

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
APRIL 29, 2010

The Batesville City Council met in regular session on April 29, at 5:30 PM at the Municipal Building. Mayor Elumbaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Councilmember Insell 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 Insell seconded and all voted for.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) MS. LOUANNE GEORGE REGARDING TREE TRIMMING

City Attorney Scott Stalker advised the council of their options regarding the trimming and removal of several trees along the City right-of-way on Davis Lane. The property next to the right-of-way belongs to Ms. LouAnne George. Ms. George said she does not want all of the trees replaced but would like about 30 small trees replaced. After a discussion,

Councilmember McDonald moved to replace 30 saplings between 2 to 5

feet tall to be placed on Ms. George's property (not in the city right-of-way). Councilmember Insell seconded and all voted for. Ms. George asked that the trees be planted in late fall or early spring of next year for the best planting seasons.

NEW BUSINESS

A) HEAR REPORT FROM THE U OF A PARKS AND RECREATION STUDY

Several students from the University of Arkansas addressed the council and gave a brief overview of the comprehensive Parks and Recreation study they performed on behalf of the City of Batesville. The group gave a power point presentation and presented the city with 5 copies of the complete study and recommendations.

B) ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Damon Johnson, City Engineer, addressed the council with his engineer's report. Mr. Johnson said he received word that the Levy certification is complete and meets the FEMA specifications for certification.

Mr. Johnson gave a brief update on city operations and showed the council several pictures of the work in progress for the Wastewater sewer tunnel project.

C) CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A FAA GRANT FOR THE BATESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT

Councilmember Matthews introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration on behalf of the Batesville Regional Airport Commission. Mr. Stalker read the resolution in full. After a discussion, Councilmember Bryant moved to adopt the resolution. Councilmember Henley seconded and the roll call count was 6 for and 1 (Shetron) abstained. The resolution was given #2010-04-02-R.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Elumbaugh asked the council to look at the intersection of Neeley and 23rd streets. He said he has had a request by a citizen to have the stop signs on Neeley removed from the intersection.

The Mayor commended the Batesville Fire Department for their survey the city street lights. They have reported and turned in 175 light that were either burned out or not working properly.

Mayor Elumbaugh told the council of an incident with the Landscape department. A rock was thrown and broke the back side glass on a 2003 Chevy Blazer. The Mayor said he instructed the owners of the vehicle to have the glass replaced and the city would pay for the damage. The glass repair was approximately \$353.00. The owners had the glass repaired but now were asking for the city to repair scratches they said were caused by the rock. The paint job to repair the scratches is \$617.07. Mayor Elumbaugh said he wanted the council advice on the additional repairs. Councilmember McDonald moved to pay the

repairs to the body shop who will perform the job and Councilmember Matthews seconded. All voted for.

LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Bryant said the Planning Commission is in the process of going through the entire planning and zoning codes to “clean up” the codes and make them more effective for the city.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Matthews said he would like the city to have a clear policy of the city easements and right-of ways. Some of the older sections of town have different easement than the newer sections and a clear map of these easements would be beneficial to the city.

Councilmember Bryant asked the council to consider placing a street light on Shade Tree Drive. Mr. Bryant noted that Shade Tree is several blocks long and the city’s “unwritten” policy is to place street lights at intersections. He said the area in question is very dark and a street light is needed. He asked the council to go look at the area and make a recommendation at the next meeting. Mr. Bryant said the city needs to have a written policy regarding the placement of street lights.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MAYOR
DENISE M. JOHNSTON, CITY CLERK

RICK ELUMBAUGH,