

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
APRIL 11, 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, April 11, 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, Daniel Berry, Rupa Blackwell, Jimmy Blanks, Robin Dunn and Sernobia McGee. All Board Members were present.

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

Mayor Knowis called the meeting to order.

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

City Recorder, Rosemary Golden, called the roll.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES:

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized the Honorary Alderman Ms. Madelyn Bobo. She is a senior at the Tullahoma High School (THS). Ms. Bobo is involved with the Cheerleading squad at THS and she has a certificate from the Red Cross for CPR. She would like to attend Tennessee Tech in Cookeville to study in the Medical field.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Ray Knowis read a proclamation regarding the month of April 2022 as "Fair Housing Month" in the City of Tullahoma.

THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

Alderman Amacher made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Blanks to remove an agenda Item (Resolution No. 1895) under New Business until a future date.

Alderman Amacher said she wanted to ask MTAS some questions.

On roll call all members voted as follows:

Aye(s): Amacher, Blanks

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

The results being two (2) Ayes and five (5) Nays, the motion failed.

The Mayor then called the original motion to accept the agenda as presented.

On roll call all members voted as follows:

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

The results being six (6) Ayes and one (1) Nay, the motion passed and was so ordered.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mayor Knowis stated that there were several applicants for the Tullahoma Airport Authority Board in the audience. There is an open position on that Board and there is an item on the agenda tonight that pertains to filling that position. He asked if the applicants wanted to speak.

Mr. Trent Moore, 504 Albemarle Drive, said he moved back here two (2) years ago and he gave some more background information concerning his qualifications. He asked the BMA to consider him for the open position on the Tullahoma Airport Authority Board, as he would love to serve the community.

Mr. Steve McKamey, 201 Sunset Drive, stated he moved here three (3) years ago and he gave some more background information concerning his qualifications. He asked the BMA to consider him for the open position on the Tullahoma Airport Authority Board.

Mr. George (Skip) Farr, Jr., 101 Annies Way, was unable to attend tonight meeting. He had sent in an email and it was read by the City Recorder and will be included in the minutes (attached).

Mr. Phil Hensley, 505 Lakeway Place, works for Lakeway Publishers and the Tullahoma Newspaper. He stated that they are against repealing the exemptions in Ordinance No. 1576.

Mr. Keith Ponder, 505 Lakeway Place, he is the VP of Lakeway Publishers and he is also against the repealing of the exemptions in Ordinance No. 1576.

Mr. Greg Grizzle, 316 Oak Park Drive, stated he is against the repealing of the exemptions in Ordinance No. 1576.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said both the Coffee County Industrial Development Board and the Tullahoma Housing Authority Board will not be meeting until this week. She stated that the “Egg Hunt” will be this Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 1:00 on the lawn at the South Jackson Civic Center. She thanked the Tullahoma Parks and Recreation Department as well as the South Jackson Civic Center for their help in this event.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated the Sports Council will meet this upcoming Wednesday evening. The Planning Commission will meet next week. He stated the Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation (TAEDC) and the Health Education Housing Agency (HEHA) held a special call meeting this month to discuss a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program for a company who wants to purchase the Tullahoma Village Apartment Complex. The Executive Director of TAEDC, Winston Brooks, gave some background details of the program.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher said both the Coffee County Consolidated Communications Commission and the Tourism Council will meet next week. She stated once a month all the new businesses that have been opened the prior month will be announce at the BMA meeting. She thanked all the community agencies that were in the audience tonight for their service to our community. Ms. Amacher started to talk about Ordinance No. 1576, but Alderman Berry called “point of order”.

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said the Tullahoma Board of Education will meet next week. She said the new seasonal banners are hanging up in the Downtown area.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said on the Consent Agenda tonight there is an item regarding setting a Public Hearing for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance (regarding landscaping) and she thanked the Tree Board for their help on this item. There is a “tree naming” contest going on for the large Willow Oak Tree that sits behind the “Painted House Art Studio” at 204 East Lincoln Street. Ms. Dunn said “Earth Day” will be celebrated on Monday, April 18, 2022, at the Tullahoma’s Farmers Market.

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated he had attended a Tullahoma Utility Authority meeting. He said, “Happy Easter to all”. He said, “Shop Tullahoma”.

HONORARY ALDERMAN BOBO - Ms. Bobo said the Distinguished Young Women's contest will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022. The seniors at THS will be graduating on Friday, May 13, 2022. This will mark the 100th year celebration of THS.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he had recently gone to all four Tullahoma elementary schools to give out certificates to the winners of the "What I like best about Tullahoma" contestants. He said he attended a Veterans program at History Park on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Mayor Knowis also attended a THS banquet, he stated 22 seniors on the football team had a grade point average of 4.0 or better.

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he had no report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - Ms. Jennifer Moody reported the draft of the Think Tullahoma 2040 Plan is on our website and we are open for comments. She stated there is a draft (on the last page of tonight's agenda) of the American Rescue Plan monies. Ms. Moody recognized the Deputy Fire Chief, Larry Sloan, and asked him to give the BMA a brief recap of the assistance that Tullahoma provided in the recent wildfires in Severe County, TN.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 22-45 - MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28, 2022, REGULAR MEETING.

ITEM NO. 22-46 - FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT.

ITEM NO. 22-47 - SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR 5:30 P.M. ON APRIL 25, 2022, ON A REQUEST FROM THE TULLAHOMA TREE BOARD FOR A TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 505 - LANDSCAPING.

ITEM NO. 22-48 - SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR 5:30 P.M. ON APRIL 25, 2022, ON A SPENDING PLAN FOR \$5.8 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING.

ITEM NO. 22-49 - APPROVE A REQUEST TO WAIVE SPECIAL EVENT SIGN PERMIT FEES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30.00, FOR PROMOTION OF THE FARMERS MARKET TULLAHOMA EACH MONDAY FROM APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER 2022.

ITEM NO. 22-50 – APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A COOK AND HOLD OVEN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,115.16, FROM JES RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT FOR CONCESSIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS USE BY THE TULLAHOMA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

ITEM NO. 22-51 – APPROVE AN OPTIONAL THREE-YEAR EXTENSION, VALUED AT \$10,093.41 IN TOTAL, TO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH KANTOLA TRAINING SOLUTIONS FOR A CITY-WIDE, ONLINE EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROGRAM.

ITEM NO. 22-52 – ANNOUNCE A VACANCY ON THE ARTS COUNCIL TULLAHOMA.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1894 – A RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM APPROVAL OF A PRIVATE ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1894 and stated the resolution can be found in tonight's agenda packet starting on page 24.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve the attached Resolution No. 1894.

A discussion ensued.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE No. 1576- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE TO REPEAL IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 9-208 (EXEMPTIONS) OF TITLE 9 (BUSINESS, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.) OF THE TULLAHOMA MUNICIPAL CODE, for approval on the first of two readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1576 and he stated the information can be found starting on page 28 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Amacher to adopt Ordinance No. 1576 to repeal the exemptions section of Chapter 2 (Peddlers, Etc.) of Title 9 (Business, Peddlers, Solicitors, Etc.).

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

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Blackwell to postpone/defer consideration of this matter until the City Administrator has had some time to review the comments made tonight.

On roll call all members voted as follows:

Aye(s): Blackwell, Blanks, Berry, Dunn, Knowis, McGee

Nay(s): Amacher

The vote being six (6) Aye(s) and one (1) Nay; the motion passed and was so ordered.

ITEM NO. 22-53 – CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF A QUALIFIED APPLICANT TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE TULLAHOMA AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING ON FEBRUARY 27, 2026.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-53 and stated the applicants had an opportunity to speak earlier in the evening at the Comments from Citizens portion of the meeting.

Alderman Blackwell nominated Mr. George (Skip) Farr, Jr.

Alderman McGee nominated Mr. Trent Moore.

On roll call all members voted as follows:

Farr: Blanks, Blackwell, Berry, Dunn, Knowis

Moore: Amacher, McGee

The vote being five (5) for Mr. George (Skip) Farr, Jr. and two (2) for Mr. Trent Moore; Mr. George (Skip) Farr, Jr will serve the unexpired term to end on February 27, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 1895 - A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1895 and stated the backup information (Exhibit A) can be found in tonight's agenda packet starting on page 49.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Berry to approve Resolution No. 1895.

City Administrator, Ms. Jennifer Moody, said she had nothing to add.

A discussion ensued.

A motion to end discussion was made by the Mayor and seconded by Alderman Blanks.

On roll call all members voted as follows:

Aye(s): Blanks, Knowis, McGee

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

The vote being three (3) Aye(s) and four (4) Nay(s); the motion failed.

Therefore, the discussion continued.

An amendment was made by Alderman Dunn and seconded by Alderman Amacher to remove/strike section 2.3 until further discussion with MTAS.

On roll call all members voted as follows:

Aye(s): Amacher, Knowis, Dunn

Nay(s): Blackwell, Berry, Blanks, McGee

The vote being three (3) Aye(s) and four (4) Nay(s); the motion failed.

The original motion was called to vote.

On roll call all members voted as follows:

Aye(s): Blackwell, Blanks, Berry, Dunn, Knowis, McGee

Nay(s): Amacher

The vote being six (6) Aye(s) and one (1) Nay; the motion passed and 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 7:05 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

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