

JULY 31, 2025

**ADJOURNED MEETING**

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Pursuant to the adjournment taken, July 18, 2025, the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Batesville reconvened at 9:00 a.m., on July 31, 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.

**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 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 Harrison, Land, 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 and Assistant Public Works Director Gary Snider were present for this conversation.)

**IN RE:        POTENTIAL LAND PURCHASE**

Upon motion of Alderman McCloud and second of Alderman Harrison and upon unanimous vote taken, it was ordered that Blake Mendrop or Greg Smith meet with Nolan West to stake the location of the road relative to the City’s purchase of land from Nolan West that is under consideration; that Nolan West should provide to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on or before noon on August 5, 2025, a specific, detailed, and complete written list of road requirements that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen must agree to fulfill as a condition for Nolan West to sell the land; and that the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on July 18, 2025, relating to this matter is not affected by this order, and remains in full force and effect.

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

**IN RE:        BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reviewed and discussed the proposed 2025-2026 budget and discussed each department’s budget items.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

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