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ADJOURNED MEETING

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Pursuant to the adjournment taken, July 17, 2025, the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Batesville reconvened at 10:00 a.m., on July 18, 2025, 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, Jimmy McCloud, Carl Flowers, and Jim Whitaker. Also present were: City Attorney Colmon Mitchell; City Clerk Shonnah Weaver; Chief of Police Dennis Darby; Deputy Chief of Police Barry Thompson; and Administrative Assistant Sulli Bolen.

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 Land, Whitaker, Flowers, McCloud 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, Whitaker, McCloud, and Flowers; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell; Chief of Police Dennis Darby; City Clerk Shonnah Weaver and Administrative Assistant Sulli Bolen.

On motion made by Alderman Harrison, seconded by Alderman McCloud, and unanimously carried upon the affirmative votes of Aldermen Land, Flowers, Whitaker, McCloud, and Harrison it was ordered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen go into executive session in order to discuss potential purchase of real property and personnel matters.

IN OPEN MEETING

The Mayor announced that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen will go into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential purchase of real property and personnel matters 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, Whitaker, Flowers, and McCloud; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell; Chief of Police Dennis Darby; City Clerk Shonnah Weaver and Administrative Assistant Sulli Bolen.

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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 Land, Harrison, Whitaker, Flowers, and McCloud; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell; Chief of Police Dennis Darby; City Clerk Shonnah Weaver and Administrative Assistant Sulli Bolen.

There came on for discussion of potential purchase of real property. (Public Works Director Newt Benson was present for this conversation.)

There came on for discussion of personnel matters. (Public Works Director Newt Benson was present for this conversation.)

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, Whitaker, Flowers, and McCloud; City Attorney Colmon Mitchell; Chief of Police Dennis Darby; City Clerk Shonnah Weaver and Administrative Assistant Sulli Bolen.

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IN RE: POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF LAND

Upon motion of Alderman McCloud and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, REGARDING THE
PROPOSED PURCHASE OF 85-90 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF
VACANT REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF HIGHWAY 6
EAST IN THE CITY OF BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2024, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Batesville, Mississippi [the “Board” and the “City”], adopted an order accepting the offer of Nolan West to sell to the City approximately 85 to 90 acres of real property (the “property”) for the sum of \$10,000.00 per acre subject to applicable law and to the execution by both parties, within a reasonable time, of a purchase and sale agreement containing terms and provisions satisfactory to both parties; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2024, the attorney for the City (City Attorney) sent a letter by email to Nolan West notifying him of the City’s acceptance of his offer as stated in the foregoing order and receipt of such email was acknowledged by an agent of Nolan West on the same day; and

WHEREAS, the City attorney began discussions with the attorney for Nolan West, obtained an appraisal of the property as directed by the Board, and prepared a draft of a purchase and sale agreement and sent it to the attorney for Nolan West; and

WHEREAS, the parties have engaged in negotiations of various details of the City’s purchase including but not limited to the construction and location of a public road for the purpose of access to other real property owned by Nolan West located North of and adjacent to the property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchase and sale agreement has not been edited or signed by either party; and

WHEREAS, recently Nolan West increased the purchase price of the property to \$12,000.00 per acre.

Now, therefore, be it ordered and resolved by the Board that:


- (1) The matters and things set out above are true and correct.
- (2) The Board does hereby reject Nolan West’s increased purchase price of \$12,000.00 per acre for the property.
- (3) The City does hereby reaffirm, re-adopt and restate the May 21, 2024, Board order mentioned above wherein the purchase price is \$10,000.00 per acre.

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- (4) If the City purchases the property the City will construct a two lane gravel public road according to City specifications located as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof as if copied herein verbatim within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 18 months from the date that the City purchases the property subject to force majeure circumstance and events, and pave same within a reasonable time after completion of said construction
 - (5) Unless Nolan West agrees in writing to sell the property to the City for \$10,000.00 per acre and to accept the City’s conditions for the construction and location of the road set out herein on or before midnight on August 4, 2025, the acceptance of Nolan West’s offer set out in the May 21, 2024, Board order and herein shall be void and of no force and effect and the City will not purchase the property.
 - (6) The City attorney is hereby directed to deliver to the attorney of Nolan West a copy of this Resolution by email with an acknowledgment of receipt from Nolan West’s attorney or by hand delivery.
- RESOLVED this the 18th day of July 2025.


HAL FERRELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

SHONNAH WEAVER, City Clerk



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IN RE: OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Land and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that full-time employment be offered to Jaleel Tyler in Street Department at a rate of \$14.00 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 August 4, 2025, at midnight if not accepted.

IN RE: OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Land and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that full-time employment be offered to Jeffery Robinson in Street Department at a rate of \$14.00 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 August 4, 2025, at midnight if not accepted.

IN RE: OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Land and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that full-time employment be offered to Avery Callicut in Street Department at a rate of \$14.00 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 August 4, 2025, at midnight if not accepted.

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IN RE: OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Harrison and second of Alderman Land and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that full-time employment be offered to Bronjase Robertson in Street Department at a rate of \$14.00 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 August 4, 2025, at midnight if not accepted.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at 9:00 o'clock a.m., July 31, 2025, 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 AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

The adjourned meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, 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: July 31, 2025

Hour: 9:00 a.m.

Subject Matter: To transact any and all business that may be transacted at a meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

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