

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
MAY 26, 2009

The Batesville City Council met in regular session on May 26, at 5:30 PM at the Municipal Building. Mayor Rick Elumbaugh presided over the meeting. Councilmember Matthews gave the invocation. Upon roll call the following councilmembers answered present: Tommy Bryant, Margaret Henley, Davy Insell, Fred Krug, Doug Matthews, Matt McDonald, Richard O'Neal, and David Shetron. The City Clerk was also present. The City Attorney was absent.

Councilmember Shetron moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and Councilmember O'Neal seconded. All voted for.

Councilmember Insell moved to approve the prepared agenda. Councilmember Shetron seconded and all voted for.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A) RECOGNIZE THE EAGLE MT. ARCHERY TEAM

Mayor Elumbaugh recognized the Eagle Mountain Archery Team along with Coach Susan Parker for the second place finish in the State Archery Tournament and 11th place finish in the National Archery Tournament. The team has qualified to compete in the World Tournament this October in Orlando, Florida.

B) RECOGNIZE THE BATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK TEAM

Mayor Elumbaugh recognized the Batesville High School Girls Track and Field team and Coach Stu Smith for finishing first in the State Track and Field meet. This is the fifth year in a row that BHS girls have finished first in the State.

C) PRESENTATION FROM MR. GARY UNDERWOOD WITH THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

Mr. Gary Underwood with the U.S. Census Bureau addressed the council with a short video and presentation regarding the upcoming 2010 census.

D) CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST WATER RATES

Councilmember McDonald introduced an ordinance that would repeal Ordinance No. 2000-12-01 fixing rates for water to be furnished by the waterworks system of the City of Batesville and establishing new rates. Councilmember Matthews moved to read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Insell seconded and the roll call count was 8 for and 0 against. The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only. The ordinance will be placed on the next meeting's agenda for the second reading.

E) CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST SEWER RATES

Councilmember Shetron introduced an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2001-02-01 with respect to the establishment of rates for sewer services and setting new sewer rates. Councilmember Matthews moved to read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Insell seconded and the roll call count was 8 for and 0 against. The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only. The ordinance will be placed on the next meeting's agenda for the second reading.

F) ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Damon Johnson, City Engineer, addressed the council with his engineer's report. Mr. Johnson brought the council up-to-date on several projects throughout the City.

He asked for approval for out of state travel of himself, Wastewater Plant Supervisor Eugene Townsley and Utility Construction Supervisor Red Davis to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Johnson said they need to visit a plant that manufactures pipes that they are considering for the new sewer tunnel for the Wastewater Plant upgrade.

Councilmember Krug moved to approve the out of state travel and Councilmember Bryant seconded. All voted for.

G) SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CITY'S TAXI FRANCHISE

Councilmember Matthews moved to read the ordinance by title only and Councilmember Shetron seconded. The roll call count was 8 for and 0 against. The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only for the second reading. The ordinance will be placed on the next meeting's agenda for the third and final reading.

H) SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO SET MAXIMUM TAXI RATES

Councilmember Matthews moved to read the ordinance by title only and Councilmember Insell seconded. The roll call count was 8 for and 0 against. The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only for the second reading. The ordinance will be placed on the next meeting's agenda for the third and final reading.

I) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Matthews moved to go into executive session and Councilmember Insell seconded. All voted for. There were no decisions made in executive session.

J) REVIEW APRIL 2009 FINANCIALS

The council reviewed the April 2009 Financials.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Elumbaugh said the Landscaping Department recently broke a window at the Citizens Bank Branch building located on 3rd Street. When mowing the Pioneer Cemetery, a rock was thrown from the mower and broke a window. Two bids for repairs were submitted. Councilmember O'Neal moved to pay for the repairs with the low bid of \$675.28. Councilmember Matthews and all voted for.

LIAISON REPORTS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Matthews said he has received complaints about the benches at the council meeting being uncomfortable and asked if it was possible to have cushions made for the benches. Councilmember Bryant said he had checked into having cushions made and the price he received was \$1,850.00. No decision was made.

Councilmember Insell said he had received calls that there were not enough trash cans at Riverside Park. Mayor Elumbaugh said Parks Director Palmer had order several new cans for the park. He also said that during special events, dumpsters will be placed in the park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Krug moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilmember Insell seconded and all voted for.

DENISE M. JOHNSTON, CITY CLERK

RICK ELUMBAUGH, MAYOR