

**Rosston City Council Meeting  
Monday, February 8, 2021  
Rosston City Hall  
Rosston, AR**

**AGENDA**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer-Min. Irene Tidwell

Reading and approval of the last minutes

**Old Business**

1. Swearing in of New Council
2. Water Project Resolution
3. Arkansas Economic Development Commission/Fire Truck Grant
4. Community Park Committee
5. Adjourn

**New Business**

1. Community Park Committee Meeting
2. Plan to Purchase City Truck (\$16,500)
3. Financial Report
4. Discuss City Tax
5. Online Bill Pay
6. Adjourn

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Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Quarles. The Pledge of Allegiance was done in Unison. Prayer was given by Minister Irene Tidwell. The following people were present: Mayor Quarles and Treasurer/Recorder Emily Evans. Council Members present were: Kathy Dillard, Johnny Kelly, Tia Blakely, Barbara Heard and Irene Tidwell. Guest attending the meeting: Nevada County Reporter, John Miller.

After the minutes from the January meeting were reviewed, Mayor Quarles asked for a Motion to accept minutes and to close old business. Irene Tidwell made a Motion to accept the Minutes and close old business. Tia Blakely seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

1. **Community Park Committee Meeting:** Mayor Quarles informed the Council that a Park Committee has been established. The Committee has conducted its first meeting. The main focus at the meeting was to discuss what should be done with the property. The Committee will begin looking for funds for the park. Mayor Quarles also informed the Council that Mary Godwin, Executive Director of Economic Development will also assist the City in finding and securing funds for the Park Project. Mayor Quarles encouraged the Council to attend committee meetings. He also stated that he would keep the Council updated of all meetings and discussions.
2. **Plan to Purchase City Truck:** Mayor Quarles informed the Council that the city's truck is beginning to cost a lot to maintain. At some point in the near future, a new truck will have to be purchased. Mayor Quarles also informed the Council that he located a truck at Malloy's in Hope. The truck has 113,000 miles on it but is in great condition. The asking price of the truck is \$16,500. He informed the Council that he wanted address the issue with them and get their input. He stated that the City need a dependable truck to conduct City business. Mayor Quarles informed the Council that he was considering borrowing against one of the CD's to purchase the truck. After discussion, the Council agreed that a new truck is needed and informed Mayor Quarles to proceed with the purchase. Mayor Quarles stated that he would contact the bank on Tuesday.
3. **Financial Report:** Each Council Member was provided with an updated account balance for each account and for the CD's. Mayor Quarles informed the Council that financially, the City is doing well.
4. **Discuss City Tax:** Mayor Quarles informed the Council that he would like their input on establishing a City Sales Tax. Quarles informed the Council that a City Tax would

increase the City's revenue which would make it easier to secure grants. He explained that nothing would be coming out of anyone's paycheck, but the money would be paid When a purchase is made at businesses within the City. The City would draw a percentage of sales tax. The Council will have to decide the amount of the Sales Tax. The Sales Tax would have to be put on a ballot in a special election. As Council Members, we can get out in the community and discuss the issue with citizens of the City to let them know what we are doing. Julie Oliver will assist with getting it on a ballot.

5. **Online Bill Pay:** Mayor Quarles inform the Council that the City Website is up and running. It can be found at [cityofrosston.org](http://cityofrosston.org). Everyone will be able to view agendas, minutes of the Council meetings and financial information. This will ensure that the public stays aware of all City business. The website will also include bill pay for the water customers. This has been a desire of so many customers. The Module is not completed, but the bill pay will be available soon.
6. **Adjourn:** After all business was discussed, Mayor Quarles asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Irene Tidwell made a Motion to Adjourn. Tia Blakely seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.

# ACCOUNT UPDATES AS OF February 8, 2021

## BANK OF DELIGHT

DEBT SERVICE (6% OF WATER REVENUE).....	\$6,165.95
WATER PROJECT.....	\$63,005.00
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.....	\$13,657.34
DEBT SERVICE.....	\$3,752.86
WATER REVENUE.....	\$32,646.95
METER DEPOSIT.....	\$11,125.90
DEPRECIATION RESERVE.....	\$11,608.03
DEBT SERVICE RESERVE.....	\$23,655.73
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$165,617.76</b>
<b>CD.....</b>	<b>\$43,205.79</b>

## FARMERS

BASEBALL GRANT ACCOUNT.....	\$251.40
FIRE DEPT.....	\$14,380.28
GENERAL ACCOUNT.....	\$12,905.83
ROAD AND STREET FUND.....	\$12,759.39
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$39,446.90</b>
<b>CD.....</b>	<b>\$41,925.42</b>