

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS
OCTOBER 16, 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. October 16, 2018. Present were Mayor James Sanders and the following Council Members: Stan Parks, L.C. Hartsfield, Barbara McAdoo-Brothers, John Mayberry, John Musgraves and R. L. Jones. City Clerk Connie Mosley and City Attorney Chris Brown were absent. Former City Clerk Grace Haynie filled in for Ms. Mosley.

The invocation was given by Rev. Dr. Scott Trotter.

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 September 18, 2018 regular meeting. Hartsfield moved, seconded by Musgraves, and by consent of all members present (6/0), the minutes of the September 18, 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. First, Ritz Civic Center Director David Lyttle came forward to offer an explanation for statements made during an October Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. He spoke of various projects/jobs done by the Mississippi County Arts Council that indeed benefit the Ritz Civic Center. Tanya Harris of the Mississippi County Arts Council, addressed the Council regarding the need for better communication between their organization and city officials. Abby Houseworth-Whitener spoke in favor of the establishment of the Ritz Commission for several goods reasons, the main one being accountability. Steve Swan spoke of police matters not concerning agenda items. It was suggested that he take his concerns before the Police and Fire Committee at their November meeting.

Mayor Sanders asked for committee reports.

POLICE AND FIRE – John Musgraves

Committee met October 8, 2018. Councilman Musgraves reported to the Council that at the last committee meeting concerned citizens shared their Skycop concerns and questions with a representative from Skycop.

PUBLIC WORKS – L.C. Hartsfield

Committee met October 8, 2018. Public Works Director Mark Key reported the storm drain on Harrison and the drain repair work on Milan to East Ash Extended to stop the flooding in that area is completed. The Public Works Department handled 48 work orders for the Code Enforcement Department this past month. Key reported he had just received a citizen complaint concerning roadwork needing resurfacing on North Crescent. He is working with contractors to see what can be done to correct that issue. The Public Works yard should be cleared by the end of the year. In the 2019 budget, Key said he will be requesting a new roll-off, a tractor and more seasonal workers to help

during mowing season. A motion was made to sell the old abandoned equipment at the old golf course. This will be sent before the full council for their consideration.

PARKS AND RECREATION – R. L. Jones

Committee met October 5, 2018, there was discussion about establishing the Ritz Commission. The committee voted to send this to the full council for consideration. Councilman Jones invited the Mississippi County Arts Council to attend the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to express any concerns they may have with a commission. At the council meeting, Delta Gateway Museum Director Leslie Hester provide the council with an update on events at the Museum, and Ritz Civic Center Director David Lyttle gave an update on events at the Ritz.

AIRPORT AND UTILITIES – Barbara McAdoo-Brothers

Committee met October 10, 2018. Wastewater Superintendent Gary Carr reported there were 68 emergency locates and 4 wastewater service calls requested, all completed. Bids are being taken for the work to be done at 2nd and Moultrie. Carr says he is having a hard time getting people to commit to the job, so he wants to outsource for bids. The work on Rollison and 9th street is complete. Committee discussed the avenues of getting the water flow to Byrum Road. The site of the new water treatment plant on Second Street is cleaned up and looking good.

Mayor Sanders gave a brief update on the meeting he, John Callens and Gary Garr had with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality on October 9, 2018. During that meeting, plans were presented on behalf of the city to bring our wastewater treatment plants into compliance. He mentioned ADEQ is assisting us to remedy the problems in order to avoid any potential problems with the Environmental Protection Agency. We will continue to follow the advice of the Pollution Management Inc. engineers and continue with equipment replacement at the North and South treatment plants, and most likely eliminate the third plant.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & ANIMAL CONTROL – John Mayberry

Committee met October 5, 2018. Code Enforcement Director Ricky Jefferson reported there were 265 cases generated, with 139 cases cleared. 68 certified letters were sent, costing 413.00 in postage fees. 3 liens were placed on properties. They received 42 work orders and issued 26 citations. There were 5 houses were torn down, 4 houses condemned. \$4,953.92 in liens have been collected. The lighting project for North Lockard has been completed. Additional lighting projects are planned for Franklin, 21st and 16th Street.

Jefferson reported for Animal Control, there were 130 service calls, 134 contacts, 4 citations issued, 10 warnings, 27 animals picked up, 1 reclaimed; 0 euthanized, 4 adopted, 2 transferred to Humane Society, and 0 trip to the landfill. New hire Michelle Grubbs McKibben replaces Donna Davis who resigned October 5, 2018.

FINANCE AND PURCHASING – Stan Parks

Committee met October 11, 2018. Finance Director John Callens reported the city sales tax revenue is up \$7,100.00 for September, and is up \$51,400.00 from September last year. The city portion of the county sales tax is up \$11,843.00 for September, and is up \$56,945.00 from September last year. The Public Works Committee approved selling scrape equipment located at Thunder Bayou Golf Links. An offer of \$400.00 was

received. Hartsfield made a motion, seconded by Musgraves, to approve accepting the offer. The Police and Fire Committee approved the purchase of two Skycop camera units with tag readers. Musgraves made a motion, seconded by Parks, to approve the purchase of both units at a cost of \$39,721.00.

Mayor Sanders called for new business.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A RITZ COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS, TERMS AND VACANCIES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Hartsfield offered the Ordinance, which was read in full by Ms. Haynie. There being no further motions, the Ordinance was continued to the next month for a second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 1860

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Musgraves offered the Ordinance, which was read in full by Ms. Haynie. On the motion of Jones, seconded by Mayberry, and by consent of a majority of the members present, the rules were suspended and the Ordinance was placed on its second reading by title only (6/0). On the motion of Jones, seconded by Mayberry by consent of a majority of the members present, the rules were again suspended and the Ordinance was placed on its third reading by title only (6/0). A motion to adopt was made by Jones, seconded by Mayberry, and by consent of a majority of the members present (6/0), the Ordinance was adopted. On the motion of Hartsfield, seconded by Musgraves, and by consent of a majority of the members present (6/0), the emergency clause was enacted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018:44

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE 2020 CENSUS, CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

Musgraves offered the Resolution, which was read in full by Ms. Haynie. A motion to adopt was made by Jones, seconded by Mayberry, and by consent of the majority of the members present (6/0), the Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018:45

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF THE BLYTHEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT FIRING RANGE HOUSE

Parks offered the Resolution, which was read in full by Ms. Haynie. A motion to adopt was made by Jones, seconded by Parks, and by consent of the majority of the members present (6/0), the Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018:46

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF SEIZED WEAPONS

Musgraves offered the Resolution, which was read in full by Ms. Haynie. A motion to adopt was made by Jones, seconded by Parks, and by consent of the majority of the members present (6/0), the Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018:47

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE, AND NON-OPERATIONAL SCRAP EQUIPMENT (GOLF COURSE)

Hartsfield offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. A motion to adopt was made by Jones, seconded by Musgraves, and by consent of the majority of the members present (6/0), the Resolution was adopted.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie S. Mosley, Clerk/Treasurer

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS
OCTOBER 31, 2018 – 4:45 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Blytheville, Arkansas met in a special called meeting at the Municipal Courtroom at 4:45 p.m. October 31, 2018. Present were Mayor James Sanders, City Clerk Connie Mosley and the following Council Members: Stan Parks, L.C. Hartsfield, Barbara McAdoo-Brothers, and John Musgraves. City Attorney Chris Brown, Council Members John Mayberry and R. L. Jones were absent. The meeting was called by Mayor James W. Sanders. A letter and waiver of notice are on file in the office of the City Clerk. The press was represented by Greydon Williams.

The Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting to the next regular meeting. Hartsfield made a motion, seconded by Parks, to suspend the reading of the minutes and by consent of all members present (4/0) the motion carried.

The Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the read of the committee reports to the next regular meeting. Hartsfield made a motion, seconded Parks, to suspend the reading of the committee reports and by consent of all members present (4/0) the motion carried.

One item of business before the council was an Ordinance granting a strip of land to Black Hills Energy. This was necessary due to the construction of the new water well at the corner of Second and Cherry Street. The original Black Hills gas line ran through an alley there. That has to be moved since it is too close to the new well site. The city will grant them an easement so the gas line can be moved to run along the North side of the new well site.

ORDINANCE NO. 1861

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO BLACK HILLS ENERGY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A STRIP OF LAND LOCATED LOT 12, BLOCK 3, PARK ADDITION IN THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Musgraves offered the Ordinance, which was read in full by the City Clerk. On the motion of Musgraves, seconded by Parks, and by consent of all the members present, the rules were suspended and the Ordinance was placed on its second reading by title only (4/0). On the motion of Musgraves, seconded by Parks, 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 (4/0). A motion to adopt was made by Musgraves, seconded by Parks, and by consent of a majority of the members present (4/0), the Ordinance was adopted. On the motion of Hartsfield, seconded by Musgraves, and by consent of a majority of the members present (4/0), the emergency clause was enacted.

It was noted that there has not been any construction by Black Hills Energy to move the gas line because they are awaiting this Ordinance.

The next item of business was a Resolution to set the millage tax rate for the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018:48

A RESOLUTION FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS, FOR THE YEAR 2018, PAYABLE IN THE YEAR 2019, AS SET FORTH IN THIS RESOLUTION

Councilman Parks offered the Resolution, which was read in full by the City Clerk. A motion to adopt was made by Councilman Parks, seconded by Musgraves, and by consent of all members present (4/0), the Mayor declared the Resolution adopted.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Mosley, Clerk/Treas