

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS
July 18, 2023- 5:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Blytheville, Arkansas met in regular session at the Justice Complex on July 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Melisa Logan, City Clerk Melody Lawson, City Attorney Chris Brown, and the following Council Members: Barbara McAdoo-Brothers, Matt Perrin, R.L. Jones, Linda Moore, Shirley Marshall, and Jacquin Benson Jr. The press was represented by Marcus McClain.

The invocation was given by Abby Rodgers, Student Pastor at Pathway Ministries.

The Mayor asked for the council's wishes on approval of the minutes from the June 20, 2023 regular meeting. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers to accept the minutes of the June 20, 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 Marshall 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. No one came forward.

Councilman Perrin made the motion, seconded by Jones, vote 5/1 with McAdoo -Brothers voting no, to amend the agenda to include the addition of going into Executive Session to discuss the job performance of Police Chief Thompson.

The Mayor called for old business.

ORDINANCE NO. 1984

***AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (MANILA SOLAR, LLC
AN AFFILIATE OF NEXTERA ENERGY RESOURCES)***

McAdoo Brothers offered the Ordinance. Jones made the motion, seconded by Perrin to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance by title only, vote 6/0. 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.

The Mayor called for new business.

ORDINANCE NO. 1985

***AUTHORIZING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AGREEMENT (MANILA SOLAR, LLC, AN
AFFILIATE OF NEXTERA ENERGY RESOURCES)***

Jones 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 1986

WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PAINTING OF THE THEATER AT RITZ CIVIC CENTER

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

ORDINANCE NO.

SETTING THE RATES FOR BLYTHEVILLE WASTEWATER

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

ORDINANCE NO.

SETTING THE RATES FOR BLYTHEVILLE WATERWORKS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 28

CONDEMNING CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS

McAdoo-Brothers 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. 29

ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF PROPERTY (2423 W. ROSE)

McAdoo-Brothers 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. 30

AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET

Perrin 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. 31

ACCEPTING THE BID FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY (2201 W. ROSE)

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. 32

ACCEPTING THE BID FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY (2133 W. ROSE)

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Resolution. Perrin made the motion, seconded by McAdoo Brothers to read the Resolution by title only, vote 6/0. Perrin made the motion, seconded by McAdoo- Brothers to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 6/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 33

ACCEPTING THE BID FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY (2419 W. ROSE)

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Resolution. Perrin made the motion, seconded by McAdoo Brothers to read the Resolution by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 6/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 34

ACCEPTING THE BID FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY (2421 W. ROSE)

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Resolution. Perrin made the motion, seconded by McAdoo Brothers to read the Resolution by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 6/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 35

ACCEPTING THE BID FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY (2425 W. ROSE)

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Resolution. Perrin made the motion, seconded by McAdoo Brothers to read the Resolution by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 6/0.

At this time Perrin made the motion, seconded by Jones, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the job performance of Police Chief Thompson, vote 5/1, with McAdoo-Brothers voting no. Chief Thompson requested to be present in which the Council offered no objections. The Mayor, Council and Chief Thomson left the room to enter Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. and returned at 6:24 p.m. The Mayor announced that there was not a consensus and that the Council requested to table the issue until August so as to have more time to review documents.

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