

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS  
August 21, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Blytheville, Arkansas met in regular session at its regular meeting place in the Municipal Courtroom at 5:00 p.m. August 21, 2018. Present were Mayor James Sanders, City Attorney Chris Brown, City Clerk Connie Mosley, and the following Council Members: Stan Parks, L.C. Hartsfield, Barbara McAdoo-Brothers, R.L. Jones and John Musgraves. John Mayberry was absent.

The invocation was given by Dr. Steve Bailey.

Following the invocation, everyone was asked to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sanders asked for the Council's wishes for approval of the minutes from the July 17, 2018 regular meeting. Hartsfield moved, seconded by Musgraves, and by consent of all members present (5/0), the minutes of the July 17, 2018 regular meeting were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk.

Mayor Sanders called for any person(s) wishing to speak on agenda items to come forward. There were none.

Mayor Sanders asked for committee reports.

**POLICE AND FIRE** – John Musgraves  
Committee did not meet.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – L.C. Hartsfield  
Committee did not meet.

**PARKS AND RECREATION** – R. L. Jones  
Committee did not meet. At the City Council meeting, Councilman Jones called on Ritz Civic Center Director David Lyttle to provide the council with an update on events at the Ritz.

**AIRPORT AND UTILITIES** – Barbara McAdoo-Brothers  
Committee met August 7, 2018. Wastewater Superintendent Gary Carr reported there were 194 normal utility locates; 10 emergency locates and 29 service calls requested, all completed. They are awaiting ADEQ inspection of the South treatment plant for permit to be reissued.

In the Waterworks Department, for July the kiosk usage is down 131, the IPR usage is down 18, and the website usage is the same. Committee discussed the upgrades on all hydrants and agreed to move the money for painting over to repair.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT & ANIMAL CONTROL** – John Mayberry  
No report was given in the absence of Councilman Mayberry.

**FINANCE AND PURCHASING** – Stan Parks  
Committee met August 9, 2018. Finance Director John Callens reported the city sales tax revenue is up \$2,850.00 for July, and is up \$34,220.00 from July last year. The city portion of the county sales tax is down \$16,947.00 for July but is up \$45,507.00 from July last year. At the last meeting of the committee, it was requested that a second estimate be obtained for storm drain work at E. Ash and Milan Street. Another was submitted from Jower's Construction Co. for the work which included storm drain work on Harrison Street. Councilman Musgraves made a motion, seconded

by Parks, to move \$20,000.00 to street repair from infrastructure surplus to fund the project. Callens reported the maintenance work on the fire hydrants was nearing completion, but there have been several recommendations of more needed repairs from Jones Hydrant Service. Callen recommended delaying the painting of the hydrants until next year and complete the repairs. Musgraves made the motion, seconded by Parks, to move the money from fire hydrant painting to fire hydrant repair. Mayor Sanders presented a proposal to the committee to deed the library property to the Mississippi County Library System in order for them to obtain loans to repair the roof. The deed transaction would include a clause stating should the property no longer be used as a library then ownership would revert back to the city. After some discussion, Musgraves made a motion, seconded by Parks, to approve the proposal and send this to the full council for a vote.

Mayor Sanders called for new business.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1858**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1833 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2017; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Hartsfield offered the Ordinance, which was read in full by the City Clerk. On the motion of Jones, seconded by Musgraves, and by consent of all the members present, the rules were suspended and the Ordinance was placed on its second reading by title only (5/0). On the motion of Jones, seconded by Musgraves, and by consent of all the members present, the rules were again suspended and the Ordinance was placed on its third reading by title only (5/0). A motion to adopt was made by Jones, seconded by Musgraves, and by consent of a majority of the members present (5/0), the Ordinance was adopted. On the motion of Musgraves, seconded by Jones, and by consent of a majority of the members present (5/0), the emergency clause was enacted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018:36**

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE BLYTHEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING TO THE MISSISSIPPI COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM***

Hartsfield offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. A motion to adopt was made by Jones, seconded by Hartsfield, and by consent of the majority of the members present (5/0), the Resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018:37**

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BRACKETT-KRENNERICH & ASSOCIATES AS THE PROJECT ARCHITECT FOR THE BLYTHEVILLE JUSTICE CENTER***

Musgraves offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. A motion to adopt was made by Musgraves, seconded by Jones, and by consent of the majority of the members present (5/0), the Resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018:38**

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF BLYTHEVILLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENTING CERTAIN CITY***

Hartsfield offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. A motion to adopt was made by Jones, seconded by Hartsfield, and by consent of the majority of the members present (5/0), the Resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018:39**

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LAND LEASE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH KAB FARMS, INC. (OLD OAKS GOLF COURSE)***

Hartsfield offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. A motion to adopt was made by Hartsfield, seconded by Parks, and by consent of the majority of the members present (5/0), the Resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018:40**

***A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING AND FINDING CERTAIN STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS, TO BE UNSAFE, UNSANITARY AND UNFIT AND DIRECTING THAT SAID STRUCTURES BE DEMOLISHED AND REMOVED***

Musgraves offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. A motion to adopt was made by Parks, seconded by Musgraves, and by consent of a majority of the members present (5/0), the Resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018:41**

***A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018***

Parks offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. A motion to adopt was made by Musgraves, seconded by Jones, and by consent of a majority of the members present (5/0), the Resolution was adopted.

At the conclusion of business, representatives from the local American Legion Post 24 came forward to address the council regarding Blytheville's designation as a Purple Heart City. The purple heart is a U.S. military decoration given to those wounded or killed while serving in the U.S. military and it is the oldest military award that is still given to members of the U.S. military. Signs will be placed on every road coming into Blytheville, including I-55, declaring Blytheville as a Purple Heart City.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie S. Mosley, Clerk/Treas