

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2025

The regular monthly City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Deborah Pinkerton after she declared that a quorum was present. A moment of silence was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were Alderman Neal, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Saddler and Alderman Cook (arrived during Citizen Comments).

A motion to approve the May regular monthly council meeting minutes were made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 3-0

Alderman Neal brought to the recorder/treasurer's attention that the name Arty Buckson entered on May minutes under Citizen Comments was incorrect. The name should have read as Austin Burrelson. Treasurer Cook misinterpreted the signature and submits this statement as a correction.

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Sandy Cook. May end of month balances for each account were read and the June Financial Report was reviewed. A motion to approve the June financial report was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 3-0

Treasurer Cook presented the costs of repairs to Oakridge Road, culverts \$9,559.38, Marion Dozier - \$8500.00, plus costs to Arkhola and Eagle Ready Mix. A motion to appropriate funds to pay these costs was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 3-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Grounds Supervisor Kenny Brenton reported the department has been clearing ditches and drainage areas, fixed potholes on 7 roads, graded 5 roads, spread SB2 on 4 roads, weeded and mowed city hall grounds, park area, fire department grounds and maintenance grounds.

Police Chief Ken Howard reported 25 citizen calls, 4 assists to other agencies, 12 citations, 51 warning citations, 0 alarms answered, 2 accidents, 2 arrests, 11 felonies and misdemeanor reports filed, 0 warrants served and 1 code enforcement.

Fire Chief Cody Cooper reported 4 medical calls. The department received 7 MSA GI SCBA with masks and 14 air cylinders worth \$38,000 as a donation from

District 6 Fire Department in Van-Alma. The new extrication tools have been ordered and will arrive Thursday thanks to the Fire House Subs grant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pinkerton offered a public thank you to the businesses that donated toward the purchase of the park electric equipment which has already been placed into service. The City really appreciates those who donated to this endeavor.

A new dumpster was delivered today. When the dumpster is filled, it will be removed and another may not be placed for several days depending on how long the original dumpster takes to be filled. Please be respectful when dumping trash in the dumpster. The City budget can only support approximately one dumpster per month.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Juli McKinny of 8126 Hightower Road publicly thanked the elected officials, the fire department and the police department for all their hard work. All officials are part-time but still give their all to the job each has undertaken. She expressed her deep gratitude to all these departments.

Teresa Tilley of 721 Oakridge thanked the city for the work on Oakridge and how quickly it was completed. She stated the road still needs some work done on it.

Hannah Cooper reported that the Cedarville Fire Auxiliary will be hosting a Bingo on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$1.00 per card. Movie night at the park is scheduled for June 28.

Keith Pigg of the Library board asked if the council had any questions on the information presented at the last council meeting. Alderman Cook expressed the need for more time to consider and research the issue. Alderman Neal agreed that more time was needed.

Sheila Bell of the Library board declined to speak.

Mark Isenhower of Country Meadow suspended his time to speak.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

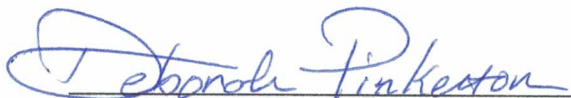
The City of Mulberry has a 1990 John Deere 770BH road grader for sale for \$4000. It is in need of a saddler arm and seat which can be purchased used. If the council wishes to purchase the John Deere, the 1968 grader can be sold and the 2018 Caterpillar grader can be turned back to Caterpillar and the lease be terminated. A motion to purchase the 1990 John Deere grader, sell the 1968 grader and turn in the 2018 grader was made by Alderman Saddler and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0


The O'Reilly account currently has two authorized purchasers. The fire department requests that Alderman Roger Johnson be added to the account. A motion to add Alderman Johnson to the account with the stipulation that Chief Cooper or Mayor Pinkerton be contacted before purchase was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 4-0

A motion to dismiss and enter an executive session was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Cook. Passed 4-0

A motion to resume regular session was made by Alderman Saddler and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Saddler and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0


Mayor


Recorder/Treasurer