

COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2010

The Batesville City Council met in regular session on April 13, at 5:30 PM at the Municipal Building. Mayor Elumbaugh called the meeting to order.

Councilmember Krug gave the invocation. Upon roll call, the following council answered present; Tommy Bryant, Margaret Henley, Davy Insell, Fred Krug, Douglas Matthews, Matt McDonald, Richard O'Neal and David Shetron. Also present were the City Clerk and the City Attorney.

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A) RECOGNIZE MR. MOONEY STARR WITH THE BATESVILLE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Mayor Elumbaugh gave a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Mooney Starr with the Batesville Motor Speedway for his effort in attracting race fans to our area, providing wholesome family entertainment and bringing substantial dollars into our local economy.

B) AIRPORT COMMISSIONER CHARLES BARNETT ON BEHALF OF THE BATESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. Charles Barnett addressed the council with an update on the two state grants awarded to the Airport. One grant is to build 6 T-hangers and the other is additional ramps for airplanes. The City budgeted \$50,000 to give to the airport for their match of the grants. Mr. Barnett said the airport will apply in late 2010 or early 2011 for a federal grant to fence the west and south ends of the airport.

C) MS. LOUANNE GEORGE REGARDING TREE TRIMMING

Ms. LouAnne George of 1411 Davis Lane addressed the council regarding trees that were trimmed or cut down by the City in front of her property.

Ms. George showed the council pictures and asked the city to replace 50 of the trees. After a discussion, the council said they would like to drive by the property to see for themselves before any decisions are made.

D) FIRE CHIEF BRENT GLEGHORN WITH INFORMATION ON THE RESCUE TRUCK AND FORESTRY GRANT UPDATE

Fire Chief Brent Gleghorn gave the council a quarterly activities report for the fire department. The Chief said the city was approved for a Forestry grant which includes equipment for helping with the cleanup of storms or wild fires. The equipment includes back-pack water pumps, leaf blowers, chain saws, helmets and rakes.

Chief Gleghorn gave the council the approximate figures for the new rescue truck and accessories of \$89,578.00. He said two other fire districts were possibly interested in purchasing our current rescue truck. The Chief asked to advertise in the paper for bids to sell the truck and if the bids were not what he was hoping to get then he would advertise on GovDeals. He said they could temporarily do without the rescue truck because they had put most of their equipment on the service truck and were using it for rescue runs. Councilmember Matthews moved to advertise the sale of the rescue truck and Councilmember Henley seconded. All voted for.

E) ENGINEER'S REPORT

City Engineer Damon Johnson addressed the council. Mr. Johnson said the tunnel project is well underway. The contractors have made the turn and are boring 35 to 50 feet per day for the horizontal part of the tunnel. The 2009 Batesville Water Consumer Confidence Report is now available for viewing. Mr. Johnson said he has narrowed the engineering firms for the shop evaluation study down to two. Councilmember Krug moved to hire Miller-Newell out of Newport to do the study. Councilmember Matthew seconded and all voted for.

F) CONSIDER A RESOLUTION FOR THE SALE OF THE CEMETERY SHOP PROPERTY

Councilmember Bryant introduced a resolution to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sell the property previously used as the cemetery /

landscape shop. Mr. Stalker read the resolution in full. Councilmember Matthews moved to adopt the resolution and Councilmember Insell seconded. The roll call count was 8 for and 0 against. The resolution was given #2010-04-01-R.

G) CONSIDER THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DR. CHRIS BELLER TO THE PUBLIC

FACILITIES BOARD

Mayor Elumbaugh asked the council to re-appoint Dr. Chris Beller to the Public Facilities Board. Councilmember Matthews so moved and Councilmember McDonald seconded. All voted for.

H) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember McDonald moved to go into executive session and Councilmember Insell seconded. All voted for.

Upon returning from executive session, Councilmember Krug moved to appoint Mr. Stu Smith to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Councilmember Matthews seconded and all voted for.

I) CEMETERY RESOLUTION

The council considered a cemetery resolution for Ms. Barbara Bullard, Resolution #2010-103-1 for \$200.00. Councilmember Matthews move to adopt and Councilmember McDonald seconded. All voted for.

J) REVIEW PAID BILLS REPORT

The council reviewed the paid bills report for March 2010.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Elumbaugh said the bid for the St. Louis Street stoplight rehab project has been accepted by the Highway Department and the City's remaining share of the project will be \$28,018.71. Councilmember Bryant moved to approve the expenditure and Councilmember O'Neal seconded. All voted for.

The Mayor mentioned a couple of upcoming dates to remember; April 15th is the Growing Healthy Communities meeting at City Hall and April 17th is the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Community Garden.

Mayor Elumbaugh thanked Home Depot for donating several hand tools and accessories to the City and Believers' Community Church for their "Servolution" project at Polk Bayou. The last flood the City had washed away the park at Polk Bayou and the church raised money and volunteered their time and built picnic tables, a new walk bridge and spread mulch throughout the walking track. The Mayor also congratulated Mr. Alan Cockrell for being appointed interim Independence County Sheriff after the resignation of the current Sheriff Keith Bowers.

LIAISON REPORTS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Shetron said he has had complaints about loud music coming from houses. The City's noise ordinance only refers to loud music from

vehicles. Mr. Shetron said he would like the City to investigate and possibly amend our current ordinance to include houses.

Councilmember Bryant said he would like to find the money to pave the parking lot at the Polk Bayou Park. The grade is steep and the gravel keeps washing away making the parking lot very rough. He also said that street lights are being repaired because of the work the fire department has done in driving the city street and reporting light that are out.

ADJOURNMENT

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

DENISE M. JOHNSTON, CITY CLERK

RICK ELUMBAUGH, MAYOR