



MINUTES

Waterworks Advisory Committee Meeting

4:00 PM – Thursday, January 22, 2026

City Hall Annex Conference Room

Call to Order

A. ROLL CALL OF WATERWORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Present: Judy Dare, Jonathan Martin, Jessy Parker, David Reagan, Roxana Wallace, and Carroll Weatherford

Not Present: Ann Hair

Also Present: Denny McPhate – Deputy City Manager, Monty Ledbetter – Utilities Director, Traci Berry – Northwoods Trails Coordinator at Visit Hot Springs, and Candace Shepherd – Public Works Office Manager

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to Approve the Agenda

Jonathan Martin made a motion, duly seconded by Carroll Weatherford to approve the agenda as presented. Upon voice vote the motion carried 6-0.

C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to Approve the Minutes

Judy Dare made a motion, duly seconded by Carroll Weatherford to approve the minutes as presented. Upon voice vote the motion carried 6-0.

> Regular Meeting held on October 16, 2025

D. STATUS UPDATE ON THE LAKE OUACHITA WATER PLANT

Monty Ledbetter, Utilities Director, reported on the status of the Lake Ouachita Water Supply Project. He reported that it is on the fast track and finishing up the construction phase of the plant. The only items remaining are a little electrical work and all the equipment testing.

Denny introduced Traci Berry, the Northwoods Trails Coordinator for Visit Hot Springs. He invited her to share their vision or plans for the Northwoods area after the Lakeside plant is shut down. She discussed the growth of the trails system since 2018 and spoke on planned projects and possible future developments including water access.

E. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

City staff made themselves available for questions. The following questions and comments were presented by committee members and discussed:

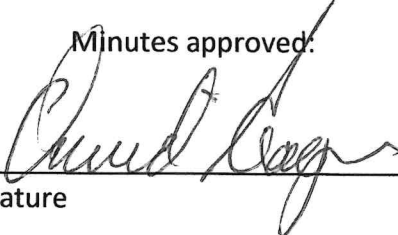
- Is the work being done at Gulpha Gorge connected to the water plant project?
- Do we have an area map that shows where the new Ouachita plant will serve?
- What is the timeframe between testing the equipment and turning the system on?
- Where is the highest pressure plain?
- Are the waterline insurance companies that are sending out mailers sanctioned by the City of Hot Springs?
- Many thanks given for the water plant tours provided in November.
- Where is the new parking area for the Northwoods Trails?
- Are the water restrictions on the lakes at Northwood Trails permanent?
- Is Bearcat Hollow Road open now?
- What do the different colors for the trails indicate on the trail map?
- How does rain affect the trails?
- Will the Water Department still manage the treatment plant property at Northwoods?
- Does the City perform control burns at Northwoods?
- Will the Southwest Trail have an official tie-in with Northwoods Trails once complete?

Candace Shepherd announced the next meeting will be held on April 16, 2026.

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, Roxana Wallace made a motion, duly seconded by Jessy Parker that the meeting be adjourned at 5:02 p.m. and upon voice vote the motion unanimously carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted:
Candace Shepherd, Public Works Office Manager
January 23, 2026

Minutes approved:


Signature



Approval Date