

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### May 20, 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 and Alderman Cook. Alderman Saddler was out of town.

A motion to approve the April regular monthly council meeting minutes were made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Neal. Passed 3-0

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Sandy Cook. April end of month balances for each account were read and the May Financial Report was reviewed. Treasurer Cook Reviewed the budget amount spent in each department. All departments were on track. She also informed the Council that the repairs needed on Oakridge will consume 12% of the Street Department's 2025 budget and the amount committed to surface Millpond Road will consume 19% of the Street Department's 2025 budget. Treasurer Cook also reported a three year audit for 2022, 2023, and 2024 has been completed and the official report states no findings to report. A motion to approve the May Financial Report was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Cook. Passed 3-0

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Grounds Supervisor Kenny Brenton reported that the older grader purchased by the City only needs brakes and will be ready to place in operation. The City will then be able to terminate the lease on the grader leased from Caterpillar. The department has been repairing roads after the recent amount of rainfall. Oakridge will be repaired as soon as the ordered culverts are received.

Police Chief Ken Howard reported 62 citizen calls, 4 assists to other agencies, 11 citations, 38 warning citations, 0 alarms answered, 2 accidents, 1 arrest, 15 felonies and misdemeanor reports filed, 0 warrants served and 2 code enforcements. Officer Clifford, Officer Leonard, and Officer Kirkendall volunteered their services during the storm. Officer Jones was on duty and assisted also. Officer Jones reported he is waiting on grant approval for a 10% matching grant. The department wants to purchase zoom training on Omnigo software.

Fire Chief Cody Cooper was called out during the meeting. The report he left reported 1 traffic accident, 1 road obstruction and 8 medical calls. All paperwork has been completed for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Grant. The department is waiting to receive the money to purchase the equipment.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fun Park matching grant paperwork has been favorably received. The City will be informed in June if approved. This grant will be used to create a toddler area playground in the park.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Keith Pig, chair for the library board introduced Sheila Bell to speak. Sheila is working with 10 other people from all over the county. They have surveyed 20 libraries and have obtained a joint cooperative action agreement. She provided the council members with information to study and will return in June to answer any questions the council may have.

Bambi Crozier, Arty Buckson, Anthony Domingo, and Neil Crozier addressed the council with concerns that resulted in an FOIA which is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.

Priscilla May informed the council that the post she made on Facebook was made merely to warn neighbors and citizens of the danger of the hole created by recent rainstorms. She was only making the citizens aware to be careful until the road could be repaired.

Hannah Cooper reported that the Fire Auxiliary raised \$1100 at bingo night on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Movie night is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> in the park. The movie will be Inside Out 2 and will be free admission. Concession will be provided to purchase refreshments.

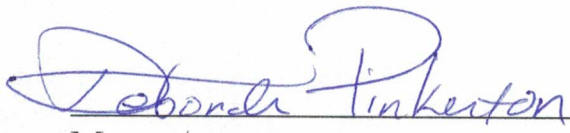
## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

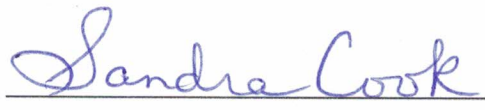
The electrical outlets the City wanted to install in the park could not be installed due to bedrock 12" below the surface. The City has found an alternative in the form of portable outlets which will provide more than enough outlets for any event. The cost is \$3300 but the City has received \$2850 in donations from local businesses. The City will only pay \$450.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The police department was asked for an update on the service dog. Officer Clifford stated the dog is not quite ready but will be soon.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Cook. Passed 3-0

  
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Mayor

  
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Recorder/Treasurer



# EXHIBIT A

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Request Date: May 20, 2025

To: Cedarville City Clerk City of Cedarville, Arkansas

From: Bambi Crozier, N Hwy 59, Cedarville, AR, 479.935.0121, Bambi.Crozier@gmail.com

Subject: FOIA Request for Public Records – Oakridge Drive and Related Matters Pursuant to the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-19-101 et seq.)

I am formally requesting access to or copies of the following public records:

1. All documentation, correspondence (including texts, emails, council minutes, and memos), road department maintenance logs, contractor bids, and cost estimates related to Oakridge Drive repairs from January 1, 2014, to present.
2. Any third-party engineering assessments or reports regarding road hazards or structural issues on Oakridge Drive.
3. Any internal communications between city council members, city employees, or contractors discussing Oakridge Drive repairs or resident complaints. (This means all text messages, emails, and phone calls, Facebook messages, etc. All Communication methods used – personal or public funded – related to city business.)
4. Any official incident reports or logs filed by city employees in response to public safety concerns regarding Oakridge Drive.
5. Records of public complaints and responses concerning road conditions, water access, and public service behavior from January 1, 2020, to present.

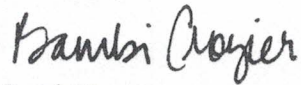
I also am looking for answers to these questions:

1. Can the city provide a copy of all documentation, correspondence, and cost estimates related to Oakridge Drive repairs from the last ten years – including contractor bids, maintenance logs, and council communications?
2. Has the city formally assessed or commissioned a third-party engineering report on the structural failures of Oakridge Drive? If so, when and what were the findings? If not, why hasn't one been initiated?
3. Are city employees – including public works and street department workers – required to complete incident logs or repair reports after addressing road hazards? Can those be made available to the public?
4. What is the city's official protocol when a resident raises a public safety concern online or in writing? Who reviews it? Who determines the urgency of the response? Is that documented as it should be?
5. Is there an ethics or conduct policy in place for council members and city employees that governs public communication, especially when addressing residents? If so, can it be shared with the public?

6. What training – if any – is provided to elected officials or employees on appropriate use of public platforms and respectful civic engagement? If none, will the council commit to creating such a code?
7. Does the city track or monitor retaliation complaints – either formal or informal- against residents who publicly challenge the council or city operations? If not, how are those concerns addressed?
8. What measures are in place to ensure that city services are rendered fairly and equitably to all residents, regardless of personal relationships with city officials?
9. What accountability mechanisms exist for city council members who publicly insult or dismiss citizens during or after meetings? Can the council censure or discipline members for misconduct?
10. What is the long-term plan for road infrastructure in Cedarville – including funding strategies, preventative assessments, and public reporting? And when can citizens expect the next published infrastructure report?
11. Given that the city claims it lacks adequate funds for major repairs, what grant applications, county-level partnerships, or state support has the city pursued in the last five years? Can you provide a list of applications submitted or denied by this council?
12. Will each council member commit – on record – to holding themselves and each other accountable to a higher standard of public service, especially considering recent behavior that undermines public trust?
13. If the people of Cedarville are expected to trust this body with power, decisions, and resources – can you each say, with confidence and conscience, that you have handled that responsibility with honor, humility, and fairness?

Please let me know if there are any fees associated with fulfilling this request. I prefer to receive the information electronically, if available. Thank you for your time and assistance. I look forward to your timely response in accordance with FOIA regulations.

Sincerely,



Bambi Crozier

CC: Arkansas Attorney General