

# CITY OF BATESVILLE BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2024  
1:00 P.M. | CITY HALL

## AGENDA

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hal Ferrell

**INVOCATION:** Jonathan Garner

**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, and pursuant to Order adopted March 23, 2023, you must sign the sign-in sheet with a complete address."

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

- February 6, 2024

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

- Regular Meeting – January 24, 2024
- Adjourned Meeting – January 25, 2024
- Adjourned Meeting – January 29, 2024
- Adjourned Meeting – February 2, 2024

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval for Ryley Boyero to attend via zoom meeting the Domestic Abuse Protection Orders and the Domestic Abuse Protection Order Registry on February 9, 2024, with expenses, if necessary paid/reimbursed by the City.
2. Approval for Mayor and Board of Aldermen to attend Exploring Common Municipal Laws on February 22, 2024, in Oxford, Mississippi with expenses paid/reimbursed by the City.
3. Approval for Special Operations Officer Zach White to attend Writing Drug Search Warrants Training at the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy on April 7-10, 2024, in Meridian, Mississippi with expenses paid/reimbursed by the City. He will travel in a city vehicle. Parking expenses that may be incurred will be reimbursed through petty cash with proper receipts.
4. Approval for Captain Wesley Hawkins to attend the FBI National Academy Associates Mississippi Chapter 2023 Spring Re-Trainer on April 17-19, 2024, in Gulfport, Mississippi with expenses paid/reimbursed by the City. He will travel in a city vehicle.

5. Approval for Dispatchers Carolyn Andrews and Cindy Robertson to attend Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Training on February 12-13, 2024, in Oxford, Mississippi with expenses paid/reimbursed by the City. Lunch expenses will be reimbursed through petty cash with proper receipts, not to exceed \$15.00 per day per person.
6. Approval for Justin Hudson, Micah Morrow and Thomas King to attend the Haz Mat Awareness and Operations course via online for two weeks (starts March 11, 2024) and one week at the Mississippi Fire Academy (March 25-28, 2024) They will travel in a city vehicle. Expenses paid/reimbursed by the city.
7. Approval for Mayor Hal Ferrell and Alderman At Large Teddy Morrow to travel to Jackson, Mississippi on February 6, 2024, to attend and meet with Legislators, with expenses paid/reimbursed by the City.

### **PAY REQUEST AGENDA**

1. Approval to issue payment to Deere & Company in the amount of \$87,596.36 for the purchase of a tractor and three (3) rotary cutters for use in the Street/Sanitation and Wastewater Treatment Plant (Street Department-\$29,198.79; Sanitation Department-\$29,198.78; Wastewater Treatment Plant-\$29,198.79). Board approved December 19, 2023.
2. Approval to issue payment to Mendrop Engineering Resources in the amount of \$11,665.00 for professional services for December 2023.
3. Approval to issue payment to USBank in the following amounts:
  - \$328,325.00 – Water Revenue Bond
  - \$207,975.00 – PW/Fire
  - \$102,250.00 – REDA Int./Principle

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. Approval for a salary increase of \$1.50 per hour (from \$15.45 per hour increased to \$16.95 per hour) for **Mackenzie Johnson**, effective February 8, 2024, due to her taking on additional duties in the utility department and court department and has met her one year probationary period.
2. Approval to offer employment to **Joshua Roberson** in the Street Department at a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour, contingent upon him accepting said 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 February 19, 2024, at midnight if not accepted.
3. Approval for a salary increase in the amount of \$2.00 per hour (from \$19.00 per hour increased to \$21.00 per hour) for **Cheyenne VanTricht** (Gas Department), effective February 8, 2024, due to her completing welding certification, based on the Personnel Rate Structure, adopted December 5, 2023.

4. Approval for a salary increase in the amount of \$2.00 per hour (from \$18.03 per hour increased to \$20.03 per hour) for **Hunter French**, effective February 8, 2024, due to him completing Class D water license, based on the Personnel Rate Structure, adopted December 5, 2023.
5. Approval for a salary increase in the amount of \$3.50 per hour (from \$22.68 per hour increased to \$26.18 per hour) for **Taylor Jaudon**, effective February 8, 2024, due to him completing Class D water license, Class 2 Wastewater Treatment certifications and Vector mosquito control certifications, based on the Personnel Rate Structure, adopted December 5, 2023.

## **VISITORS**

1. Andrew Nowlin

## **PERMANENT VISITORS**

- Panola Partnership
- North Delta Planning and Development
- Mendrop Engineering Resources – pipeline crossing license agreement
- 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

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS – 3:00 P.M.**

## **BIDS RECONSIDERED**

## **REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**

### **CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL – ANDY BERRYHILL**

1. Monthly inspection & complaint list
2. Planning Commission Minutes – January 29, 2024
3. Set Public Hearings: (March 5, 2024)
  - Jerry Burkes – Variance from the side set back requirements
  - Byron Houston – Conditional Use Permit to allow use 9.200 for tire sales
  - William C. Haire, Jr. – Rezoning request from R-7 to RM3, Multifamily
4. Set Clean-up Hearings as needed
5. Approval to serve on the Board of Directors for ICC Gulf Coast Region IX approval & to attend the following training/board meetings:
  - Building Officials of Louisiana Annual Conference March 18-20, 2024, in Lafayette, Louisiana, with expenses paid/reimbursed by the City.
  - Code Officials Association of Alabama Annual Conference – April 29-May 3, 2024, in Orange Beach, Alabama, with expenses paid/reimbursed by the City.
  - Building Officials Association of Mississippi Annual Conference June 10-14, 2024, in Biloxi, Mississippi, with expenses paid/reimbursed by the City.

### **CHIEF OF POLICE – KERRY PITTMAN**

1. Approval for retiring Chief Kerry Pittman to purchase, at fair market value, his duty weapon that is issued to him.

### **CITY ATTORNEY – COLMON MITCHELL**

### **CITY CLERK – SUSAN BERRYHILL**

### **FIRE CHIEF – TIM TAYLOR**

1. Quotes received – plan room at Fire Station/Public Works building

### **PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR – HEATH FULLILOVE**

1. Discuss the use and rental fee of American Legion concession stand to schools that rent the park. (Example: North Panola High School Baseball)

### **CIVIC CENTER DIRECTOR – RODNEY HOLLEY**

1. Approval to amend the walking track hours at the Civic Center
2. Approval to become a member of IEBA with an annual membership of \$125.00
3. Approval to become a member of IAVM with an annual membership of \$495.00
4. Approval for a rodeo/fair/fireworks event June 27-29, 2024

**ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – NEWT BENSON**

1. Quotes received via email – scissor lift
2. Quotes received via email – ½ ton truck
3. Quotes received via email – 1 ton truck
4. Review cost estimates for water/sewer/gas for land development
5. Review cost estimate for 300 Thomas Street roof

**ALLOW CLAIMS: 42583-43142 (includes The Co-Op)**

**OTHER MATTERS BY MAYOR OR ALDERMAN:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**