

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
JANUARY 24, 2022**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Tullahoma, Coffee and Franklin Counties, Tennessee assembled at the Municipal Building, in Tullahoma, for a rescheduled meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Ray Knowis presiding and the following named members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen: Jenna Amacher, Rupa Blackwell, Daniel Berry, Jimmy Blanks and Robin Dunn. Alderman Sernobia McGee was absent. There were six (6) Board Members were present.

Jennifer Moody, City Administrator; Stephen M. Worsham, City Attorney and Rosemary Golden, City Recorder were present at the meeting.

Mayor Ray Knowis called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was said by Rev. Elbert Smith and he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Recorder Rosemary Golden called the roll.

The agenda was presented for approval and since there were no objections, the agenda was adopted as presented.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES:

Mayor Ray Knowis said the Honorary Alderman Mr. Camron Alexander is sick and will not be able to attend the meeting tonight.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized, David Anderson, Director of Tullahoma Parks and Recreation. He gave a presentation of the Boyd Foundation Dog Park Dash Grant Award. Mr. Harrison Forbes, Grant Administrator, said there were 80 applicants and only 15 communities received grants.

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized, Kenneth Pearson, Chief of the Tullahoma Fire Department. He gave his annual report to the BMA.

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized, Jason Williams, Chief of the Tullahoma Police Department. He gave his annual report to the BMA.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mr. Greg Gressel, 316 Oak Park Drive, said he was representing the Arts Council tonight. He said the Art Council wants clarification (a report) as to what took place and how the mural was painted on the new Book-Shelf Building (114 SW Atlantic Street).

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated he recently had COVID-19 and he did not have anything to report on at this time.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher said her “small business shout out” goes to the North Jackson Nutrition Center located at 800 North Jackson Street. She said if you mentioned Alderman Amacher then you get a \$1.00 off your next order. Alderman Amacher said she attended the Legislative Breakfast at the Country Club. She said she had received a complaint regarding the high daily cost to use the DW Wilson Community Center.

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee was sick/absent.

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said the Tullahoma Board of Education meeting was being held tonight and that she would submit a report of the Downtown Council meeting to Mr. Winston Brooks.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said she had no report.

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated he had attended a Duck River Utility Commission meeting. He stated it looks like the water prices will increase due to the increased cost of chemicals. There has not been a rate increase in over ten (10) years. Alderman Blanks said, “Shop Tullahoma”.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended several meetings and events including but not limited to the following: a Tullahoma Airport Authority meeting; a Legislative Breakfast at the Country Club; a Tennessee Municipal League zoom meeting and a Police Chaplain Group meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City. He attended the Legislative Breakfast. He is preparing a Resolution for the BMA to consider regarding the local Correction Academy remaining in this area. He stated the estate of Patricia Lee donated \$26,000 to our animal shelter.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Ms. Jennifer Moody reported there is an issue with the City being able to chip their brush. The owner of Johnson Mulch has passed away, so the City was using the Franklin County Interlocal Solid Waste services, however their grinder went down. Now the City is using (on a temporary basis) a company out of Chattanooga to grind and haul off the brush. Ms. Moody stated she is aware that this must be under the \$25,000 emergency limit. The State of Tennessee has a “Portal” to use to review how we intend to use our American Rescue Plan money. There are several projects that are being discussed: a survey in the Parks and Recreation Department; a potential multi-use Farmers Market Pavilion and the Red Cross Building being renovated. After the next BMA meeting there may be a study session to discuss the Robert’s Rule of Order. Ms. Moody stated on Monday, February 7, 2022, from 5:00 to 7:00 at the THS lecture hall there will be a Storm Water training session. She said she would like the BMA to consider moving the Monday, March 14, 2022, meeting to Tuesday, March 15, 2022, due to a conflict with the TML Conference.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 22-06– MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2022, REGULAR MEETING.

ITEM NO. 22-07– DECEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT.

ITEM NO. 22-08 - REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 2021 REPORT ON DEBT OBLIGATION FOR ISSUANCE OF 2021 SCHOOL BONDS.

ITEM NO. 22-09 – APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT FOR A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE 2018 THDA HOME PROGRAM SUPPORTING HOUSING REHABILITATION IN TULLAHOMA.

ITEM NO. 22-10 – ANNOUNCE A VACANCY ON THE TULLAHOMA AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM ENDING FEBRUARY 27, 2022.

Mayor Knowis read the captions for the items on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Amacher to approve the items listed above on the consent agenda.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and was seconded by Alderman Berry to rescind the previous vote (at the 01-10-2022 meeting) on Ordinance No. 1569 (revisions to Fireworks Ordinance) see caption below:

ORDINANCE NO. 1569 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6 (FIREWORKS) OF TITLE 7 (FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS) TO EXPAND THE TIME PERIOD FOR PERMITTED SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS TO INCLUDE CELEBRATION OF A NEW FEDERAL HOLIDAY KNOWN AS JUNE 19TH OR JUNETEENTH.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Aye(s): Amacher, Berry, Blackwell, Dunn
Nay(s): Blanks, Knowis

The vote being four (4) Aye(s) and two (2) Nay(s) the motion passed and was so ordered.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Amacher to postpone discussion of Ordinance No. 1569 until the next Board meeting.

A long discussion ensued.

Alderman Blanks called the question and this was seconded by Alderman Blackwell.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

The motion (to postpone discussion) was called for a vote.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Aye(s): Amacher, Berry, Blackwell, Dunn
Nay(s): Blanks, Knowis

The vote being four (4) Aye(s) and two (2) Nay(s) the motion passed and was so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM NO. 22-11 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RETAIL PACKAGE STORE LIQUOR PERMIT (RE-ISSUE DUE TO CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP) TO THE NEW OWNER AND MANAGER IN CHARGE OF SALES, MR. ISHWARLAL PATEL, FOR THE NORTH JACKSON WINE AND SPIRITS LOCATED AT 1962 NORTH JACKSON STREET

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-11 and he stated the background information can be found starting on page 34 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve the Retail Liquor Store permit for Mr. Ishwarlal Patel (change of ownership) for the North Jackson Wine and Spirits store located at 1962 North Jackson Street.

City Administrator, Ms. Jennifer Moody, gave the background information.

City Recorder, Ms. Rosemary Golden, answered a few questions.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ITEM NO. 22-12 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SOFTWARE PURCHASE AND ANNUAL SUPPORT AGREEMENT FROM M&M MICRO SYSTEMS, AT A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$68,500, TO UPGRADE POLICE REPORTING SOFTWARE TO ISOMS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE REQUIRED REPORTING BY THE TULLAHOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-12 and he stated the background information can be found starting on page 39 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve the purchase of new iSOMS software from M & M Micro Systems at a total upgrade conversion cost of \$68,500.

City Administrator, Ms. Jennifer Moody, gave the background information.

Police Chief, Mr. Jason Williams, answered a few questions.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ITEM NO. 22-13 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A TRADE-IN PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TULLAHOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND GT DISTRIBUTORS RESULTING IN THE EXCHANGE OF CURRENT SERVICE WEAPONS AND SEIZED WEAPONS, VALUED AT \$25,894.50, TO RECEIVE NEW DEPARTMENT SERVICE WEAPONS OF EQUAL VALUE FOR THE TULLAHOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-13.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blanks to approve the trade-in of current handguns and seized weapons for new Glock handguns.

City Administrator, Ms. Jennifer Moody, recognized Police Chief, Mr. Jason Williams who gave the background information.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

ORDINANCE NO. 1571 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE IN ITS ENTIRETY TITLE 20-1007 (ANIMAL CONTROL AND SHELTER FEES) OF CHAPTER 10 (COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES), EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2022, AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT A, for approval on the first of two readings.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1571 and he stated the background information can be found starting on page 60 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve Ordinance No. 1571 on the first of two readings.

City Administrator, Ms. Jennifer Moody, gave the background information.

Alderman Amacher made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Blanks to amend the Proposed Adoption Fee per animal to \$60.00 instead of \$100.00.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Aye(s): Amacher, Blanks

Nay(s): Berry, Blackwell, Dunn, Knowis

The vote being two (2) Aye(s) and four (4) Nay(s) the motion failed.

The original motion was called for a vote.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at this time, the Board Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR

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