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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI **COUNTY, ARKANSAS, PROBATE DIVISION** IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DYANN MCMASTER, DECEASED

NO. 60PR-23-592

Name of Decedent: Dyann McMaster Last Known Address:

1201 Carolyn St. Jacksonville, AR 72076

Date of Death: August 5, 2022

On March 20, 2023, an affidavit for collection of small estate by distributee was filed with respect to the estate of Dyann McMaster, deceased, with the clerk of the probate division of the circuit court of Pulaski County, Arkansas, under Ark. Code Ann. § 28-41-101. The legal description of the real property listed in the affidavit is as follows: 1701 Carolyn St. Jacksonville, AR 72076, Lot 8 Block 4 Sub-Keaton WW Addn. All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them, properly verified, to the distributee or his or her attorney within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit of the estate. The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the distributee or distributee's attorney is: Hollie McMaster, 42 Byrd Ln Cabot, AR 72023. This notice first published the 28TH day of March, 2023. DR2T-3/28,4/4/23

Week of September 23, 2024

ORDINANCE 2024-21

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BEEBE, ARKANSAS TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVE AS ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF BEEBE; DECLARING AN ENERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Council for the City of Beebe, Arkansas; meeting in regular session, makes the following findings of fact and enacts the following provision; and,

WHEREAS, the Beebe City Council wishes to acknowledge that the following person is an elected official, and may receive remuneration from, an entity that has, or is likely to, provide services or goods to the City of Beebe and approves the possible conflict:

Elected Official	City Position	Organization	Position Held
Nathan Lindsey	City Councilman	Nathan Lindsey Construction	Owner Operator
Lee McLane	City Councilman	The Beebe News	Owner
Jean Stark	City Councilman	Beebe Police Department	Part-Time Police Officer
Mike Robertson	Mayor	Warehouse Furniture	Owner

NOW THEREFORE, the Beebe City Council adopts the following ordinance:

Section 1. Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 14-42-107, the City of Beebe City Council specifically approves the affiliation support provided by this elected official of the City of Beebe, for their services to

Section 2. The Beebe City Council specifically declares that is in the best interest of the City toapprove certain services provided by the above listed affiliation,

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance are separable and, upon any finding that any provision of this ordinance is unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be enforceable according to their terms.

Section 4. All ordinances, resolution, or other act of the City in conflict with the terms hereof are

repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Section 5. Emergency Clause. In light of the need to provide for a continuity of services for the citizens of the City of Beebe being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, an emergency is hereby declared, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage. PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23 day of September, 2024.



This publication paid for by the City of Beebe at a cost of \$297.00

Carol Crump Westergren, City Clerk Treasurer

LEGAL NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-20

A ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF BEEBE; APPROVING THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES TO BE EXTENDED TO SAID AREA; AND ASSIGNING SUCH TO WARD I

WHEREAS, a petition was filed, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 14-40-609, for the annexation of certain territory into the City of Beebe, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the White County Assessor and the White County Clerk have (A) verified the identity of the petitioner; (B) verified that there are no property owners included in the petition that do not wish to have their property annexed;(C) verified that the property is contiguous with the City of Beebe; (0) verified that no enclaves will be created if the petition is accepted by the City of Beebe; and presented the petition and their respective verifications to the White County Judge; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge has (A) reviewed the petition and verifications for completeness and accuracy;(B) determined that no enclaves will be created by the annexation;(C) confirmed that the petition contains a schedule of services; and (D) issued an order articulating these findings and forwarded the petition and order to the contiguous City of Beebe, Arkansas for consideration; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council of Beebe, Arkansas that said territory be

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEEBE,

SECTION 1. That the following described territory, owned by Martin, Tim and Angie contiguous to the City of Beebe, by and the same is hereby accepted as part of, and annexed to and made a part of the City of Beebe, Arkansas: Legal discription of property from survey: TRACT 1:

A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY, TOWNSHIP FIVE NORTH OF THE BASELINE, RANGE EIGHT WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHITE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, T5N-R8W, THENCE S00°51'21"W FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N89°27'22"W FOR 131.86 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N00° 44'48"E FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S89°27'21"E FOR 132.15 FEET RETURNING TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.45 ACRE MORE OR LESS.

A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY, TOWNSHIP FIVE NORTH OF THE BASELINE, RANGE EIGHT WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHITE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, T5N-R8W, THENCE S00°51'21"W FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N89°27'22"W FOR 131.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE N89°27'22"W FOR 91.86 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N00°42'31"E FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S89°27'21"E FOR 91.96 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S00°44'48"W FOR 150.00 FEET RETURNING TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.32 ACRE MORE OR LESS

A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY, TOWNSHIP FIVE NORTH OF THE BASELINE, RANGE EIGHT WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHITE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, T5N-R8W, THENCE S00°51'21"W FOR 159.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N89°27'22"W FOR 223.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N89°27'22"W FOR 91.86 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N00°40'13"E FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S89°27'21"E FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S80°27'21"E FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT THENCE S80°27'21"E FOR 150.00 FEE 91.96 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S00°42'31"W FOR 150.00 FEET RETURNING TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.32 ACRE MORE OR LESS. THE WEST LINE IS SUBJECT TO 6.00 FOOT OF A 12.00 FOOT WATER LINE EASEMENT.

A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY, TOWNSHIP FIVE NORTH OF THE BASELINE, RANGE EIGHT WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHITE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, T5N-R8W, THENCE S00°51'21"W FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N89"27'22"W FOR 315.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N89°27'22"W FOR 91.86 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N00°37'56"E FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S80°27'21"E FOR 91.96 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S00° C12"W FOR 91.96 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S00° 40 13"W FOR 150.00 FEET RETURNING TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.32 ACRE MORE OR LESS. THE EAST LINE IS SUBJECT TO 6.00 FOOT OF A 12.00 FOOT WATER LINE EASEMENT

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COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, T5N-R8W, THENCE S00°51'21"W FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N89°27'22"W FOR 407.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N89°27'22"W FOR 91.86 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N00°35'38"E FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S89°27'21"E FOR 91.96 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S00°37'56"W FOR 150.00 FEET RETURNING TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.32 ACRE MORE OR LESS.

TRACT 6:

A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY, TOWNSHIP FIVE NORTH OF THE BASELINE, RANGE EIGHT WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHITE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, T5N-R8W, THENCE S00°51'21"W FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N89°27'22"W FOR 499.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N89°27'22"W FOR 91,86 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N00°33'21"E FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S89°27'21"E FOR 91.96 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S00°35'38"W FOR 150.00 FEET RETURNING TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 0,32 ACRE MORE OR LESS.

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A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY, TOWNSHIP FIVE NORTH OF THE BASELINE, RANGE EIGHT WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHITE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE

NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, T5N-R8W, THENCE S00°51'21"W FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N89°27'22"W FOR 591.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N89°27'22"W FOR 91.86 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N00°30'30"E FOR 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S89°27'21"E FOR 91.96 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S00°33'21"W FOR 150.00 FEET RETURNING TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0,32 ACRE MORE OR LESS.

DESCRIPTION OF 12.00 FOOT WATERLINE EASEMENT: A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY, TOWNSHIP FIVE NORTH OF THE BASELINE, RANGE EIGHT WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHITE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, T5N-R8W, THENCE N89°27'21"W FOR 316.07 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF A WATERLINE EASEMENT; THENCE S00°40'13"W

FOR 150,00 FEET TO THE END POINT OF SAID WATERLINE EASEMENT.

SECTION 2. That the police, fire, and sanitation services shall be extended to the area by the City of Beebe within the statutorily required three (3) year period after the date the annexation

SECTION 3. That the above-described territory shall be annexed to and made a part of Ward I of the City of Beebe, and the same shall henceforth be a part of said ward as fully as existing parts of

SECTION 4. Thirty (30) days after passage and publication or posting of this ordinance as authorized by law, the annexation shall be final and the property shall be within the corporate limits of the City of Beebe, except as otherwise ordered by the Circuit Court pursuant to a cause action filed within said thirty (30) day period.

SECTION 5. Notice. Within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this ordnance the city clerk shall provide written notice, along with complete documentation, to the county clerk of each county in which the territory is affected.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 23 DAY OF September

Canl Chip Westergran CAROL CRUMP-WESTERGREN

CITY CLERK-TREASURER

ATTEST:

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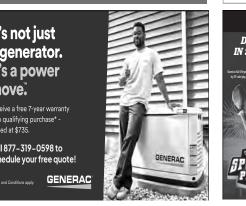
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"The Way of Cats"

My husband, Peter, had never had a cat before we adopted Felix, and Felix is taking full advantage of this.

Peter didn't know, for instance, that cats require tuna, right out of the can, every night at precisely 8:30 p.m.—until Felix informed him. Peter did not know that he was not permitted to be late, nor was he allowed to run out of tuna. Felix has a firm no-substitutions policy. Peter now understands this.

Peter didn't know the kinds of games that cats like to play, so Felix had to train him from scratch. This has been a lot of work for Felix, but he is patient, and Peter is a remarkably good student—for starting his training at such an advanced age.

Felix started Peter out with relatively easy games at first. There was the Towel Over the Head game, which is quite simple once you get the hang of it. All Peter had to do was throw a towel over Felix's head and stomp around the floor in front of him so Felix could chase Peter by sound from underneath the towel. The towel serves as a handicap for Felix because, obviously, catching Peter without a towel over his head would be far too easy and not much of a game.

After Towel Over the Head was mastered, Peter moved on to more challenging games. He played Around the House With a Mouse, where Felix has Peter run around with a mouse on a string. But that grew old quickly because Peter is far too slow. They tried Hide and Seek, but that also became tedious because Peter was loud as well as slow, and it was not reasonable to think he could ever outsmart Felix.

Then Peter graduated to Cat in a Box and a Stick, and I have to say, this is where Peter really began to excel as a student. Felix got inside a box and Peter poked the rubber end of a hiking pole into the open top while Felix grabbed onto the end of the stick. This game sounds deceptively simple, but you must have a light touch with the stick and not punch Felix in the stomach too hard while still moving the stick quickly and coming up with unexpected moves. I tried to play this game once, and Felix jumped out of the box and looked at me with disappointment. I clearly did not understand the rudiments of the game. Felix waited for Peter to play again.

Then we had a larger-than-usual Amazon delivery and Felix got a bigger box. That's when things got more interesting because Peter had the brilliant idea of cutting a small window in the box and revising the game to Cat in a Box With a Hole and a Stick, and this proved to be even better. Peter laughed himself silly, and Felix played to exhaustion. Peter then cut several more holes in the box, so it became Cat in a Box With Several Holes and a Stick. Felix's paws were poking out of several windows at once, and Peter left for his bike ride later and later because of the extended rounds required to play this game properly.

"You never had a cat before?" I asked Peter.

"Never! I knew nothing about cats," he insisted.

"Well, you are an expert now."

It's surprising, really. Peter is a natural with cats. But they say when the student is ready, the teacher will appear. Peter was ready and Felix appeared, ready to mentor Peter in the way of cats.

Till next time,

Carrie



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History Minute

Cong. Wilbur Mills

By Dr. Ken Bridges - Professor of History, South Arkansas Community College South Arkansas Historical Preservation Society kbridges@southark.edu<mailto:kbridges@southark.edu>

Congressman Wilbur Mills of Searcy was one of the most prominent Arkansans in Congress for decades. He served from 1939 until 1977, and was a force to be reckoned with. One of his most important achievements was the passage of Medicare in 1965, millions of older Americans – an achieve-

ment that almost did not happen. Prominent Americans had called for providing support for medical costs for decades. Former President Theodore Roosevelt made a national health care system an important part of his presidential campaign in 1912. In the 1930s, President Franklin D. Roosevelt considered such a system but could not find enough support for such a program. President Harry S. Truman twice initiated major campaigns for national health care in the 1940s.

Despite these failures, the federal government started subsidizing some limited medical care by 1950. Later in the decade, more studies emerged showing the need to help the neediest in society with high medical costs. The inability to afford care clearly cost lives and only increased costs in the long run. Several members of Congress came forward with different proposals, all of which failed to pass. In the meantime, Mills became chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by 1958, where he commanded all the bills regarding taxation and federal spending. It

was a position he held until 1974. In 1960, then-Senator John F. Kennedy campaigned for an expanded health care system similar to the Medicare plan that emerged. Sen. Robert Kerr of Oklahoma teamed up with Mills that year to pass the Kerr-Mills Act, an early forerunner of Medicare. This bill partnered with the states to provide medical coverage to individuals aged 65 and over. However, the bill only helped the impoverished. States had to judge the assets of the elderly to see if they would qualify. By the end of 1961, the three states California, Massachusetts, and New York had most of the enrollees in the system and accounted for 90% of the program's costs. In fact, by 1965, only 40 states participated in the Kerr-Mills program, with just 264,000 enrollees.

After Kennedy's inauguration as president in 1961, he pressed Congress to pass a more thorough national medical plan for all Americans or at least a Medicare bill for the elderly. Mills did not think there was enough support for the bill and did not take up the bill in his committee. Even after Kennedy made a nationwide address calling for Medicare in 1962, Mills still declined.

Lyndon B. Johnson immediately took up Kennedy's extensive domestic proposals after his assassination in 1963. Though

Kennedy and Johnson did not always agree, the two had a grudging respect for one another, and Johnson believed in Kennedy's goals. Johnson understood that Mills was the key to any Medicare bill passing. He pressed Mills to craft an efficient and reawhich today provides healthcare for tens of sonable program. In many of their conversations, Johnson often invoked Kennedy's memory to push bills like Medicare for

> In 1964, Johnson announced his unequivocal support for Medicare. "No longer will older Americans be denied the healing power of modern medicine," Johnson declared. At Johnson's urging, Mills began holding hearings on different Medicare proposals. Weeks of hearings ensued, with hundreds of witnesses coming forward and explaining in intricate detail the strengths and weaknesses of possible programs. Though support for medical care for the elderly was increasing, Mills and his counterparts in the Senate decided to hold off on voting until after the general election. With Johnson's landslide victory in the presidential election that fall, along with increased majorities for Democrats in both houses of Congress, Mills saw the new political landscape and now threw his support into a comprehensive Medicare bill.

> Once Congress came back into session in January 1965, Mills threw all his legislative skill into creating a bill that would pass. He worked carefully in committee to gain as much support as possible, gaining support from Democrats and reformist Republicans alike. Part A covered hospital services. Mills decided that more had to be covered as not all necessary medical care took place at hospitals and most specialists did not work for hospitals. As a result, Mills added Part B to the program to cover nonhospital care by doctors and technicians. A payroll tax financed it, similar to Social Security. He also inserted language that let doctors decide reasonable costs for services rather than government oversight boards. Mills carefully worked with the Senate on amendments to the bill, ensuring that any late additions would not derail their progress or sabotage the final product.

> With the support of Mills, Medicare passed the House of Representatives by a margin of 313-115 on April 8. The bill passed the Senate by a similar lopsided mar-

> Johnson signed Medicare into law on July 30, 1965, at the Truman Presidential Library in Independence, Missouri, with former President Truman and his wife, Bess, in attendance as the first recipients of Medicare. Mills was present at the signing ceremony. Today, the program provides health coverage for nearly 60 million Amer-