

MINUTES – February 12, 2026

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

Invited guests, Baxter Co. Candidates, Incumbent Judge Kevin Litty, Eric Payne, Judge's Opponent, Mark Hollingsworth, running for Sheriff, & Danny Woods, for District 11 J.P. shared their reasons for running for office & what they each would like to contribute to the county through the respective office. Do take time to educate yourselves about the Candidates and then VOTE on March 3rd at Big Flat City Hall or during Early Voting beginning February 17 at the United Methodist Church in Mountain Home, 605 W. 6th St.

Other guests: Brandy Litty, Misty Payne, and Buck McCoy. Fire Chief Bobby Wallis was also present along with Council Members, Lonnie Holt, Sharon White, Bonnie Sutterfield, Shawn Shelton, & Kim Shelton.

Recorder/Treasurer Mike Treat read the January Minutes & Bank Reconciliations for General Fund, Building Fund, Street Fund, Fire, Fund & Phase 2 Comm. Center Grant Fund.

Water System Report & Bank Reconciliations were given by Rich Hiter, Water Operator. Reported most of the new water meters have been set and actual construction began on Thursday, February 5. One very large leak was repaired just before the snow began. Software for meters has been installed with his training on it to begin on Wednesday, February 18. After a short review, the motion was made by Shawn, 2nd by Lonnie to accept the 2025 Actual Budget for Big Flat Water System. All Voted – Passed

Fire Report by Bobby Wallis: Reported one run past month. Discussed options re the Brush Truck w/the blown head gasket w/decision to look into switching out to 4 wheel drive by next meeting. Bobby stated a Fund Raiser for July 4th Fireworks would be held March 21. Details to be announced later.

Motion by Kim, 2nd by Sharon to accept the Minutes & Bank Reconciliations as read. All Voted – Passed.

Glenda explained the rules by Arkansas Natural Resource Commission requiring a percentage increase in water rates yearly then presented the Ordinance needed to be adopted by the Council. Necessary motions & votes were made for the adoption of Ordinance #2122023 by the full Council by roll call vote. It is posted in five posting places for 30 days (March 13th) the new rates becoming effective with March billing.

Review of the City's 2025 Actual Budgets followed by a motion by Bonnie, 2nd by Shawn to adopt Resolution #2122023 titled "A Resolution for the Adoption the 2025 Actual Budgets". All Voted – Passed

Mike reported that Bobby Wallis & T.J. Woodbury fulfilled their bid of Tree Trimming/Brush Work on 1st Street with on-site approval by Lonnie, Mike & Glenda and payment was made. Mike also reported that the insulation had been installed in East end of Community Center. Motion by Kim, 2nd by Bonnie to pay Eco-Foam Spray Insulation the amount of \$4,144.00 per their invoice. Mini-Split was installed, also in East End of Community Center. Motion by Shawn, 2nd by Lonnie to pay Integrity Heating & Air \$2,754.00 for installation of Mini Split in East End of Community Center. Both invoices were paid from Grant Funds for Phase 2 Community Center Renovation. All Voted – Passed

Septic tank at south end of OLR was reported to be overflowing. Mountain View Septic Service did a complete pumping out at a cost of \$325.

Regarding the posted "Notice: Bookkeeper needed", received one application from Cheyenne Morrow. Mike interviewed her & believes she is well suited for the job. Council suggested she work w/Mike to make sure she is comfortable with set up before making final decision to hire.

Due to time given for Candidates & lateness of evening, other items of business listed on agenda were not discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Shawn, 2nd by Lonnie. All Voted – Adjourned


Mike Treat, Recorder/Treasurer