

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
FORREST CITY CITY COUNCIL  
FORREST CITY, ARKANSAS  
November 8, 2018**

The City Council of Forrest City, Arkansas met in regular session on November 8, 2018. Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Williams offered prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Echols. The following answered roll call: Mayor Bryant, Clerk Cochran, and City Council members: Metcalf, Williams, Echols, Fields, Reeves, Poteat, and oswalt. Attorney Cline and Alderman Capps were absent.

Mayor Bryant asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include under new business, permission to add an emergency sewer ordinance. Alderman Echols made the motion. The motion was second by Alderman Metcalf. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mayor Bryant asked for a motion to add to the agenda, permission to advertise for bids for the civic center bathrooms addition which is being sponsored by A & P. Alderman Williams made the motion. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll call: All Ayes.

Alderman Fields made a motion to approve the October 16, 2018 minutes. The motion was second by Alderman Oswalt. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Budget**

Mayor Bryant stated he printed the budget information. He said if there is anything that needs to be discussed to let him know. He stated the budget committee will meet next week and they will be presented with a budget outline. He told the council, by the next meeting, he would have figures for them to look at and decide if they were going to give a bonus.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Legislative Audit**

Mayor Bryant stated the city received the legislative audit report and it was real good overall report. There was one writeup. He received a letter from the prosecuting attorney, and it has been discussed. The prosecuting attorney stated he would not act on the issue because it was a small omission. Mayor Bryant then read from the audit report page 4; other issues which mentioned audit procedures which indicated that the offices of Mayor, Clerk/Treasurer, District Court Clerk, and Police Chief were in substantial compliance with Arkansas fiscal and financial laws. Noncompliance with state law and accepted accounting practices was noted in the office of library commission chairperson. The Library Commission donated 12 computers, each having an estimated value of less than \$500, to individuals and private organizations, in conflict with Ark. Code Ann. 14-54-302.

Mayor Bryant stated all city officials did an excellent job and all council members should have a copy of the audit.

Alderman Echols stated she did read the audit, she then commended Mayor Bryant and City Clerk Cochran for a good audit.

**Ordinance to Purchase a Pump for the Water Dept**

Mayor Bryant read **AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 14-58-303 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO REPAIR CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY OF FORREST CITY WATER DEPARTMENT AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES** sponsored by Alderman Fields.

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Alderman Oswalt made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance for the second reading with the correction. The motion was second by Alderman Fields.

Alderman Reeves asked Mayor Bryant if there were other companies that were contacted to look at this project. Mayor Bryant stated, "Yes there were two or three".

Alderman Reeves asked what is the cost to repair this project. Mayor Bryant stated, he is not sure. Roll Call: Alderman Fields, Metcalf, Poteat, Echols, Williams, and Oswalt All Ayes.

Alderman Reeves said Nay.

Mayor Bryant read the ordinance for the second reading by title and sections only. Alderman Oswalt made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance for the third reading. The motion was second by Alderman Echols. Roll Call: Alderman Poteat, Echols, Williams, Fields, Metcalf, and Oswalt All Ayes. Alderman Reeves said Nay.

Mayor Bryant read the ordinance for the third reading by title and sections only. Alderman Oswalt made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The motion was second by Alderman Echols. Roll Call: All Ayes. Alderman Reeves said Nay.

Alderman Oswalt made a motion to adopt the emergency clause. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: Alderman Metcalf, Fields, Echols, Williams, Poteat, and Oswalt All Ayes. Alderman Reeves said Nay.

**Permission to Advertise for Civic Center Bathrooms**

Mayor Bryant asked permission to advertise for the civic center bathrooms. The motion was made by Alderman Reeves. The motion was second by Alderman Poteat. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Alderman Oswalt made a motion to approve and pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$32,603.74. The motion was second by Alderman Echols. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**STREET FUND BILLS**

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve and pay the Street Fund in the amount of \$20,463.08. The motion was second by Alderman Poteat. Roll Call: All Ayes

**SOLID WASTE FUND BILLS**

Alderman Poteat made a motion to approve and pay the Solid Waste Fund bills in the amount of \$45,973.87. The motion was second by Alderman Williams. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**FORREST CITY WATER UTILITY**

Alderman Echols made a motion to approve and pay the Forrest City Water Utility bills in the amount of \$75,881.58. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and Updates**

Mayor Bryant announced that there was a tragedy in our city today. He stated the young man was with him on Friday looking for work. He was a hard-working little guy that liked to hustle. He was here at city hall with his ROTC uniform on. Mayor Bryant stated he and Alderman Metcalf asked the young man if he knew how to salute and do other military moves. He and Alderman Metcalf demonstrated some military positions since both were military. Mayor Bryant stated he hoped and prayed that the perpetrator be caught and dealt with firmly and quickly.

For additional context, reference the November 8, 2018 tape.

Alderman Echols made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

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Larry Bryant, Mayor

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Derene Cochran, City Clerk-Treasurer