

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

The Batesville City Council met in regular session on February 14, at 5:30 PM at the Municipal Building. Mayor Elumbaugh called the meeting to order. Utility Office Manager Nick Baxter gave the invocation. Upon roll call, the following council answered present; Tommy Bryant, Margaret Henley, Davy Insell, Fred Krug, Chris Poole, and David Shetron. Also present were the City Clerk and the City Attorney. Councilmember Doug Matthews came in at 6:05 PM. Councilmember Paige Hubbard was absent.

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

Councilmember Insell moved to approve the prepared agenda as amended. Councilmember Bryant seconded and all voted for.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A) RECOGNIZE MR. JUSTIN BURGE FOR BEING “SANTA” IN THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE FOR OVER 30 YEARS**

Mayor Elumbaugh recognized and presented Mr. Justin Burge with a Key to the City for being “Santa” in the annual Christmas Parade for over 30 years. The Mayor said Mr. Burge is involved in several civic clubs and is a true public servant. Mr. Burge thanked the council for the recognition and said he had planned on retiring from Santa after 25 years but after looking down on the faces

of all the children he could not do it. He said he will continue to be Santa as long as he is able and the public wants him.

**B) HEAR A REQUEST FROM MS. CONNIE SPURLIN ABOUT REIMBURSEMENT FOR SEWER BACKUP DAMAGES IN HER HOUSE**

Ms. Connie Spurlin addressed the council asking for reimbursement for damages she incurred at her home due to a sewer backup. Mr. Nick Baxter confirmed that the backup was caused by a blockage on the City side of the drain. Ms. Spurlin filed a claim with her insurance and is asking the City to pay for the remainder of the cost for a total of \$1,480.83. Councilmember Shetron moved to reimburse Ms. Spurlin for the damages and Councilmember Poole seconded. All voted for.

**C) HEAR A REPORT FROM MS. PAULA GRIMES WITH MAIN STREET BATESVILLE**

Mr. Chris Black addressed the council on behalf of Ms. Paula Grimes who was ill. Mr. Black went over a few of the 2011 projects and proposed 2012 projects planned and supported by Main Street Batesville. They are asking the City to consider raising their support from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for 2012. Councilmember Shetron said he would like to wait and look at the City's financials after the first quarter of 2012 before making a decision. The rest of the council agreed and told Mr. Black they would consider the request after the first quarter reports are in.

**D) CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2011 BUDGET**

Councilmember Insell introduced a resolution to amend the 2011 budget. Mr. Castleberry read the resolution in full. Councilmember Bryant moved to adopt

and Councilmember Insell seconded. The roll call count was 6 for and 0 against. The resolution was given #2012-02-01-R.

**E) CONSIDER A RESOLUTION FOR A BEVERAGE AGREEMENT WITH PEPSI**

Councilmember Insell introduced a resolution to enter into a contract with Pepsi for exclusive beverage rights at City parks. Mr. Castleberry read the resolution in full. Councilmember Bryant pointed out that the wording in the resolution and contract are not the same regarding the park locations. After a discussion, Councilmember Bryant moved to amend the resolution to include all City owned park facilities. Councilmember Poole seconded and all voted for.

Councilmember Bryant then moved to approve the amended resolution.

Councilmember Henley seconded and the roll call count was 6 for and 0 against.

The resolution was given #2012-02-02-R.

**F) CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE AEDC FOR A DISASTER GRANT**

Councilmember Bryant introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for a disaster grant. Mr. Castleberry read the resolution in full. Councilmember Bryant moved to adopt the resolution and Councilmember Henley seconded. The roll call count was 6 for and 0 against. The resolution was given #2012-02-03-R.

**G) REVIEW PAID BILLS REPORT**

The council was given a copy of the January 2012 paid bills report for review.

**H) ENGINEER'S REPORT**

City Engineer Damon Johnson addressed the council with his engineer's report.

Mr. Johnson gave an update on the progress of the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion as well as other department within the City.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The council was informed of three fixed asset disposals. Unit #203, 1979 Chevrolet was scrapped for \$1,128.00. Unit #212, 1997 Ford sanitation truck was sold for \$5,000.00 and Unit #217, 2010 sanitation truck was traded in for a 2012 model truck.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

None

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**RICK ELUMBAUGH, MAYOR**

**DENISE M. JOHNSTON, CITY CLERK**