

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS
May 21, 2024- 5:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Blytheville, Arkansas met in regular session at the Ritz Civic Center on May 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Melisa Logan, City Attorney Chris Brown, City Clerk Melody Lawson, and the following Council Members: Barbara McAdoo-Brothers, R.L. Jones, Linda Moore, Shirley Marshall, Matt Perrin, and Jacquin Benson Jr. The press was represented by Allen Fondren.

The invocation was given by Pastor Hollie Jo Engle (First Christian Church).

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked for the council's wishes on approval of the minutes from the April 16, 2024 regular meeting. Perrin made the motion, seconded by Jones to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2024 regular meeting as prepared by the City Clerk, vote 6/0.

The Mayor asked for the council's wishes on approval of the minutes from the April 24, 2024 special meeting. Jones made the motion, seconded by Moore to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2024 special 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. Ms. Whitlock came forward to speak in favor of item #3 (proposed ordinance to allow for chickens in the city limits).

Councilman Jones commended the efforts of those that organized the Annual Fishing Rodeo that was held 5/18.

The Mayor called for new business.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022

***WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE SEWER MANHOLE REPAIR ON HIGHWAY 61 AT
HUDSON STREET***

Jones offered the Ordinance, and made the motion, seconded by Moore, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the first 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 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 Moore, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 6/0.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023

***WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD FIRE STATION
NUMBER 1 AND HOLDING CELLS ON WALNUT STREET***

Jones offered the Ordinance, and made the motion, seconded by Marshall, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the first time 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 Moore, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 6/0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024

ALLOWING CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE

Jones offered the Ordinance, and made the motion, seconded by Marshall, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the first time by title only, vote 4/2, with McAdoo-Brothers and Moore voting no. Jones made the motion, seconded by Perrin, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the second time by title only, vote 4/2, with McAdoo-Brothers and Moore voting no. Jones made the motion, seconded by Perrin, to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance for the third time by title only, vote 6/0. Jones made the motion, seconded by Perrin, to adopt the Ordinance, vote 4/2, with McAdoo-Brothers and Morre voting no, motion carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20

AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE, AND NON-OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT

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. 21

CONDEMNING CERTAIN STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE

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 6/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 22

AMENDING THE 2024 BUDGET

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 6/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 23

REMOVING A LIEN (909 S. 14TH STREET)

Marshall 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. 24

AUTHORIZING POLLUTION MANAGEMENT, INC. TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE

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.

McAdoo-Brothers asked for clarification on sending minutes from committee meetings to the City Clerk for filing. Perrin mentioned that it was in the Council's Rules of Order to do so and the Mayor reiterated that committee minutes was what informs the Clerk of the items that were moved to full Council so that the agenda can be prepared appropriately.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Melody Lawson, Clerk/Treas