

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
November 12, 2013

The Batesville City Council met in regular session on November 12, at 5:30 PM at the Municipal Building. Mayor Elumbaugh called the meeting to order. Water Utility Office Manager, Nick Baxter gave the invocation. Upon roll call, the following council answered present; Tommy Bryant, Margaret Henley, Paige Hubbard, Davy Insell, Fred Krug, Douglas Matthews, Chris Poole, and David Shetron. Also present were the Administrative Assistant Jennifer Corter and the City Attorney Lindsey Castleberry. City Clerk Denise Johnston was absent.

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A) RECOGNIZE THE BATESVILLE PIONEER'S JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM FOR COMPLETING AN UNDEFEATED SEASON OF 10-0

Mayor Elumbaugh recognized the Batesville Pioneer Junior High team for their accomplishment of completing an undefeated season of 10-0 and being 5A East Conference Champs. Each player present was presented with a proclamation and the head coach spoke about the season.

B) MR. LARRY JONES WITH AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mr. Larry Jones, Economic Development Director, gave the council a report of the economic development incentive grants from 2009 to present. He talked briefly about the progress of the Flowers Bakery project and the opening of Ozark Mtn. Poultry.

C) SHERIFF'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Deputy Alan Cockrill presented the monthly status report for September and discussed some changes and corrections to their policy after two Metro cars were damaged last month in accidents.

D) CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A WATER METER SERVICE AT 160

BLACKBERRY ROAD

Water Utility Office Manager, Mr. Nick Baxter addressed the council along with Ms. Katherine Crawford to request a new water service at 160 Blackberry Road. The service is outside city limits and requires Council approval. Councilmember Shetron made a motion to grant the new service contingent on receiving a letter from Ms. Crawford agreeing to the requirements. Councilmember Bryant seconded and all voted for.

E) MR. BOB CARIUS WITH A MAIN STREET BATESVILLE UPDATE

Mr. Bob Carius addressed the Council with an update on the progress made over the last 5 weeks with the Main Street Batesville program. He reported that 9 of the 10 deficiencies have been corrected and the last item, a financial compliance review, would be corrected before December 31st. He reported that the new director, Mr. Joel Williams, will begin within the week. Mr. Carius requested the City appropriate an additional \$10,000 for next year's budget. He said Main Street has applied for a grant for \$10,000 to repurpose the current poles located in downtown Main Street. The poles currently hold flower pots which are hard to

maintain. He said they are planning to remove the pot holders and extend the poles to hold flags and be topped with copper LED lights. Mayor Elumbaugh said the funding request will be considered during the budget process.

F) AWARD BIDS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY AT 990 E. COLLEGE

Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Chad McClure addressed the Council with the bid results for the demolition of a house located at 990 E. College. The apparent low bidder was Mr. Chuck Murphy from Hardy with a bid of \$9,860.00. The bid meets all the specs and license requirements for the job. Councilmember Shetron made a motion to accept the low bid. Councilmember Matthews seconded and all voted for.

G) ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Damon Johnson, City Engineer, addressed the council with his Engineer's Report. Mr. Johnson said progress is continuing to be made on the new Wastewater Treatment Plant facility. Multi-Craft has been back on site at the Water Treatment Plant working on a punch list. The Street Department is working on a drainage issue on 23rd street and on the large ditch in the Sawmill Addition. The contracted work in the Golf Addition should be completed by early February.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Elumbaugh said there needed to be a correction to the previous minutes to state that Dr. Chris Beller's appointment should have been to the Public Facilities Board instead of the Parks and Rec. Board. Dr. Beller serves on both boards.

Mayor Elumbaugh also said that the December 10th regular meeting needed to be moved to December 17th. Councilmember Matthews so moved and Councilmember Bryant seconded. All voted for.

Mayor Elumbaugh also asked for out of state approval for Ms. Denise Johnston and her staff to attend the IIMC regional meeting in Oklahoma. Councilmember Matthews made a motion to approve the travel. Councilmember Bryant seconded all voted for. He also requested out of state travel for the Fire Chief and Asst. Chief to visit and tour the Task Force Tips Inc. factory in Valparaiso, IN. Travel arrangements will be sponsored by the factory. Councilmember Matthews made a motion to approve the travel and Councilmember Bryant seconded. All voted for.

Budget meetings were set for November 18th, 19th, 25th and December 6th.

Mayor Elumbaugh also said that bids were opened earlier today on the new building at the airport for the new crash truck. There was only one bid received which was from SBI out of Hot Springs. The total bid was \$34,918.00 which includes tax and shipping. Councilmember Bryant made a motion to accept the low bid. Councilmember Matthews seconded and all voted for.

LIAISON REPORTS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bryant reported on an Economic Development workshop that was presented by UALR and noted that the two ways to bring new dollars to an area are with new industry and tourism. The Chamber of Commerce has decided to promote tourism and the Christmas tour of lights in Batesville by placing a billboard in Searcy.

ADJOURNMENT

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

JENNIFER CORTER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

RICK ELUMBAUGH, MAYOR