

MINUTE BOOK NO. H-3 – CITY OF BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

MARCH 22, 2024

ADJOURNED MEETING

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Pursuant to the adjournment taken, March 19, 2024, the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Batesville reconvened at 1:00 p.m., on March 22, 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, Assistant City Clerk Shonnah Weaver; Chief of Police Dennis Darby; Assistant Chief of Police Barry Thompson; Public Works Director David Karr; Assistant Public Works Director Newt Benson and Parks and Recreation Director Heath Fullilove.

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

IN RE: SUPPORT LETTER – EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Upon recommendation of Mayor Hal Ferrell and upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that a letter of support from the City of Batesville for Panola County Emergency Operations be sent to Cindy Hyde-Smith.

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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; City Clerk Susan Berryhill; Assistant City Clerk Shannah Weaver; Chief of Police Dennis Darby and Assistant Chief of Police Barry Thompson.

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 employment and job performance in Parks and Recreation and discussion involving a donation.

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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 employment and job performance in Parks and Recreation and discussion involving a donation 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; Assistant City Clerk Shannah Weaver; Chief of Police Dennis Darby and Assistant Chief of Police Barry Thompson.

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; Assistant City Clerk Shannah Weaver; Chief of Police Dennis Darby and Assistant Chief of Police Barry Thompson.

There came on for discussion the employment and job performance in Parks and Recreation. (Public Works Director David Karr, Assistant Public Works Director Newt Benson, Parks and Recreation Director Heath Fullilove were present for a period of time during this discussion. Walter Bulter came in for a period of time as well.)

There next came on for discussion the matter of a donation.

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

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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; Assistant City Clerk Shonnah Weaver; Chief of Police Dennis Darby and Assistant Chief of Police Barry Thompson.

IN RE: EMPLOYMENT AND JOB PERFORMANCE

Upon motion of Alderman Morrow and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that Walter Butler be and he is hereby suspended without pay until the next meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on April 2, 2024, for conduct unbecoming of a City employee. Mr. Butler was present and informed of this decision and instructed to not have any contact with any City official and turn in all keys connected with City property.

IN RE: MISSISSIPPI GELBVIEH ASSOCIATION DONATION

There came on for discussion the matter of the donation given to the Mississippi Gelbvieh Association at a previous meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on March 19, 2024.

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered to rescind the order of the minutes recorded in Minute Book H-3 at Page 74 approving the \$1,500.00 donation to the Mississippi Gelbvieh Association and further ordered that said donation request be made through the Panola Partnership.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at 2:00 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, April 2, 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

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**

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 2nd day of April, 2024

Hour: 2:00 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.