

**REGULAR MEETING****DECEMBER 20, 2022**

Be It Remembered that a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Batesville was held on the third Tuesday afternoon of December, being the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022, at 2:00 p.m., when and where were present the following, to-wit:

Mayor Hal Ferrell; Aldermen Stan Harrison, Dennis Land, Bill Dugger (via phone), Teddy Morrow and Bobby Walton. Also present were: City Clerk Susan Berryhill; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell (via phone); Chief of Police Kerry Pittman; Assistant Chief of Police George Williford; Greg Smith of Mendrop Engineering Resources; Chief Building Official Andy Berryhill; Assistant Public Works Director Newt Benson; Fire Chief Tim Taylor and Assistant City Clerk Shonnah Weaver.

A quorum being present, the meeting was duly opened by the Mayor and, after the invocation given by Troy Smith, the following business was taken up.

**IN RE:        APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, the agenda of December 20, 2022, was approved with the addition of Code Office executive session.

CITY OF BATESVILLE BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 20, 2022  
2:00 P.M. | CITY HALL

AGENDA

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hal Ferrell

**INVOCATION:** Troy Smith

**MAYOR’S WELCOME STATEMENT:** “To all in attendance, pursuant to Order by the Board of Aldermen, adopted on March 1, 2022, in order to address the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, you must be on the agenda.”

**CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

**PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION**

**MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

- 1. Regular Meeting – December 6, 2022

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval for Justin Parker and Justin Sanders to attend the Basic Firefighter course 1001-I-II at the Mississippi Fire Academy January 9-February 23, 2023. Course fee: \$500.00 each plus per diem for meals. They will travel in a city vehicle. Reimburse travel expenses if necessary.
- 2. Approval for Officer Matthew Brown to attend an eight-week Basic K-9 Handlers School beginning January 9, 2023, in Senatobia, Mississippi. There is no cost for the training. He will travel in a city vehicle. Meal advance in the amount of \$700.00 for lunch expense with required meal receipts. Some dinner meal expense may be necessary. Reimburse travel expenses if necessary.

**PAY REQUEST AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of payment in the amount of \$113,004.36 to be made to Brocato Construction Co., Inc. in connection with the High Pressure Gas Main Extension (Lehman Roberts).
- 2. Approval of payment in the amount of \$179,902.85 to be made to Brocato Construction Co., Inc. in connection with the Sanitary Interceptor Sewer & Forcemain Improvements.
- 3. Approval of payment in the amount of \$30,432.32 to be made to Aldridge Construction in connection with the Highway 6 Water Extension.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. Accept the resignation of Jeremy Red from the Gas Department, effective December 30, 2022.

**BIDS RECEIVED** – Civic Center Food & Beverage**VISITORS**

1. Kristine Reed

**PERMANENT VISITORS**

- Panola Partnership
- North Delta Planning and Development
- Mendrop Engineering Resources
- Panola County Board of Supervisors and department heads
- State or Federal legislators representing any part of Panola County
- Any person engaged in contractual business with the City of Batesville
- The Panolian Jeremy Weldon or his proxy

**REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**

- **CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – ANDY BERRYHILL**
- **CHIEF OF POLICE – KERRY PITTMAN**
  1. Request to purchase seven (7) Body Armor Level 2 Vest, concealable carriers and trauma plates through Mississippi State Contract #8200065174.
  2. Monthly report
- **CITY ATTORNEY – COLMON MITCHELL**
- **CITY CLERK – SUSAN BERRYHILL**
- **FIRE CHIEF – TIM TAYLOR**
  1. Monthly reports

- **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – DAVID KARR**
  1. Quotes received – 1-ton pick-up (Street Department)
  2. Quotes received – ¾ ton pick-up (Gas Department)
  3. Change Order #2 – Highway 6 Water Extension

**OTHER MATTERS BY MAYOR OR ALDERMAN:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Tax Increment Financing Appeal

**ADJOURNMENT**

**IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Land and upon unanimous vote taken, the minutes of the December 6, 2022, regular meeting, were approved.

IN RE:            **SIGNATURE SHEET FOR MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2022**

Board Meeting  
December 20, 2022  
Signature Sheet  
PLEASE PRINT NAME CLEARLY

<i>Kerry Pittman</i>	_____
Please print name clearly	
<i>Georgi Williford</i>	_____
Please print name clearly	
<i>Tina Whitaker</i>	_____
Please print name clearly	
<i>Josh Hawkins</i>	_____
Please print name clearly	
<i>Kristine Reed</i>	_____
Please print name clearly	
<i>Troy Smith</i>	_____
Please print name clearly	
<i>Mark Brown</i>	_____
Please print name clearly	
<i>Robbie Haley</i>	_____
Please print name clearly	
<i>Tim Taylor</i>	_____
Please print name clearly	
<i>Andy Berryhill</i>	_____
Please print name clearly	

**IN RE:        APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the following matters and items on the consent agenda be and they are hereby approved:

1.     Approval for Justin Parker and Justin Sanders to attend the Basic Firefighter course 1001-I-II at the Mississippi Fire Academy January 9-February 23, 2023. Course fee: \$500.00 each plus per diem for meals. They will travel in a city vehicle. Reimburse travel expenses if necessary.
2.     Approval for Officer Matthew Brown to attend an eight-week Basic K-9 Handlers School beginning January 9, 2023, in Senatobia, Mississippi. There is no cost for the training. He will travel in a city vehicle. Meal advance in the amount of \$700.00 for lunch expense with required meal receipts. Some dinner meal expense may be necessary. Reimburse travel expenses if necessary.

**IN RE:        APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST AGENDA**

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the following matters and items on the pay request agenda be and they are hereby approved:

1.     Approval of payment in the amount of \$113,004.36 to be made to Brocato Construction Co., Inc. in connection with the High Pressure Gas Main Extension (Lehman Roberts).
2.     Approval of payment in the amount of \$179,902.85 to be made to Brocato Construction Co., Inc. in connection with the Sanitary Interceptor Sewer & Forcemain Improvements.
3.     Approval of payment in the amount of \$30,432.32 to be made to Aldridge Construction in connection with the Highway 6 Water Extension.

**IN RE:        APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES AGENDA**

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the following matters and items on the Human Resources agenda be and they are hereby approved:

1.     Accept the resignation of Jeremy Red from the Gas Department, effective December 30, 2022.

**IN RE: BIDS RECEIVED – CIVIC CENTER FOOD & BEVERAGE**

This day the Mayor and Board of Aldermen received sealed competitive bids for Civic Center Food & Beverage, pursuant to advertisement made in the manner and for the time provided by law as evidenced by a copy of Proof of Publication attached hereto. Mayor Ferrell, having read aloud said bids, found that the following bids were received and are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

**The Dawg House** 22%  
**A Tailored Event, LLC dba Taylor Grocery Special Events Catering** 10%

Having heard all bids received, upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the bids be and they are hereby taken under advisement.

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### STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF PANOLA

Rebecca Alexander, being duly sworn, on oath says she is and during all times herein stated has been an employee of Batesville Newsmedia publisher and printer of the The Panolian (the "Newspaper"), has full knowledge of the facts herein stated as follows:

1. The Newspaper printed the copy of the matter attached hereto (the "Notice") was copied from the columns of the Newspaper and was printed and published in the English language on the following days and dates:

11/16/22, 11/23/22

2. The sum charged by the Newspaper for said publication is the actual lowest classified rate paid by commercial customer for an advertisement of similar size and frequency in the same newspaper in which the Notice was published.

3. There are no agreements between the Newspaper, publisher, manager or printer and the officer or attorney charged with the duty of placing the attached legal advertising notice whereby any advantage, gain or profit accrued to said officer or attorney

*Rebecca Alexander*

Rebecca Alexander, Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
23rd Day of November, 2022

*Shandale Goodman*

Shandale Goodman, Notary Public  
State of Mississippi  
My commission expires 07-30-2026

Account # 180200  
Ad # 1546849

CITY OF BATESVILLE  
PO BOX 689  
BATESVILLE MS 38606

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS BATESVILLE CIVIC CENTER FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

BIDS will be received by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Batesville, Mississippi, (herein called the "OWNER"), at the office of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, 103 College Street, Batesville, Mississippi until 2:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, December 20, 2022, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud for the Batesville Civic Center Food and Beverage Service.

Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to City of Batesville, Mississippi, Post Office Box 689, Batesville, Mississippi 38606. Each sealed envelope containing a Bid must be plainly marked on the outside as "Bid for Batesville Civic Center Food and Beverage Service" and the envelope should bear on the outside the name of the Bidder and his address. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the Bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the City of Batesville, Post Office Box 689, Batesville, Mississippi 38606. All BIDS must be made on the required BID form. All blank spaces must be filled in, in ink or typewritten, and the BID form must be completed and executed when submitted. Only one copy of the BID form is required. The OWNER reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any and all BIDS. The OWNER reserves the right to award to other than the low BIDDER when, in the OWNER'S judgment, it is in his best interest to do so. Any BID may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of BIDS or authorized postponement thereof. No BIDDER may withdraw a BID within Sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Should there be reasons why the contract cannot be awarded within the specified period; the time may be extended by mutual agreement between the OWNER and BIDDER.

All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction shall apply to the contract throughout. The attention of Bidders is directed to the State and Federal Laws governing selections of and employment of labor. In accordance with the Buy American provision in Public Law 95.217 (Section 215 of Public Law 92-500, as amended), the Bidder agrees that preference will be given to domestic equipment, materials and related items included in his bid.

Bidders are hereby notified that any PROPOSAL accompanied by letter qualifying in any manner the condition under which the PROPOSAL is tendered will be an IRREGULAR PROPOSAL, and such PROPOSAL as tendered will be considered an IRREGULAR PROPOSAL, and such PROPOSAL will not be considered in making the award.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all PROPOSALS and to waive any informalities in the bidding and to negotiate the apparent highest and/or best PROPOSAL to such extent as may be necessary.

THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS contains the provisions required for the CONCESSIONS SERVICE. Information obtained from an officer, an agent, or employee of the OWNER or any other person shall not affect the risks or obligations assumed by the BIDDER or forgive failure to fulfill any of the conditions of the CONTRACT.

Site inspection trips for prospective BIDDERS may be arranged through The Batesville Civic Center, 290 Civic Center Drive, Batesville, Mississippi; (662) 563-1392, at a time mutually agreed upon by the Civic Center and prospective BIDDERS.

Approved by order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Batesville, Mississippi, this the 2nd day of August, 2022.

/Signed:  
Susan Berryhill, City Clerk

The Panolian:  
Nov. 16 and 23, 2022  
PROPOSALS

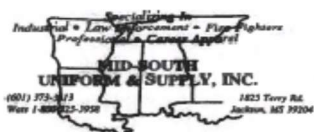
**IN RE:            UTILITY BILL**

The Mayor recognized Kristine Reed of 307 Hickory Lane who appeared before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen requesting the \$50.00 delinquent charge be reimbursed to her as a credit on her next utility bill.

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the above request be and it is hereby approved.

**IN RE:        APPROVAL TO PURCHASE VEST – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Land and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that Chief of Police Kerry Pittman be and he is hereby authorized to purchase 7 body armor level 2 vest, concealable carriers and trauma plates through Mississippi State Contract #8200065174 in the amount if \$6,790.00. Ballistic Grant will reimburse the City of Batesville \$3,395.00 of this purchase.



**MID SOUTH UNIFORM & SUPPLY, INC.**  
1825 UNIVERSITY BLVD  
JACKSON, MS 39204  
(601)373-3613 (800)325-3958

## Quote

DATE	QUOTE #
12/01/22	39220

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**Quote for:**

**BODY ARMOR**  
**BATESVILLE POLICE DEPT**  
**P. O. BOX 689**  
**106 COLLEGE ST**  
**BATESVILLE, MS 38606**  
**(662)563-5653**

SHIP TO:

**SAME  
SAME**

Email us at: [sales@midsouthuniform.net](mailto:sales@midsouthuniform.net)

LINE	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS	QTY	PRICE	EXTENSION
1	SBA-SX02-IIM	SBA ARMOR SX02 LVL 2 MALE	ROBERT ALES 2415-2215	1	775.00	775.00
2	SBA-SX02-IIM	SBA ARMOR SX02 LVL 2 MALE	JARVIS SMITH 2013-2014	1	775.00	775.00
3	SBA-SX02-IIM	SBA ARMOR SX02 LVL 2 MALE	JUSTIN DAVIS 2215-2215	1	775.00	775.00
4	SBA-SX02-IIM	SBA ARMOR SX02 LVL 2 MALE	JAMES ADAM SMITHEY 2014-1815	1	775.00	775.00
6	SBA-SX02-IIM	SBA ARMOR SX02 LVL 2 MALE	DENVER DONAHON 2015-2015	1	775.00	775.00
7	SBA-SX02-IIM	SBA ARMOR SX02 LVL 2 MALE	THOMAS CAMPBELL 2615-2416	1	775.00	775.00
8	SBA-SX02-IIM	SBA ARMOR SX02 LVL 2 MALE	GEORGE WILLIFORD 2416-2216	1	775.00	775.00
9	SBA-M2	SBA M2 CONCEALABLE CARRIER		7	97.50	682.50
10	0079	IMPAC HT TRAUMA PLATE-7"X 9"		7	97.50	682.50
11	MSSC2023	MS STATE CONTRACT# 8200065174		1		

Total of lines with quantities only are included in totals below.  
Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to serve you.  
This quote is valid for up to 30 days.

Sincerely,

Missy Harris

All products are covered by the manufacturer's warranty which varies based on manufacturer and product. MID SOUTH UNIFORM & SUPPLY Inc. does not take responsibility for any defects in merchandise but will assist in requesting warranty service from the manufacturer on your behalf. Returns or exchanges for credit are only available on unused merchandise in original packaging within 30 days of date of invoice and are subject to a restocking fee less the shipping charges. Returned goods must have a valid return authorization number prior to return. Shipments of returns must be prepaid. Any damaged goods or shortages must be reported within 5 days of receipt. For any other customer service issue please call or e-mail us at: [sales@midsouthuniform.net](mailto:sales@midsouthuniform.net).  
Thank you for your business!

Estimated Sub-total	6,790.00
Estimated Shipping	0.00
Estimated Sales Tax (.08 /001)	0.00
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,790.00</b>





## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## VENDOR INFORMATION

Vendor Number : 3100034054  
 Vendor :  
 SAFARILAND, LLC  
 PO BOX 406351  
 ATLANTA GA 30384-6351  
 Contact Name : Wendy Fuchs  
 Tel Number : (904) 371-2207  
 Fax Number : (800) 588-0399  
 Email : wendy.fuchs@safariland.com

## CONTRACT INFORMATION

Contract Number : 8200065174  
 Agency Contract Identifier : 1130-23-C-SWCT-00401  
 Contract Type : Statewide Contract  
 Contract Description : N/A  
 Contract Valid Dates : 10/01/2022 - 09/30/2023  
 Total Value : N/A  
 Distributors : Yes  
 Delivery Days : 0

## SHIPPING ADDRESS

## BUYER INFORMATION

Contact Person : JAMES BRABSTON  
 Telephone : (601) 359-2007  
 Fax :  
 E-mail : JAMES.BRABSTON@DFA.MS.GOV

## Supplier Text :

MAGIC users must use Internal Catalog to order products and view/compare prices.

## Notice to Vendor :

Safariland, State of MS Body Armor & Supplies contract.

Item	Qty	Unit	Price Per Unit	Description	Delivery / Required Date
		Retention	Product Number/ Supplier Product	Discount	Amount
# 1	N/A		\$ 0.00	Boby Armor, Riot Shield and Supplies	-
		0.00 %		0.00	N/A
<b>Distributor : BARNEYS POLICE SUPPLIES, MID SOUTH UNIFORM &amp; SUPPLY INC</b>					
<b>Distributors :</b>					
ID: 3100035730 BARNEYS POLICE SUPPLIES 1491 BEECH SPRINGS RD SALTILLO MS 38866 Telephone : Fax :					
ID: 3100015225 MID SOUTH UNIFORM & SUPPLY INC 1825 UNIVERSITY BLVD JACKSON MS 39204-5099 Telephone : (601) 373-3613 Fax :					

**IN RE: QUOTES RECEIVED – TRUCK – STREET DEPARTMENT**

The City of Batesville received the following quotes electronically for a truck for use in the Street Department:

Kirk Auto Group	\$51,500.00
Pine Belt Auto Group	\$52,300.00

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the quote from Kirk Auto Group in the amount of \$51,500.00 be and it is hereby accepted as the lowest and best quote for a truck for use in the Street Department. A copy of said quotes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and a copy of the accepted quote follows:



**2022 FORD F350 CREW CAB 4X4**

**FACTORY OPTIONS:**  
COLOR: WHITE  
40/20/40- VINYL SEATS  
6.2L EFI V-8  
10 SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANS  
POWER EQUIPMENT GROUP  
LED BED LIGHTING  
PRIVACY GLASS  
CRUISE CONTROL  
TRAILER TOWING PACKAGE  
E LOCKING REAR AXLE  
IN STOCK VEHICLE

**TOTAL: \$ 51,500.00**

**CALL OR SEE: WES HERRING**  
**Wes 601-503-4534**  
**wes@kirkautomotive.com**

**IN RE: QUOTES RECEIVED – TRUCK – GAS DEPARTMENT**

The City of Batesville received the following quotes electronically for a truck for use in the Gas Department:

Kirk Auto Group	\$51,993.00
Pine Belt Auto Group	\$52,450.00

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the quote from Kirk Auto Group in the amount of \$51,993.00 be and it is hereby accepted as the lowest and best quote for a truck for use in the Gas Department. A copy of said quotes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and a copy of the accepted quote follows:

**2023 RAM 2500 CREW CAB 4X4****FACTORY OPTIONS:**

**COLOR: WHITE**  
**40/20/40- VINYL SEATS**  
**6.2L EFI V-8**  
**8 SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION**  
**POWER LOCKS/ WINDOWS/ MIRRORS**  
**REMOTE ENTRY**  
**TRAILER BRAKE CONTROL**  
**SHIFT ON THE FLY 4X4**  
**115V AUXILIARY OUTLET**  
**LIMITED SLIP REAR END**

**ORDER VEHICLE**

**TOTAL: \$ 51,993.00**

**CALL OR SEE: WES HERRING**  
**Wes 601-503-4534**  
**wes@kirkautomotive.com**

**IN RE:            APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 – HIGHWAY 6 WATER  
EXTENSION**

There came on for discussion the approval of the Change Order No. 2, set out below, in connection with the Highway 6 Water Extension.

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Morrow and unanimously carried upon the affirmative vote of all board members present, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Batesville, found and determined that the changes or modifications to the original contract as shown in the Change Order are necessary or would better serve the purpose of the City, are necessary or incidental to the completion and scope of the work as originally bid, are not outside the scope of the original contact, are commercially reasonable, are not made to circumvent the public purchasing statutes and the increased number of days is reasonable and ordered that said Change Order No. 2 increasing the amount of days by 100, shown below, be and the same is hereby approved.

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER				
OWNER: <u>THE CITY OF BATESVILLE</u>				
CONTRACTOR: <u>ALDRIDGE CONSTRUCTION</u>				
DATE: <u>10/25/2022</u> PROJECT NO: <u>C-300-125-19</u>				
CHANGE ORDER NUMBER: <u>2</u> CONTRACT NUMBER: <u>N/A</u>				
PROJECT NAME: <u>HWY 6 WATER EXTENSION</u>				
REASON FOR CHANGE: <u>TIME EXTENSION DUE TO ENGINEER/OWNER OBTAINING PRIVATE EASEMENT</u>				
YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FROM THE CONTRACT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF REQUIRED)				
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE(S) (QUANTITIES, ETC.)	UNIT COST	TOTAL CONTRACT	TOTAL ELIGIBLE COST
NO PRICE CHANGE				
ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT:			TOTAL	TOTAL ELIGIBLE
CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT:			\$ 923,877.80	\$
THIS CONTRACT CHANGE:			\$	\$
REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT:			0\$ 0.00	0\$
CURRENT CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE:			10-27-2022	
TIME EXTENSION REQUIRED BY CHANGE:			100 DAYS	
REVISED CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE:			2/4/2023	
THIS DOCUMENT SHALL BE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT AND ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT WILL APPLY.				
RECOMMENDED BY: <u>Sheila Williams</u>		<u>12/15/2022</u>		
ENGINEER		DATE		
ACCEPTED BY: <u>[Signature]</u>		<u>10/25/2022</u>		
CONTRACTOR		DATE		
APPROVED BY: _____		DATE _____		
OWNER				

**IN RE:       MADE IN PANOLA FAIR – PANOLA PARTNERSHIP**

Upon motion of Alderman Walton and second of Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the Made In Panola Fair, hosted by Panola Partnership, to be held at the Batesville Civic Center February 1-2, 2023, be and it is hereby approved and further ordered that there be no charge for the use of the conference room/rooms.

**IN OPEN SESSION**

Alderman Harrison moved that the meeting be closed to determine whether or not the Mayor and Board of Aldermen should declare an executive session. Thereafter, upon the affirmative votes of Aldermen Walton, Land, Dugger (via phone), Morrow and Harrison it was ordered that the meeting be closed in order to determine whether or not the Board should declare an executive session.

**IN THE CLOSED MEETING**

Mayor Ferrell announced that the meeting is closed to determine whether or not the Mayor and Board of Aldermen should declare an executive session. Present in the closed meeting were: Mayor Hal Ferrell; Aldermen Land, Harrison, Dugger (via phone), Morrow and Walton; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell (via phone); Chief of Police Kerry Pittman; Assistant Chief of Police George Williford; Assistant Public Works Director Newt Benson and Assistant City Clerk Shonnah Weaver.

On motion made by Alderman Harrison, seconded by Alderman Morrow, and unanimously carried upon the affirmative votes of Aldermen Land, Walton, Dugger (via phone), Morrow and Harrison it was ordered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen go into executive session in order to discuss personnel matters in the Code Office and the tax increment financing appeal.

**IN OPEN MEETING**

The Mayor announced that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen will go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters in the Code Office and the tax increment financing appeal and that the total vote on the motion to go into executive session was five (5) aldermen in favor and no aldermen opposed. Those present in the open meeting were Mayor Ferrell; Aldermen Harrison, Land, Dugger (via phone), Morrow and Walton; City Clerk Susan Berryhill; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell (via phone); Chief of Police Kerry Pittman; Assistant Chief of Police George Williford; Assistant Public Works Director Newt Benson and Assistant City Clerk Shonnah Weaver.

**IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Ferrell announced that the Mayor and Board are in executive session. Those present in executive session were Mayor Ferrell; Aldermen Harrison, Walton, Dugger (via phone), Morrow and Land; City Clerk Susan Berryhill; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell (via phone); Chief of Police Kerry Pittman; Assistant Chief of Police George Williford; Assistant Public Works Director Newt Benson and Assistant City Clerk Shonnah Weaver.

There came on for discussion the personnel matter in the Code Office. (Chief Building Official Andy Berryhill was present for this part of discussion.)

There next came on for discussion the tax increment financing appeal. (Assistant City Attorney Ryan Revere was present for this discussion.)

The executive session was concluded and the Mayor and Board went into open meeting.

**IN OPEN MEETING**

The Mayor announced that the Mayor and Board are now in open meeting. Those present were Mayor Ferrell; Aldermen Land, Harrison, Dugger (via phone), Morrow and Walton; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell (via phone); City Clerk Susan Berryhill; Chief of Police Kerry Pittman; Assistant Chief of Police George Williford; Assistant Public Works Director Newt Besnon and Assistant City Clerk Shonnah Weaver.

**IN RE:        APPROVAL TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT – CODE OFFICE**

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that Jacob Briar Hodges be and he is hereby offered full-time employment in the Code Office at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, contingent upon him accepting the offer and undergoing a medical exam and a drug and alcohol test and being free of drugs and cleared for employment pursuant thereto, and that said offer of employment expires on January 2, 2023, at midnight if not accepted.

**IN RE:        EMPLOYMENT OFFERS**

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that employment offers be placed under the Human Resources agenda.

**IN RE:        TAX INCREMENT FINANCING APPEAL**

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the Legal Department be and they are hereby authorized to make an offer in connection with the tax increment financing appeal with contingencies as discussed in executive session.



**OTHER MATTERS COMING BEFORE THE MAYOR AND BOARD FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Chief of Police Kerry Pittman provided a copy of the monthly police report to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
2. City Attorney Colmon Mitchell informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the amended REDA agreement has been approved by the Attorney General's office.
3. Fire Chief Tim Taylor provided a copy of the monthly fire and inspections reports to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at 1:00 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at the City Hall at 103 College Street, Batesville, Mississippi.

In accordance with Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, a notice of said regular meeting has been posted in the City Hall and a copy of said notice follows these minutes.

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Mayor

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Clerk of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Of the City of Batesville, Mississippi

**NOTICE OF PLACE, DATE, HOUR AND SUBJECT MATTER**  
**OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI**

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The adjourned meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Batesville, Mississippi, shall be held on the following subject matter at the following place, date, and hour, to-wit:

Place: City Hall, 103 College Street, Batesville, MS 38606

Date: On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2022

Hour: 1:00 p.m.

Subject Matter: To transact any and all business that may be transacted at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The meeting may be conducted through teleconference or video means. Participation is available to the general public at said location.