



# City of Piggott Council Meeting Minutes

City Hall  
194 West Court St.  
Piggott, AR 72454

Thursday, October 26, 2023, 6:00 PM

**Piggott City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Piggott City Hall Community Room with Mayor Bradley Scheffler presiding.**

Mayor Scheffler called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation led by Councilmember Kevin Jones.

**Roll Call**

**Those present were:**

Councilmember Jeff Benbrook

Councilmember Tracy Cole

Councilmember Jamey Parks

Councilmember Kevin Jones

Mayor Bradley Scheffler

City Clerk Nikki Blue

Attorney Kimberly Dale

**Others in attendance:** Utility Manager-Brian Haley

**Minutes:**

Brian Haley provided minutes for Planning & Zoning and Airport boards. Councilmember Tracy Cole made a motion to approve minutes from the August 24, 2023, meeting. Councilmember Jamey Parks seconded. With all councilmembers present in favor and none opposed, motion carried.

**Financials**

Mayor Bradley Scheffler asked if there were any questions about the financials that were provided in the packet. Councilmember Tracy Cole said she just had just two. Brian Haley asked if it was for MLWS or City, to which Councilmember Tracy Cole stated that she wanted to know if we had an answer about Parks & Rec and if it was correct that they receive appropriations and sales tax. Mayor Bradley Scheffler stated that it was correct and there was no way there would be enough to pay the employees at the community center without it. Councilmember Tracy Cole said that she sees there a loss even with it, but wanted to verify if it because she didn't remember it. Councilmember Jamey Parks stated that it had been like that since day one and the other councilmembers agreed.

Councilmember Tracy Cole said her second question was about doubling of the purchase power expense on the utilities. Brian Haley explained how energy is purchased in the market and the effects of when Plum Point is down. He went on to detail how much Plum Point had been down this year and described the process of when power is purchased vs when it's sold.

**New Business:**

**Piggott Advisory Committee** – Mayor Bradley Scheffler asked Brian Haley to proceed with the new business. Brian Haley states that he provided information in the packets about what we are facing but says we do have some options. He went on to say that we are looking for a “full service” contract and gives general details of each of our options and how they would work for us. Mayor Bradley Scheffler said that they've asked people to join this Committee from the community and from the board. They want input from others to know what's best for our town and our customers. The possible options were discussed in more detail amongst the councilmembers along with past experiences and worse case scenarios. Councilmember Tracy Cole made a motion to approve the Advisory Committee. Councilmember Jamey Parks seconded. Councilmember Jeff Benbrook abstained from voting since he will be a member of the Advisory Committee. All other members were in favor, so motion is carried.



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**Resolution 533-23 (2023 millage to be collected in 2024)**- City Attorney Kimberly Dale states that although five-mill is what this states and what has been done previously, it can be changed if we choose to make it higher or lower. She also states that the largest portion of this does go to the school and the city is not getting rich off it. Councilmember Tracy Cole made a motion that the resolution be placed on one full reading. Councilmember Jeff Benbrook Seconded. With all in favor and none opposed, motion carried. Attorney Kimberley Dale read the resolution in full. Councilmember Jamey Parks made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Tracy Cole seconded. With all in favor and none opposed, motion carried.

**Resolution 534-23 (NEA Regional Solid Waste Management District annual budget approval)** – Attorney Kimberly Dale explains that the city has the right to see the budget for the Waste Management District, but not allowed to change or oppose. Councilmember Tracy Cole makes a motion that the resolution be plated on one full reading. Councilmember Jeff Benbrook seconded. With all in favor and none opposed, motion carried. Attorney Kimberly Dale then read the resolution in full. Councilmember Jamey Parks made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Tracy Cole seconded. With all in favor and none opposed, motion carried.

**November Council Meeting**- Mayor Bradley Scheffler states that November’s meeting will be moved to November 30<sup>th</sup> because of Thanksgiving.

## **City updates from Utility Manager, Brian Haley**

### **-Roundabouts/ Asphalt work**

Brian Haley said it was still a possibility to be done by Thanksgiving. There is still asphalt work to be done for both and with cold weather approaching, we’ll see.

Brian Haley also said that he was informed it will be spring before the sidewalk job can be done.

## **Utility: from Utility Manager, Brian Haley**

### **Electric**

Brian Haley said the guys have been trimming some trees and are about to start on Christmas lights.

### **Water and Wastewater**

Brian Haley stated we are currently under a corrective action order and before we can get the paperwork to clear up the corrective action, we are still waiting on a gate. He was told we were about a month out on receiving the gate, but once that is here and installed, we can get the corrective action order taken care of.

**Public Questions and/or Comments:** None

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Bradley Scheffler asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Tracy Cole made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Jamey Parks seconded. With all councilmembers present in favor and none opposed, meeting adjourned.

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Mayor, Bradley Scheffler

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City Clerk, Nikki Blue