

**City of Batesville
Common Council
Memorial Building
April 6, 2012
6:45 PM**

Members Present: Gene Lambert, Beth Meyers, Robert Narwold, Kevin Chaffee, and Darrick Cox

Mayor Rick Fledderman City Clerk-Treasurer: Ron Weigel City Attorney: Lynn Fledderman

Beth Meyers made a motion, second by Darrick Cox, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with an amendment from Councilman Gene Lambert asking that a letter from Margaret Mary Community Hospital be included that reads: "it is of paramount importance that patients and family members have as easy an access to the facility (Rom Weber Flats) as possible without navigating across the street and with reasonable parking access. All ayes so passed.

Elmer "Mike" Vonderheide – 1221 Columbus Ave. resident came before council to publicly thank Robert Hortemiller for his many years of service to the City of Batesville both as an employee and manager of the Street Department. A letter of retirement by Mr. Hortemiller effective 3/30/2012 was accepted by the Mayor.

Gene Lambert made a motion, seconded by Robert Narwold, to formally adopt Ordinance # 1-2012; an ordinance formally amending the City of Batesville's Personnel Policy Handbook to include E. verify and Eligibility for local public benefits. All ayes so passed.

Gene Lambert made a motion, seconded by Darrick Cox, to formally adopt Ordinance #2-2012; an ordinance making Depot Street partially a one-way street, contingent upon favorable review by Steve Moore-V.S. Engineering (City Retained) and Ted Cooley- Engineer for RomWeber Flats. Vote: For: Lambert, Meyers, Narwold, & Cox Against: Chaffee Motion Carried

Mayor Fledderman noted that Ordinance # 3-2012; an ordinance to amend the City of Batesville's Thoroughfare Plan as part of the comprehensive plan will not be heard at this meeting. He noted that a public meeting will be advertised for the 5/3/2012 Planning & Zoning meeting to discuss changing South Street from a secondary arterial roadway to a residential roadway. Council will act on the ordinance at the May 2012 meeting.

Gene Lambert made a motion, seconded by Beth Meyers, to allocate \$900.00 from Belterra Funds for the South Street Park playground edging and safety surfacing. All ayes so passed. The original request was for 18 engraved bricks at \$50.00 each.

Darrick Cox made a motion to allocate Belterra Funds to engrave bricks for all city officials that were veterans. Due to uncertainties of names and numbers, Councilman Cox withdrew his motion.

The current balance for Belterra Funds is \$27,076.08.

Mayor Fledderman updated council on the following:

- Garage Sale Signs – the city sign ordinance 151.35 is in effect and garage sale signs must comply
- Phase I & II of the Pohlman Street and Mulberry Street trails are progressing

Police Chief Staley Holt updated council on the K-9 Drug Dog Program noting that \$12,300.00 was collected by donations from local businesses and individuals. He also informed council that \$12,300.00 was received as a matching grant (up to \$15,000.00) from the John A. Hillenbrand Foundation as well. Mayor Fledderman suggested that a K-9 Drug Dog Fund be created in the near future as a non-reverting fund for this project.

Councilman Chaffee asked Police Chief Holt to provide monthly updates and stats once the Dog Program is implemented.

Beth Meyers made a motion, seconded by Darrick Cox, to approve the claims as presented by the City Clerk-Treasurer. All ayes so passed.

Robert Narwold made a motion, seconded by Kevin Chaffee to adjourn. All ayes so passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Richard Fledderman, Mayor

Attest:

Ronald C. Weigel, Clerk-Treasurer