. Renewal to be returned w/ 4 names listed.

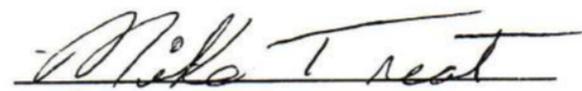
Per Bonnie's request in July for Keith Campbell to look into Grant for Storm Sirens, Glenda reported she had contacted him, he agreed, and after looking into ways which city could obtain a Siren reported he had not found any suitable for finances available but would continue to search.

Sharon Allen, resident on First Street requested city to remove/trim tree limbs & brush on sides of street as is beginning to become a hazard. Considered purchase of tools for city as option but Council opted against due to upkeep & would be better to hire tree company or reputable individual to do work. Mike to check into this.

Mike reported city computer was not working correctly. Chuck Kindrick to check it out, fix if fixable, & advise on purchase of new computer if necessary to replace present pc. Motion by Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie for purchase of new computer if necessary after the present one has been checked out w/a spending limit of \$2,000.00. All Voted – passed. Chuck has agreed to be our "official" IT person. Thank you, Chuck for doing this for Big Flat!.

Glenda reported the Rural Development \$15,000.00 matching grant application had been mailed on Wednesday. Will hear in December if city receive the award or not.

No further business, motion by Lonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon to adjourn. All Voted – Adjourned.

  
Recorder/Treasurer