

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS
September 19 , 2023- 5:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Blytheville, Arkansas met in regular session at the Ritz Civic Center on September 19, 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, Shirley Marshall, and Jacquin Benson Jr. (who arrived late). City Attorney Chris Brown was absent. The press was represented by Kay Richter.

The invocation was given by Pastor Frederick Clay, Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church.

The Red Cross spoke briefly on September being Sickle Cell Awareness Month and the need for blood donations.

The Mayor asked for the council's wishes on approval of the minutes from the August 17, 2023 regular meeting. McAdoo-Brothers made the motion, seconded by Jones to accept the minutes of the August 17, 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 Perrin 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. Juanita Jackson came forward to comment on item 2 in Old Business (Setting the Rates for Waterworks) and Mallory Darby came forward to comment on and take questions regarding item 4 in New Business (Endorsing Atlas Tube in the Tax Back Program).

At this time Perrin made the motion, seconded by Jones to amend the agenda to add going into Executive Session to discuss Employee Performance. Vote was 4/2, with McAdoo-Brothers and Moore voting no. Chief Thompson asked to be included in the Executive Session as he was the topic, vote 4/2, with Perrin and Jones voting no. At 5:25 the Executive Session began. At 6:10 they came out of Executive session at which time the Mayor announced no consensus was reached.

The Mayor called for old business.

ORDINANCE NO. 1993

SETTING THE RATES FOR BLYTHEVILLE WASTEWATER

Perrin offered the Ordinance and 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 McAdoo-Brothers, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 6/0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1994

SETTING THE RATES FOR BLYTHEVILLE WATERWORKS

Perrin offered the Ordinance and 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. Perrin made the motion, seconded by McAdoo-Brothers to adopt the Ordinance.

The Mayor called for new business.

ORDINANCE NO. 1995

WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR SILENT SECURITY

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1996

WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR BLYTHEVILLE PD (DRUG TASK FORCE VEHICLE)

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 Perrin, to enact the emergency clause, vote 6/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 43

PLACING A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN 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. 44

ENDORSEMENT OF ATLAS TUBE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM

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. 45

AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET

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. 46

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL (TRUCK)

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. 47

REQUESTING THE ADDITION OF US HIGHWAY 78 DESIGNATION TO PORTIONS OF NEA ROUTES

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.

There being no further business before the council, McAdoo-Brothers 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