

FEBRUARY 2, 2024

ADJOURNED MEETING

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Pursuant to the adjournment taken, January 29, 2024, the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Batesville reconvened at 11:00 a.m., on February 2, 2024, at the City Hall, 103 College Street, Batesville, Mississippi, when and where were present the following, to-wit: Mayor Hal Ferrell; Aldermen Dennis Land, Stan Harrison, Bobby Walton; Teddy Morrow and Bill Dugger. Also present was: City Attorney Colmon Mitchell and City Clerk Susan Berryhill.

A quorum being present, the meeting was duly opened by the Mayor, and the following business was taken up.

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, 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 Ferrell; Aldermen Land, Harrison, Dugger, Morrow and Walton; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell and City Clerk Susan Berryhill.

On motion made by Alderman Morrow, seconded by Alderman Harrison, and unanimously carried upon the affirmative votes of Aldermen Land, Walton, Dugger, Morrow and Harrison it was ordered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen go into executive session in order to discuss a personnel matter relating to changes in the Batesville Police Department.

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IN OPEN MEETING

The Mayor announced that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen will go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter relating to changes in the Batesville Police Department 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, Morrow and Walton; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell and City Clerk Susan Berryhill.

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Ferrell announced that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are in executive session. Those present in executive session were Mayor Ferrell; Aldermen Harrison, Walton, Dugger, Morrow and Land and City Attorney Colmon Mitchell.

There came on for discussion the personnel matter relating to changes in the Batesville Police Department. (Dennis Darby and Chief Kerry Pittman were present individually for a period of time during 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 of Aldermen are now in open meeting. Those present were Mayor Ferrell; Aldermen Land, Harrison, Dugger, Morrow and Walton; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell and City Clerk Susan Berryhill.

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IN RE: CHANGES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Land and upon the following votes taken: Alderman Harrison – Aye; Alderman Land – Aye; Alderman Morrow – Aye; Alderman Walton – Aye and Alderman Dugger – Nay, it was ordered that Dennis Darby be hired as Chief of Police at a salary of \$85,000.00 per year plus benefits, effective February 9, 2024, immediately following a swearing in ceremony at 10:30 a.m. in the Municipal Courtroom. Chief Kerry Pittman was advised of this motion.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at 10:00 o'clock a.m., Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 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.

Mayor

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

The regular 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 6th day of February, 2024

Hour: 10:00 a.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.