

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Sept 13, 2005

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.  
The Mayor led the pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present were Mayor Davis, Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson, City Attorney Patrick Benca, Aldermen Robin Baker, Mike Kemp, James Smith, and Dave Holsomback., Alderman Everett was absent. Alderman Everett arrived at 6:35 PM.

**Minutes:** Minutes for both the Regular Meeting of Aug 09, 2005 and a Special meeting of Aug 11, 2005 were presented for approval. Motion to approve both minutes was made by Alderman Kemp. Second was provided by Alderman Baker. Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

**Financial Report:** The Recorder-Treasurer presented the following verbal financial report:

<b>General Fund</b> Checking Account ...	\$ 19,755.83
Undeposited Funds .....	\$ 11,498.22
Reserve Fund (Stephens).....	\$ 48,770.47
Radio Fund .....	\$ 88.88
Emergency Light Fund .....	\$ 253.00
Reader Board .....	\$ <u>561.72</u>
General Fund Total	\$ 80,928.12
Payroll Account .....	\$ 50.96
<b>Street Fund</b> Checking Account ...	\$ 100,151.74
Undeposited Funds .....	\$ 355.66
Street fund reserve account .....	\$ <u>33,650.02</u>
Total Street Fund Assets .....	\$134,157.32
Bond & Fine Account .....	\$ 22,858.19
Court Clerk Fund .....	\$ 11,905.00
LOPFI Account balance .....	\$ 7,764.13

A motion to accept the Financial report as presented was made by Alderman Kemp. Alderman Baker provided a second to the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

A motion was made by Alderman Riley that the council work from the Amended Agenda due to the fact that items were added late. A second was made by Alderman Baker. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Mayor Davis noted that people who were supposed to be in attendance to discuss the first several items in the old business section of the agenda were not present.

Alderman Kemp moved that they suspend the rules and move to the “New Business” section of the agenda. Alderman Baker provided a second and the motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

**Item 1. Appropriation of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000.00) to purchase, from Sardis Water, the meters, and customer accounts of those customers who live within the city limits of Shannon hills.**

Alderman Kemp made a motion, with a second from Alderman Baker, that \$3000.00 be appropriated to make the down payment on the Sardis water meters and accounts that lie within the Shannon Hills city limits. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

**Item 2. Appropriation of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars, (\$24,000.00) to purchase a truck for the street Department.**

Alderman Kemp made a motion to approve the purchase of a truck for the a Street department for Twenty-four Thousand Dollars. Alderman Riley provided the Second.

A roll call vote produced the following results:

Alderman Baker ...	Yes
Alderman Kemp ...	Yes
Alderman Riley ...	Yes
Alderman Smith ...	Yes
Alderman Holsomback ...	Yes
Alderman Everett ...	Yes

The Motion passed.

**Item 3. Transfer of current truck from Public works to the Police Department**

Alderman Kemp made a motion to approve the transfer of a used pickup truck from the public works department to the Police Department With the transfer to take effect on Jan 1, 2006. A second was provided by Alderman Baker. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

**Item 4. Pat Rhodes, of the Ouachita Boy Scout Council has requested an opportunity to speak to the Council.**

Mr. Rhodes took the floor and spoke about the efforts and services of Alderman Diane Everett and her husband Keith to help the Boy Scouts. He then presented Alderman Everett with some gifts and a wall plaque to recognize the contributions and assistance.

Mr. Rhodes’ second topic had to do with the relief efforts in the areas stricken by the recent hurricanes. He reported that he received a call from Alderman Everett asking for help to locate supplies to aid the displaced people. He reported that the plan was to load two trucks with supplies. In the end, with the help of The Scouts, and members of the Shannon hills City Council, SIX trucks were loaded and taken to the damage area. Mr. Rhodes concluded by saying that while the Mayor of New Orleans was complaining and pointing fingers at Federal and State officials, several of the officials of Shannon Hills, Arkansas were in New Orleans taking care of business!

**Item 5. Increase in mileage rate for firemen using personal vehicles.**

Fire Chief Mel Aldridge addressed to council concerning the reimbursement rate for volunteer Firemen who use their personal vehicles. It is currently at Twenty-Five Cents per mile. Alderman Kemp noted that the state had just increased the rate for mileage to thirty-nine cents per mile. Alderman Kemp made a motion that the mileage reimbursement rate be

temporarily raised to thirty-nine cents per mile. Alderman Baker provided a second. The motion was approved with a voice vote. There was no opposition.

**Item 6. Re-approving the ordinances establishing the improvement districts on Emerald mountain.**

Attorney Mark Spradley informed the council that the original ordinances were not published in the time frame required and there for it was necessary to pass new ordinances and start the process again. The new ordinances will be numbered 2005-11 and 2005-12. They are unchanged from the original ordinances.

Alderman Kemp made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Ordinance establishing Property Owner’s Improvement District #53, to be brought to the floor reading only the title. The motion received a second from Alderman Riley. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

City Attorney read the Ordinance Title.

**First Vote on Ordinance 2005-11:**

A MOTION was made by Alderman Kemp with a second provided by Alderman Riley that Ordinance 2005-11 be approved. A Roll Call vote produced the following results:

Aldernam Kemp...	“Yes”
Alderman Riley ...	“Yes”
Alderman Smith ...	“Yes”
Alderman Holsomback ..	“Yes”
Alderman Everett ...	“Yes”
Alderman Baker ...	“Yes”

The Motion Passed.

Suspending rules for second reading:

A motion was made by Alderman Kemp to suspend the rules and place ordinance 2005-11 on the table for a second vote, Reading only the title. The motion received a second from Alderman Riley. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Ordinance 2005-11 Second reading and vote:

A MOTION was made by Alderman Kemp with a second provided by Alderman Riley that Ordinance 2005-11 be Read and approved reading only the title.

The Title of the proposed Ordinance was read by Attorney Benca.

A Roll Call vote produced the following results:

Alderman Riley ...	“Yes”
Alderman Smith ...	“Yes”
Alderman Holsomback ..	“Yes”
Alderman Everett ...	“Yes”
Alderman Baker ...	“Yes”
Aldernam Kemp...	“Yes”

The Motion Passed.

Suspending rules for third reading:

A motion was made by Alderman Kemp to suspend the rules and place ordinance 2005-11 on the table for a third vote, Reading only the title. The motion received a second from Alderman Riley. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Ordinance 2005-11 Third reading and vote:

A MOTION was made by Alderman Kemp with a second provided by Alderman Riley that Ordinance 2005-11 be Read and approved reading only the title.

The Title of the proposed Ordinance was read by Attorney Benca.

A Roll Call vote produced the following results:

Alderman Smith ...	“Yes”
Alderman Holsomback ..	“Yes”
Alderman Everett ...	“Yes”
Alderman Baker ...	“Yes”
Alderman Kemp...	“Yes”
Alderman Riley ...	“Yes”

The Motion Passed.

**Ordinance 2005-11 Establishing Property Owner’s Improvement District # 53 is approved.**

Alderman Kemp made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Ordinance establishing Property Owner’s Improvement District #54, to be brought to the floor reading only the title. The motion received a second from Alderman Riley. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

City Attorney read the Ordinance Title.

**First Vote on Ordinance 2005-12:**

A MOTION was made by Alderman Kemp with a second provided by Alderman Smith that Ordinance 2005-12 be approved. A Roll Call vote produced the following results:

Alderman Holsomback ..	“Yes”
Alderman Everett ...	“Yes”
Alderman Baker ...	“Yes”
Alderman Kemp...	“Yes”
Alderman Riley ...	“Yes”
Alderman Smith ...	“Yes”

The Motion Passed.

Suspending rules for second reading:

A motion was made by Alderman Kemp to suspend the rules and place ordinance 2005-12 on the table for a second vote, Reading only the title. The motion received a second from Alderman Riley. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Ordinance 2005-12 Second reading and vote:

A MOTION was made by Alderman Kemp with a second provided by Alderman Riley that Ordinance 2005-12 be Read and approved reading only the title.

The Title of the proposed Ordinance was read by Attorney Benca.

A Roll Call vote produced the following results:

Alderman Everett ...	“Yes”
Alderman Baker ...	“Yes”
Alderman Kemp...	“Yes”

Alderman Riley ... "Yes"  
Alderman Smith ... "Yes"  
Alderman Holsomback .. "Yes"

The Motion Passed.

Suspending rules for third reading:

A motion was made by Alderman Kemp to suspend the rules and place ordinance 2005-12 on the table for a third vote, Reading only the title. The motion received a second from Alderman Riley. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition

Ordinance 2005-12 Third reading and vote:

A MOTION was made by Alderman Kemp with a second provided by Alderman Riley that Ordinance 2005-12 be Read and approved reading only the title.

The Title of the proposed Ordinance was read by Attorney Benca.

A Roll Call vote produced the following results:

Alderman Baker ... "Yes"  
Alderman Kemp... "Yes"  
Alderman Riley ... "Yes"  
Alderman Smith ... "Yes"  
Alderman Holsomback .. "Yes"  
Alderman Everett ... "Yes"

The Motion Passed.

**Ordinance 2005-12 Establishing Property Owner's Improvement District # 53 is approved**

**Item 7. Swearing in of Improvement District Commissioners.**

Mr. Paul Bull and Mr. Jerry Cunningham came forward to be sworn in as commissioners for the Property owner's Improvement Districts # 53 & #54. Mayor Davis administered the Oath of Office. Following the swearing in the new commissioners signed thee certificates and Oath's of Office documents.

**Item 8. Creation of a Sargent position in Police Department and establishing salary for that position.**

Police Chief Richard Friend addressed the council indicating that Patrolman Smith had been assigned duties as a Sargent and requested that the position be made official with matching salary. He asked that a salary of \$25,000.00 be established for the position.

A motion was made by Alderman Holsomback to grant the requested changes including the salary change. Alderman Everett provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

**Item 9. Resolution of Appreciation for Investigator Burnett.**

Police chief Richard Friend described the events leading up to the break up of a burglary ring operating out of Shannon Hills to a large extent a product of the quality performance of Investigator Burnett.

A motion was made by Alderman Riley and a second by Alderman Holsomback that a Resolution of appreciation be presented to Investigator Burnett. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

**Item 10. Update on Water and Sewer projects by Engineer Tim Lemons.**

Mr. Lemons reported that the Bretchen-Packer Sewer expansion project stood at 67% complete at last billing cycle. As of this date the project is estimated to be between 80% and 90% complete. Service connections have to be bid out. That process is in the hands of Central Arkansas Planning at this time. About the only thing lagging on this project is getting power to the pump stations and this is due to Entergy resources being deployed elsewhere due to hurricane damage.

The Emerald Mountain Water tower project is progressing well. Mr. Lemons presented the Contractor's counter-offer regarding the cost of the Logos on the water tower. He did offer to reduce the total cost by \$1,530.00. After some discussion and a recommendation from Mr. Lemons, a motion was made to bid the 3 logos on the tank walls but to drop the shamrock on the top of the tower. The price for the three logos would be \$5775.00. A motion was made by Alderman Baker to have the three logos painted on the tower but to drop the shamrock from the top. Alderman Everett provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Concerning the main waterline extension from the new tower to the downtown area, the cost of PVC has risen so much that Mr. Lemons recommended that the line extension be limited to the area of the entry to Carrington place to the entry of Southfork. After other portions of the project are complete and a review of the budget for the project further extension of this line may be reconsidered.

Draft plans for the wastewater treatment plant have been completed and have been submitted to the city for review. The plans are ready to be submitted to the department of health and ADEQ for their review. Projections are that if all goes smoothly bids could be let on this project within 6 to 8 weeks.

**Item 11. Request for variance on building set-back.**

A house in Southfork was been built and sold before it was discovered that it was placed on the lot about 6 inches closer to the roadway that the code requires. The cost to have it moved is prohibitive so the owner and builders have come forward to request a variance that would allow the house to remain as is and be used as intended. After hearing all relevant information, there was a motion from Alderman baker and a second from Alderman Everett that the requested variance be approved. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

**Item 12. Operation Life Saver.**

Operation Lifesaver is a program intended to provide bracelets for elderly, children or otherwise infirm people. The bracelets work like that tags wildlife people use to track animals. If a person wearing one of the bracelets wanders away or gets lost, the signals transmitted by the chip in the bracelet allows the lost person to be located quickly. Alderman Kemp made a motion that the City of Shannon Hills would go on record and supporting the program. A second was provided by Alderman Everett. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

**Comments:**

A citizen asked if the family who had been denied in their request for a variance in order to keep animals not normally allowed had disposed of the animals as directed. Mayor Davis said he did not believe they had and that he would check on the status and follow up on the issue.

Alderman Holsomback inquired about a check for the fire department that he saw earlier. It was a grant check from the Forestry commission in the amount of \$1,000.00.

**A Motion to Adjourn** was made by Alderman Baker. A second was supplied by Alderman Riley. Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer