

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
FEBRUARY 14, 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, February 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Blanks presiding and the following named members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen: Jenna Amacher, Rupa Blackwell, Daniel Berry, Robin Dunn and Sernobia McGee. Mayor Ray Knowis 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 Pro Tem Jimmy Blanks called the meeting to order.

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

City Recorder Rosemary Golden called the roll.

The agenda was presented for approval.

Alderman Rupa Blackwell asked to pull **AGENDA ITEM NO. 22-21 – ACCEPT AND ADOPT BY-LAWS FOR THE ARTS COUNCIL TULLAHOMA AS PRESENTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ARTS COUNCIL OF TULLAHOMA**, she said there were a few things that needed to be adjusted.

Alderman Berry made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Amacher to accept the adjusted agenda.

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

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES:

Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Blanks recognized the Honorary Alderman Mr. Jacob Bennett. He is a senior at the Tullahoma High School. Mr. Bennett is involved with the following organizations at the school and community: National Honor Society, Student Council and the Tullahoma High School Theater program. He plans on attending the University of Tennessee at Knoxville or Alabama to study Computer Science.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION: - NONE -

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Brittany Clark, no permanent address, thanked Alderman Rupa Blackwell with her help in getting several churches to open-up for the homeless people in Tullahoma. She asked the BMA if they could donate a building for the homeless, much like what they did for the animal shelter.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said she had nothing to report since she has been feeling “under the weather”.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said the “River Network” will be donating 30 rain barrels to be given away at the Tullahoma Farmers Market at South Jackson Civic Center on April 18, 2022. She has started to gather Volunteers to help with the Rain Garden behind the East Lincoln Elementary School. The plans are for the first week in March. Alderman Dunn said she is working with Ms. Mary Samaniego, Senior Planner, to review our Ordinances regarding trees. She asked the community to continue to pray for Mayor Ray Knowis and his recovery.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated he attended a Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation meeting and both the Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce banquet and the Manchester City Chamber of Commerce banquet.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher said she went to update her address on her voter registration card and she found out that the 911 Communication Center has changed her address from 372 Ledford Mill Road to 1744 Ledford Mill Road. She wants citizens to get prepared to vote. Alderman Amacher said she attended a Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation meeting. Her small business “Shout Out” tonight goes to the Sun Drop Shop located on NW Atlantic Street. She said she wanted to make it clear that she does not get paid for these “shout outs”.

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said she her last Tullahoma Board of Education meeting was held the same time as our BMA meeting. Alderman Blackwell said she will continue to help facilitate the educational “What a Healthy Relationship Looks Like” program at the middle schools. She said she will be reporting soon regarding “Hopes and Dreams” and the Downtown Council.

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated he had attended a Tullahoma Utility Authority meeting and the annual Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce banquet. He stated three (3) THS student swimmers went to state to compete. Alderman Blanks said, "Shop Tullahoma". He said Mayor Ray Knowis had a medical event on Saturday and asked people to keep him in your prayers.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis was absent.

HONORARY ALDERMAN JACOB BENNETT – Mr. Bennett said the THS has had a wonderful sports season with sending two teams to the State competition. The THS National English Honor Society is having a book drive. The National Honor Society recently make gift bags to give to the local nursing homes. The THS Theatre is rehearsing for the play, The Adams Family.

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City. The Tree Board will have its next meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 11:30 in this board room. Mr. Worsham gave some background information regarding Resolution No. 1891 which is on tonight's agenda.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Ms. Jennifer Moody reported that she had lunch with the "Employee of the Month" today, Mr. Nick Kimbro. She stated the Economic Development Coordinator, Mr. Thom Robinson's, last day will be March 4, 2022. She intends to have a retirement party for him on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 4:30 in this board room. The Tullahoma Senior Planner, Ms. Mary Samaniego, has been working on two beautification projects. On State Route 55, she has been given permission to plant some poppies in one median. She is also working on getting a new sign made for the Tullahoma Airport entrance off Ledford Mill Road. Ms. Moody stated she has been working on what needs to be done with our building located at 127 West Lincoln Street.

Ms. Jennifer Moody recognized the Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Dave Anderson. He stated that he is working on a Master Plan for the recreation facilities. He would like lots of input and feedback, so he has created a survey for the public. The survey is available online both at the City's main website and the Recreation Department's Facebook page.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 22-14– MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2022, REGULAR MEETING.

ITEM NO. 22-15 – ACCEPT THE DEBT POLICY OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA FOR ANNUAL REVIEW.

ITEM NO. 22-16 – AMEND THE MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN TO MOVE THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING IN MARCH FROM MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022, TO TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022.

ITEM NO. 22-17 – ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD OF \$1,500 FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE’S 2022 ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE FARMERS MARKET TULLAHOMA.

ITEM NO. 22-18– APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. KARLA SMITH TO THE TULLAHOMA AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A NEW 5-YEAR TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 27, 2027.

ITEM NO. 22-19 – APPROVE A ONE-YEAR RENEWAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STEPHENS, INC. FOR MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES.

ITEM NO. 22-20 – APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A FIVE-YEAR CREDIT CARD PAYMENT PROCESSING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CSG SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL, INC. (FORTE PAYMENT SYSTEMS) FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

ITEM NO. 22-21 – ACCEPT AND ADOPT BY-LAWS FOR THE ARTS COUNCIL TULLAHOMA AS PRESENTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ARTS COUNCIL OF TULLAHOMA. (This item was pulled from the agenda earlier in the evening by Alderman Blackwell.)

Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Blanks read the captions for the items on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and seconded by Alderman Berry 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:

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 HOLIDY KNOWN AS JUNE 19TH OR JUNETEENTH, AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT A, for approval on the second and final of two readings.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Blanks read the caption for Ordinance No. 1569.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve the proposed amendments(as found in the agenda) to the City of Tullahoma’s Fireworks Ordinance on second and final reading.

A discussion ensued.

Alderman Blackwell made an amendment and it was seconded by Alderman Dunn to shorten the time to discharge fireworks by one day. See explanation below:

7-613. Limited Time Period to Use Fireworks. It shall be unlawful to discharge or use Fireworks except for the following time periods.

(1) ~~July 1~~ July 2 through July 4 - The permissible hours shall only be from 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. except for July 4 when the permissible hours shall be from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Aye(s): Blackwell, Blanks, Dunn

Nay(s): Amacher, Berry, McGee

The vote being three (3) Aye(s) and three(3) Nay(s) the motion failed.

The original motion was called to vote.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Aye(s): Amacher, Blackwell, Berry, Dunn, McGee

Nay(s): Blanks

The vote being five (5) Aye(s) and one (1) Nay(s) the motion passed and 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 second and final of two readings.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Blanks read the caption for Ordinance No. 1571.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Berry to approve Ordinance No. 1571 on second and final reading.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

The vote being five (5) Aye(s) and one (1) Nay(s) the motion passed and was so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM NO. 22-22 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ALLOCATION OF GOVERNOR’S LOCAL SUPPORT GRANT FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$228,000, TO SUPPORT REPAIRS AND PAVING OF CEDAR LANE IN THE FY 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET.

Mayor Pro Tem Blanks read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-22.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman McGee to approve Agenda Item No. 22-22.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1890 – A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA FY 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Blanks read the caption for Resolution No. 1890 and he stated the background information can be found starting on page 75 of tonight’s agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve Resolution No. 1890.

City Administrator, Ms. Jennifer Moody, gave the background information and she recognized Ms. Susan Wilson, Finance Director, for any further questions.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1891 – A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THE TENNESSEE CORRECTION ACADEMY IN TULLAHOMA, AND COFFEE COUNTY, THUS PRESERVING THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS WHICH OUR AREA ENJOYS AND THE ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY OF THAT FACILITY’S CAMPUS.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Blanks read the caption for Resolution No. 1891 and he stated that the City Attorney, Steve Worsham, gave some background information concerning this Resolution earlier in the evening.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Resolution No. 1891.

A discussion ensued.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1892 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (THDA) FOR THE 2022 HOME GRANT PROGRAM FOR SUPPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 TO MAKE REPAIRS AND REHABILITATE OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL HOUSING IN TULLAHOMA, WITH NO LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Blanks read the caption for Resolution No. 1892.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman McGee to approve Resolution No. 1892.

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

A long discussion ensued.

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

ITEM NO. 22-23 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA AND THE LITERACY COUNCIL (AND THE BOOKSHELF) FOR CONTINUED USE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 114 SW ATLANTIC STREET.

Mayor Pro Tem Blanks read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-23.

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

A motion was made by Alderman McGee and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve a five (5) year lease agreement with the Literacy Council (d/b/a The Bookshelf) for use of real property at 114 SW Atlantic Street.

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

ITEM NO. 22-24 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ONE, NEW FULL-TIME CUSTODIAL POSITION FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Blanks read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-24.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman McGee to approve the additional of a Full-Time Custodian position to the Parks and Recreation Department.

City Administrator, Ms. Jennifer Moody, recognized the Parks and Recreation Director, Dave Anderson, who answered a few questions and gave the background information.

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 6:33 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR