

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS
August 17, 2023- 5:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Blytheville, Arkansas met in regular session at the Justice Complex on August 17, 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, and Shirley Marshall. Council Member Jacquin Benson Jr. was absent. The press was represented by Kay Richter.

The invocation was given by Pastor Doug Echols, New Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

The Mayor asked for the council's wishes on approval of the minutes from the July 18, 2023 regular meeting. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2023 regular meeting as prepared by the City Clerk, vote 5/0.

The Mayor asked for the council's wishes on approval of the minutes from the July 31, 2023 special meeting. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore to accept the minutes of the July 31, 2023 regular meeting as prepared by the City Clerk, vote 5/0.

The Mayor asked for the council's wishes on approval of financial reports. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore to accept the financial reports as presented, vote 5/0.

The Mayor asked if anyone in attendance wished to address the council on agenda items. No one came forward.

The Mayor called for old business.

ORDINANCE NO. __

SETTING THE RATES FOR BLYTHEVILLE WASTEWATER

Perrin offered the Ordinance and made the motion, seconded by Jones, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the second time by title only, vote 5/0.

ORDINANCE NO. __

SETTING THE RATES FOR BLYTHEVILLE WATERWORKS

Perrin offered the Ordinance and made the motion, seconded by Jones, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the second time by title only, vote 5/0.

The Mayor called for new business.

ORDINANCE NO. 1988

AMENDING ORDINANCES 1574 AND 1587 PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENTS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS (ALARMS)

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 5/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the third time by title only, vote 5/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 5/0.

McAdoo-Brothers made the motion, seconded by Jones, to enact the emergency clause, vote 5/0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1989

TO RESTRICT THE ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF WASTE (ILLEGAL DUMPING)

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Ordinance, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the second time by title only, vote 5/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the third time by title only, vote 5/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by Perrin, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 5/0.

Perrin made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to enact the emergency clause, vote 5/0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1990

TO AMEND THE ZONING REGULATION /MAP FOR THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE (306 N. PORTER RD.)
McAdoo-Brothers offered the Ordinance, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the second time by title only, vote 5/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the third time by title only, vote 5/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 5/0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1991

AMENDING ORDINANCE 1887 REGARDING CONDEMNATIONS AND REPEALING 1943 REGARDING BOARDING OF ABANDONED STRUCTURES

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Ordinance, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the second time by title only, vote 5/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the third time by title only, vote 5/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 5/0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1992

PERMITTING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE(S) TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE (LINDA MOORE-DAWSON EMPLOYMENT SERVICE)

Before this was read Moore recused herself and left the room.

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 4/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by Marshall, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the third time by title only, vote 4/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 4/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 37

TERMINATING AGREEMENT WITH BLYTHEVILLE-GOSNELL REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

McAdoo-Brothers 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 5/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 38

AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF UNUSED PORTABLE MOTOROLA RADIOS TO THE JOINER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Moore 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 5/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 39

AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Moore made the motion, seconded by Jones to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 5/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 40

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN CITY OWNED VEHICLES (POLICE DEPT)

McAdoo-Brothers offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Moore made the motion, seconded by Perrin to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 5/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 41

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VISUAL EDGE (POSTAGE MACHINE/COPIER)

Moore offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Moore made the motion, seconded by McAdoo- Brothers to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 5/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 42

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR 300 W. MAIN STREET

Moore offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. Moore made the motion, seconded by McAdoo- Brothers to adopt the Resolution, the vote was 4/1 with Marshall voting no.

The Mayor gave a brief statement giving kudos and expressing appreciation to the various departments in the City after spending time on the job with each department.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Melody Lawson, Clerk/Treas