

**City of Batesville  
Common Council  
Memorial Building  
September 14, 2015  
6:45 PM**

Members Present: Beth Meyers, Jim Fritsch, Kevin Chaffee, Darrick Cox

Acting Mayor: Gene Lambert, Clerk-Treasurer: Ron Weigel, City Attorney: Lynn Fledderman

Kevin Chaffee made a motion, seconded by Darrick Cox to approve the minutes from the August 10 council, August 25 budget mtg., & August 25 special council meeting. All ayes so passed.

Henry Pictor, BWGU Board Member, came before Council to speak on the proposed gas rate increase. He requested that the council table the second reading of Ordinance # 8-2015 that was primarily adopted on 8-10-2015. He felt the Utility Service Board needs additional time to review concerns from several residents on the proposed gas increase. Jim Fritsch made a motion, seconded by Beth Meyers to table the formal adoption of Ordinance # 8-2015 until a later date. All ayes so passed.

Jim Fritsch made a motion, seconded by Kevin Chaffee to table a vote on Ordinance # 17-2015; Golf cart usage in the City of Batesville until next month so that more information can be gathered as well as answering questions that other council members as well as residents had concerning safety, fees, etc. All ayes so passed.

Katherine Taul, Ripley County Tourism Director, came before Council with an update on the 2016 Indiana Bicentennial. She noted that the festivities in Ripley County would occur on September 17, 2016. 20 torch bearers would be needed and would make their way thru Ripley County from noon to 5 p.m. on a designated route. Bill Flannery and Carolyn Dieckmann will represent Batesville and will help with the planning and organization for the City. They noted that they may be coming to City Council with a Belterra request to help fund this project.

Darrick Cox made a motion, seconded by Beth Meyers to primarily adopt Ordinance # 14-2015; an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City of Batesville, IN taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Thrive Market Project) and providing the proceeds thereof to Thrive Market, Inc., and authorizing and approving other actions in respect thereto. All ayes so passed.

Darrick Cox made a motion, seconded by Beth Meyers to adopt Resolution # 17-2015; a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Batesville, IN, relating to a pledge of a certain amount of Economic Development Income Tax for Economic Development purposes (Thrive Market, Inc.). All ayes so passed.

Darrick Cox made a motion, seconded by Beth Meyers to primarily adopt Amended Ordinance # 15-2015, salary ordinance for salaried & hourly employees of the City of Batesville. This would reflect an increase in the salary of the Mainstreet Director the amount of 80% of the Economic Development Director Salary noted in the 2015 Elected Official Salary Ordinance. The amount would be \$601.91 bi-weekly until 12-31-2015. This increase would allow the Mainstreet Director to assume more duties of economic development until the end of the year. Vote for: Meyers, Fritsch, Cox Against: Chaffee. Motion carried.

Darrick Cox made a motion, seconded by Beth Meyers to primarily adopt amended Ordinance # 16-2015; Elected officials salary ordinance for the City of Batesville. This would reflect a decrease in the Economic Development Director (Mayor) salary by 80% or \$601.91 bi-weekly until 12-31-2015. As noted above the increase would go to the Mainstreet Director to assume more duties of Economic Development until the end of the year. Vote: For-Meyers, Fritsch, Cox. Against: Chaffee. Motion carried.

Darrick Cox made a motion, seconded by Jim Fritsch to primarily adopt amended Animal Ordinance # 17-2015 to include distemper & bordetella as shots required for licensing of pets. All ayes so passed

Chris Bradford, Parks & Rec. Mgr., came before Council noting that the I-74 signage project came in under budget and wished to have the balance of \$2088.91 returned to the Belterra Fund. Chris also asked Council for a request, sponsored by Councilman Cox, of Belterra Funds to re-due the basketball courts at Liberty Park. The request was for \$10,500.00. After discussion of the project by Council members, Darrick Cox made a motion, seconded by Beth Meyers to allocate \$10,500.00 from Belterra Funds for this project. All ayes so passed. The balance in the Belterra Fund is \$508.69.

Beth Meyers made a motion, seconded by Jim Fritsch to approve payment of the claims as presented by the City Clerk-Treasurer. All ayes so passed.

Kevin Chaffee made a motion, seconded by Jim Fritsch to adjourn. All ayes so passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Gene Lambert, Acting Mayor

Attest:  
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Ronald C. Weigel, Clerk-Treasurer