

MINUTES – October 9, 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, Kim Shelton, Shawn Shelton & Bonnie Sutterfield.

Guests & Others: Bobby Wallis, Fire Chief, T.J. Woodbury, Asst. Fire Chief, Bruce & Brenda Woodring, & Chuck Kindrick.

Mike Treat, Recorder/Treasurer read the August Minutes (no meeting in September), & September Bank Reconciliations for General Fund, Building Fund, Street Fund, Fire Fund, & ARPA Fund.

Water System Report: Rich Hiter, Water Operator read August & September Bank Reconciliations for the Water System & reported did need water from Fifty-Six several times. Due to no response from Fifty-Six from letter sent to their attorney by Kelly Tester, attorney for Big Flat re negotiations & updating of current Operation & Maintenance Agreement & suggestion from Attorney Tester that Big Flat take the initiative & present one to Fifty-Six City Council, Rich offered a suggested agreement to the Council. Requested Council study it, make suggestions & finalize at November meeting for offering to Fifty-Six Council. Motion made by Sharon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim to offer to pay for repairs, etc. to standpipe at 9280 Hwy. 14 E. which benefits both cities. All Voted in Favor. This motion was made after Rich suggested this as a gesture of good faith etc. 2024 Audit is finished & bill paid. Finding noted that monthly adjustment journals were printed but no documented approvals were included. ANRC has sent letter of approval to proceed with Pre-Construction Meeting which will be held at Big Flat Community Center, Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Rich presented & explained 2026 Proposed Budget for Water System. Motion by Shawn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon to accept 2026 Proposed Budget for Big Flat Water System. All Voted in Favor.

Fire Dept: Reported had had six runs during September. Reported needed repairs on several vehicles. Motion by Sharon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie to get repairs made. All Voted in Favor.

Motion made by Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon to accept minutes & reports as read. All Voted in Favor.

Glenda reported on new law, Act 484 of 2025 (Act) (Ark. Code Ann. 21-1-128). Which states every city must have an AI policy & train staff on how to use AI responsibly. Will have policy ready for adoption for November meeting along with list of Training Resources.

Truck or Treat scheduled for Friday evening, October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mike offered an estimate of \$3,500.00 from Croney's Tree Service to take down, clean up trees & brush along First Street. Council turned down as excessive.

Sharon brought up that Big Flat is in need of Poll Workers. Must live in Baxter Co. Training is required. Pay for both training & working. For more information call Lindsay Roberts, Baxter Co. Election Commission at 870-580-5602. If there are not enough workers to work Big Flat, our polling place may be closed down causing those who vote at the Big Flat City Hall to go elsewhere to vote.

Motion by Lonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shawn to adjourn. All Voted in Favor – Adjourned



Mike Treat, Recorder/Treasurer