

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS
June 18, 2024- 5:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Blytheville, Arkansas met in regular session at the Ritz Civic Center on June 18, 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, Shirley Marshall, Matt Perrin, and Jacquin Benson Jr. Linda Moore arrived late. The press was represented by Revis Blaylock.

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

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked for the council's wishes on approval of the minutes from the May 21, 2024 regular meeting. Jones made the motion, seconded by Perrin to accept the minutes of the May 21, 2024 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 Perrin to accept the financial reports as presented, vote 5/0.

The Mayor called for anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item. No one came forward.

The Mayor called for new business.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025

***WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN SOFTWARE UPGRADES FOR
BLYTHEVILLE WATERWORKS***

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026

***WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN
EQUIPMENT FOR THE BLYTHEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT (EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT)***

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25

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 5/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 26

*SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING VACATING A CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON
PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE*

Jones 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. 27

*RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN JEREMY WARD FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BLYTHEVILLE POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND AWARDED HIS SERVICE WEAPON TO HIM*

McAdoo-Brother 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. 28

*RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN TERI LOONEY FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BLYTHEVILLE POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND AWARDED HER SERVICE WEAPON TO HER*

McAdoo-Brother 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.

Mayor Logan reported that the Federal Grant audit regarding the ARPA funding was complete with no findings. Mayor Logan also went on to report the Wastewater and Water audits were completed with no findings.

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, 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