

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS
March 21, 2023- 5:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Blytheville, Arkansas met in regular session at the Ritz Civic Center on March 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Melisa Logan, City Clerk Melody Lawson, and the following Council Members: Barbara McAdoo-Brothers, Matt Perrin, R.L. Jones, Linda Moore, Jacquin Benson Jr., and Shirley Marshall. City Attorney Chris Brown was not present. The press was represented by Marcus McClain.

The invocation was given by Pastor Willie D. Williams (Faith Temple House of Prayer).

Mayor Logan led the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor asked for the council's wishes on approval of the minutes from the March 21, 2023 regular meeting. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2023 regular meeting as prepared by the City Clerk, vote 6/0.

The Mayor asked for the council's wishes on approval of financial reports. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers to accept the financial reports as presented, vote 6/0

The Mayor asked if anyone in attendance wished to address the council on agenda items. Deadrick Davis spoke on item #1, Councilwoman Barbara McAdoo-Brothers spoke in item #5, and a representative of Frigorotec spoke on item #8

The Mayor called for new business.

ORDINANCE NO. 1976
*WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE/FINANCING OF CERTAIN
EQUIPMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS (3 GARBAGE TRUCKS)*

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Ordinance, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Jones made the motion, seconded by Marshall, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the second time by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the third time by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 6/0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1977
*WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE/FINANCING OF CERTAIN
EQUIPMENT FOR BPD (RADIO EQUIPMENT)*

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Ordinance, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Jones made the motion, seconded Marshall, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the second time by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to read the Ordinance for the third time by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 6/0. McAdoo-Brothers made the motion, seconded by Moore, to enact the emergency clause, vote 6/0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1978
AMENDING ORDINANCE 1940 (ADOPT A BLOCK PROGRAM)
McAdoo-Brothers offered the Ordinance, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Jones made the motion, seconded by Marshall, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the second time by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the third time by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 6/0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1979
AMENDING ORDINANCE 1941 (PERSONNEL HANDBOOK)

Jones offered the Ordinance. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by Marshall, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the second time by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the third time by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 6/0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1980
DISSOLVING THE BLYTHEVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Ordinance, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the second time by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the third time by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 6/0.

McAdoo-Brothers made the motion, seconded by Jones, to enact the emergency clause, vote 6/0.

RESOLUTION NO.
TO VACATE A CONDEMNATION (132 W. KENTUCKY)

Jones made the motion, seconded by Marshall to table this for 90 days, vote 6/0

RESOLUTION NO. 10
CONDEMNING CERTAIN STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE

Perrin offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Jones made the motion, seconded by Perrin to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 6/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 11
ENDORSEMENT OF FRIGORTEC LP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM

Perrin offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 6/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 12
AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Jones made the motion, seconded by Marshall to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 6/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 13
AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF UNUSED FIRE TRUCK TO BLYTHEVILLE – GOSNELL REGIONAL AIRPORT

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 6/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 14
AWARDING RICHARDSON CONSTRUCTION THE BID FOR INSTALLING A METAL ROOF ON THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Jones made the motion, seconded by Marshall to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 6/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CLEARPOINT STRATEGY

Perrin offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Jones made the motion, seconded by Perrin to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 6/0.

The Mayor gave a short update on the State of the City.

There being no further business before the council, Perrin made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Marshall. The motion carried unanimously, and the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melody Lawson, Clerk/Treas