



CITY OF BOAZ
Council Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2023
Boaz Senior Center – 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Mayor Dyar called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor David Dyar

Council Member David Ellis

Council Member Johnny Willis

Council Member Matt Brannon

Council Member Mike Matthews

ABSENT

Council Member Josh Greer

II. Invocation

Council Member Matthews gave the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Brannon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Would anyone like to speak under Public Comments?

Mayor Dyar asked if anyone would like to speak under Public Comments. There was no response.

Mayor Dyar thanked Chairman Joey Baker who represents Marshall County Commission District IV, Michael Knop, and everyone in attendance at the Council Meeting.

V. Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Willis, Seconded by Council Member Brannon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Dyar, Council Member Ellis, Council Member Willis, Council Member Brannon, Council Member Matthews

VI. Reading and/or Approval of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

1. Adopt the Work Session minutes and Council Meeting minutes from October 9, 2023.

Motion made by Council Member Matthews, Seconded by Council Member Willis.

Voting Yea: Mayor Dyar, Council Member Ellis, Council Member Willis, Council Member Brannon, Council Member Matthews

VII. Committee Reports

1. The City of Boaz Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Mastin Room at the Boaz Public Library. The purpose of the public hearing will be to hear a request from Angel Rogue Ramirez for a zoning change from R-1(Low Density Detached Residential District) to B-3 (General Business District).This property is located at 801 Bethsaida Road Boaz, AL 35957. The property owner currently owns an adjoining B-3 Zoned lot and would like both connecting lots to be zoned the same in order to combine the lots and have a larger B-3 Zoned parcel.

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VIII. New Business

1. Accounts Payable - Approve the accounts payable voucher dated October 6, 2023 through October 13, 2023 totaling \$386,329.72.

Motion made by Council Member Ellis, Seconded by Council Member Brannon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Dyar, Council Member Ellis, Council Member Willis, Council Member Brannon, Council Member Matthews

2. Adopt Resolution 2023-1761 providing fringe benefits for a specific time period to retirees who have accumulated a minimum of twenty-five years of consecutive service to the City of Boaz.

Motion made by Council Member Matthews, Seconded by Council Member Willis.

Voting Yea: Mayor Dyar, Council Member Ellis, Council Member Willis, Council Member Brannon, Council Member Matthews

3. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-1765 authorizing Mayor Dyar to enter into an agreement between the City of Boaz, Alabama and Emmett Smith & Associates, Architect, P.C. for architect and engineering services for renovations of existing ball park concession stands North and South buildings, including plans for new restroom buildings located at 204 Collier Street, Boaz, AL for the City of Boaz Parks and Recreation.

Motion made by Council Member Brannon, Seconded by Council Member Ellis.

Voting Yea: Mayor Dyar, Council Member Ellis, Council Member Willis, Council Member Brannon, Council Member Matthews

4. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-1766 transferring three (3) bridges from Marshall County, Alabama to the City of Boaz, Alabama.

Motion made by Council Member Ellis, Seconded by Council Member Willis.

Mayor Dyar thanked the County Engineer for being here. Michael Knop explained the City of Boaz annexed the three bridges in previously. The bridges need to be transferred for the City of Boaz to handle the maintenance and inspections. They will try to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Voting Yea: Mayor Dyar, Council Member Ellis, Council Member Willis, Council Member Brannon, Council Member Matthews

5. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-1767 requiring meeting attendance for City Council members and declaring penalties for failure to attend City Council meetings.

Motion made by Council Member Willis, Seconded by Council Member Brannon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Dyar, Council Member Ellis, Council Member Willis, Council Member Brannon, Council Member Matthews

6. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-1768 awarding Bid No. 2023-08-120 for the Renovation of Existing Building for City of Boaz Courtroom to Complete Construction, LLC in the amount of \$519,644.

Motion to reject all bids for Bid No. 2023-08-120 for the Renovation of Existing Building for City of Boaz Courtroom made by Council Member Brannon, Seconded by Council Member Matthews.

Mayor Dyar announced we are rejecting these bids because the lowest bid came in at \$519,644 for just the interior work and he thought these would be much lower. Mayor Dyar said we will address this in the future.

Voting Yea: Mayor Dyar, Council Member Ellis, Council Member Willis, Council Member Brannon, Council Member Matthews

7. Introduce Ordinance No. 2023-1180 providing that retiring police officer receive service badge and weapon.

Motion made by Council Member Ellis to suspend the rules, Seconded by Council Member Willis.

Voting Yea: Mayor Dyar, Council Member Ellis, Council Member Willis, Council Member Brannon, Council Member Matthews

Motion made by Council Member Ellis to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-1180, Seconded by Council Member Brannon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Dyar, Council Member Ellis, Council Member Willis, Council Member Brannon, Council Member Matthews

Mayor Dyar stated the City of Boaz is one of the few cities across the state that does not issue the service badge and service weapon to an officer who has spent, in this case, 20 consecutive years.

IX. Old Business

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-1760 amending the distribution of amounts received from the City of Boaz, Alabama sales, use and rental taxes.

Motion made by Council Member Willis, Seconded by Council Member Ellis.

Mayor Dyar discussed the reasoning for the need to use this money to address other projects. Mayor Dyar announced that there is a paving plan, but there has been a hard time getting a paving company here.

Voting Yea: Mayor Dyar, Council Member Ellis, Council Member Willis, Council Member Brannon, Council Member Matthews

X. Mayor's Comments

1. Tim Whitt has been reappointed to the Boaz Housing Authority with a term expiring April 18, 2028

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2. Monster Mash at the Mill will be Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at the Old Mill Park.

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3. The next Council Meeting will be November 13, 2023.

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XI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

Motion made by Council Member Willis, Seconded by Council Member Ellis. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

David Dyar
Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Stephens
City Clerk/Treasurer