

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

**ADJOURNED MEETING**

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Pursuant to the adjournment taken, February 8, 2024, the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Batesville reconvened at 9:30 a.m., on February 15, 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, City Clerk Susan Berryhill, Chief of Police Dennis Darby; Assistant City Clerk Shannah Weaver; Civic Center Director Rodney Holley and Assistant Public Works Director Newt Benson.

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

**IN RE: DIRT AT BATESVILLE CIVIC CENTER FOR RODEO**

There came on for discussion the matter of the condition of the dirt at the Batesville Civic Center for the upcoming Bill Lipscomb Memorial Rodeo on February 24, 2024. Mark Lipscomb also requested the use of a city owned tractor.

Upon unanimous consent, it was ordered that Mr., Lipscomb not have use of a city owned tractor.

**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.

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**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; City Clerk Susan Berryhill; Chief of Police Dennis Darby 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, 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 Police Department and a personnel matter in Supervision and Finance.

**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 Police Department and a personnel matter in Supervision and Finance 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; City Clerk Susan Berryhill; Chief of Police Dennis Darby and Assistant City Clerk Shonnah Weaver.

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**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, City Attorney Colmon Mitchell; City Clerk Susan Berryhill; Chief of Police Dennis Darby and Assistant City Clerk Shonnah Weaver.

There came on for discussion the personnel matter relating to changes in the Police Department.

There next came on for discussion the personnel matter in Supervision and Finance.

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; City Clerk Susan Berryhill; Chief of Police Dennis Darby and Assistant City Clerk Shonnah Weaver.

**IN RE: INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER**

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Walton and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that Barry Thompson be and he is hereby transferred from the Code Office to the Batesville Police Department as Assistant Chief of Police with a salary of \$34.00 per hour plus a vehicle, effective immediately.

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**IN RE: RETIREMENT OF CITY CLERK SUSAN BERRYHILL**

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that the retirement of City Clerk Susan Berryhill be and it is hereby accepted, effective June 30, 2024.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at 1:00 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, February 20, 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.

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Mayor

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

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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**

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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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024

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.

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