

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL**  
**OCTOBER 11, 2016**

The Batesville City Council met in regular session on October 11, at 5:30 pm at the Municipal Building. Mayor Rick Elumbaugh presided over the meeting. Utility Billing Supervisor Nick Baxter gave the invocation. Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers answered present; Chris Beller, Tommy Bryant, Sonya Crafton, Margaret Henley, Doug Matthews, Chris Poole and David Shetron. Also present were the City Clerk Denise Johnston and City Attorney Tim Meitzen. Councilmember Paige Hubbard was absent.

Councilmember Bryant moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Councilmember Shetron 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) POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Police Chief Alan Cockrill addressed the council with his monthly report for September. The Chief gave the council a report for the month which included 41 accidents worked by our officers. Chief Cockrill told the council that the City has been approved for a Department of Justice grant, a federal grant, for bullet proof vests. The approved amount is \$15,000.00 and is a 50% reimbursable grant.

He also announced that Prosecuting Attorney Don McSpadden is donating \$10,080.00 to purchase 12 bullet proof vests to the Batesville PD. The vests were ordered yesterday. He said all the current vests that are still “in date” will be passed down to the reserve officers.

**B) ENGINEER’S REPORT**

City Engineer Damon Johnson addressed the council with his monthly report. Mr. Johnson updated the council on the line replacement projects in West and East Batesville. He said the Street Department was working on “standing water” issues at Riverside Park. Mr. Johnson said both treatment plants were running as usual.

**C) CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Councilmember Bryant introduced a resolution to revise the City’s Comprehensive Plan. Code Enforcement Officer Chad McClure addressed the council to answer questions from the council. Mr. McClure said Mr.’s Brandon Holmes and Zach Mobley are requesting the rezone from R-1 to R-2. The property is located west of Big Pine Road and will be used for single level, brick style condominiums with garages. Mr. McClure said a “pre-meeting” with the surrounding land owners was conducted before the Public Hearing to answer any concerns the land owners may have. He said everyone in the pre-meeting was satisfied with the request. One land owner, who was not able to make the pre-meeting, said at the Public Hearing that she was concerned with the additional traffic flow on Big Pine Road. Mr. McClure said the only entrance to the proposed condos will be off Big Pine Road, but after visiting with the land owner,

she had no further concerns. Mr. Meitzen read the resolution in full.

Councilmember Bryant moved to adopt the resolution and Councilmember Beller seconded. The electronic roll call count was 7 for and 0 against. The resolution was given #216-10-01-R.

**D) CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY'S ZONING DISTRICT MAP**

Councilmember Shetron introduced an ordinance to amend the Batesville Zoning District Map to change property located on Big Pine Road from R-1 to R-2.

Councilmember Matthews moved to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Bryant seconded and the electronic roll call count was 7 to 0. Mr. Meitzen read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Matthews further moved to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. Councilmember Shetron seconded and the electronic roll call count was 7 for and 0 against. Councilmember Matthews moved to adopt the ordinance and Councilmember Shetron seconded. The electronic roll call count was 7 for and 0 against. The ordinance was given #2016-10-01.

**E) CONSIDER THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2016, PAYABLE IN 2017**

The council considered the levying of taxes for the year 2016, payable in 2017. Councilmember Bryant moved to approve the levy of taxes at the same rate as the past several years, 5 Mills for the City General and .4 Mills for the Firemen's Pension Fund. Councilmember Henley seconded and the electronic roll call count was 7 for and 0 against.

**F) REVIEW OF THE PAID BILLS REPORT**

The council was given a copy of the September, 2016 paid bills report for review.

## **FIXED ASSETS DISPOSALS**

City Clerk Denise Johnston informed the council of several fixed assets disposals. Fire Department, 2004 Freightliner Brush Truck, Unit #620, returned to the Arkansas Forestry Commission. Sanitation, 1994 Garbage truck, Unit #265, sold on GovDeals for \$2,687.50. Utility Construction, 1998 John Deere Gator, Unit #C497 and a 2004 F-350 truck, Unit #C410, sold on GovDeals for \$1,881.25 and \$7,256.25, respectively. Street Department, 1987 Ford Vacon, Unit 760, sold on GovDeals for \$6,665.00, 1999 Dodge truck, Unit #700, sold on GovDeals for \$752.50, Bush Hog, sold on GovDeals for \$752.50, 1974 Ford one ton, Unit #717, sold on GovDeals for \$1,183.57, 1994 bucket truck, Unit #736, sold on GovDeals for \$2,472.50, 1984 Chev., Unit #730, sold on GovDeals for \$591.25.

## **MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Elumbaugh invited the council and public to a ribbon cutting at the Mark Edward House expansion at Kennedy Park, Friday at 11:00 AM.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

None

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Bryant said he has had a request to place a stop sign at Ridgcrest and Crestview Drive. Mr. Bryant said he and the Mayor had looked at the intersection and because of the complexity of the intersection, they both agree that a stop sign should be placed on Crestview Drive. Mr. Bryant moved to place the stop sign and Councilmember Matthews seconded. All voted for.

Councilmember Henley said she had received several comments about the new street striping around town. Those who have contacted her were pleased with the new striping.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**DENISE M. JOHNSTON, CITY CLERK**

**RICK ELUMBAUGH, MAYOR**