

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
OCTOBER 25, 2016

The Batesville City Council met in regular session on October 25th at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Building. Mayor Rick Elumbaugh presided over the meeting. Utility Billing Manager Nick Baxter gave the invocation. Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers answered present; Chris Beller, Tommy Bryant, Margaret Henley, Paige Hubbard, Chris Poole and David Shetron. Also present were the City Clerk Denise Johnston and City Attorney Tim Meitzen. Councilmembers Sonya Crafton and Doug Matthews were absent.

Councilmember Bryant moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Councilmember Henley seconded and all voted for.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A) RECOGNIZE SHAWN STEPHENS FOR HIS RECENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

AWARDS

Mayor Elumbaugh recognized Officer Shawn Stephens and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for being named the 2016 Independence County Officer of the Year and the 2016 Officer of the Year for the Northeast Region.

B) REVIEW BIDS ON A 2016 QUINT FIRE TRUCK

Fire Chief Brent Gleghorn and Assistant Fire Chief Ronnie Painter addressed the council to review and discuss the bids received on a 2016 Quint fire truck. Chief Gleghorn said the truck is a Quint style which is a multi-operational truck. The department will trade in either their 1992 or 1996 pumper truck. The bids received were \$597,396.00 from Rosenbauer and \$718,509.00 from Sunbelt E1 Fire. The Chief said the bid from Rosenbauer did not meet all the specifications. He said there were some options on the Sunbelt bid that they could remove in order to help lower the cost. Councilmember Shetron asked if they knew why they only received two bids and could it possibly be because the bid specifications were written so only Sunbelt could meet them. Chief Gleghorn said they did use specs provided by Sunbelt but that should not stop others from submitting a bid. He said if another company, for example, could not provide a 78' aluminum ladder but could bid a 76' aluminum ladder that would be acceptable and would not disqualify the bid. The truck will be paid for out of the county ½ sales and Act 833 funds. With financing they should be able to have the truck paid for in about 4 ½ years. Councilmember Bryant asked how much the department had paid out on repairs and maintenance on the 92 and 96 pumpers. Asst. Chief Painter said he has all that information at the fire station and will get the council a list of the repairs. Chief Gleghorn told the council of all the safety features on the Quint truck including lights on the ladder so you can see better at night. Councilmember Beller said although he is all about safety for the department employees he also wants to get the best deal for the tax payers as well as for the fire department. After more discussion, Mayor Elumbaugh recommended that the Chief and Assistant Chief meet with the City's Public Safety

Committee and review the bid specs together and come back to the council with a recommendation. Councilmember Shetron moved to reject both bids on the Quint Fire Truck and Councilmember Bryant seconded. All members voted for.

MAYOR COMMENTS

The Mayor invited all the council and citizens of Batesville to a retirement reception for Mr. Sanford St. John. Mr. St. John recently retired with 53 years of service with the City. The reception will be held at City Hall on November 7th from 4 to 6 PM.

LIAISON REPORTS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Henley asked for an update on the construction of the Community Center and Aquatics Park. Mayor Elumbaugh asked Parks Director Jeff Owens to address the council with the recent events regarding the center. Mr. Owens said the bond company is continuing their mediations between GAG and CMM. He said GAG has hired a plumber to complete the pool deck. GAG is currently accepting bids from HVAC and Plumbing companies to finish the project if CMM does not return to the job. Mr. Owens said although the issues with CMM has slowed down the project, work is continuing. He said the job goes into liquidated damages sometime around the 25th or 28th of October which will be \$1,000.00 per day, including weekends. Mayor Elumbaugh asked what percentage of the project has been completed. Mr. Owens said approximately 75-80% of the project is complete.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business, Councilmember Bryant moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilmember Beller seconded and all voted for.

RICK ELUMBAUGH, MAYOR

DENISE M. JOHNSTON, CITY CLERK