

BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
APRIL 26, 2021

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 meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021 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.

The invocation was said by Rev. Tom Murdock and he led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: - NONE -

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Ray Knowis by the virtue of the authority vested in him, did hereby proclaim that April 30, 2021 is “National Therapy Animal Day” in Tullahoma and encourage our citizens to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers. He then presented a proclamation to Ms. KellyLyn Brunelle and her dog, Ivy.

Mayor Ray Knowis by the virtue of the authority vested in him, did hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as “Fair Housing Month” in Tullahoma. He then read a proclamation (see enclosed) and presented it to Mr. Rex Brown, with the Middle Tennessee Association of Realtors.

Mayor Ray Knowis by the virtue of the authority vested in him, did hereby proclaim the May 2-8, 2021 as “Drinking Water Week” in Tullahoma. Mayor Knowis stated on Thursday, May 6, 2021 there will be a celebration on the Tullahoma Utility Authority (TUA) grounds from 3:00 to 5:30pm. He then read a proclamation (see enclosed) and presented it to Mr. Brian Skelton with the Tullahoma Utility Authority.

Mayor Ray Knowis read a certificate of appreciation. It recognized Mr. Kurt Glick for his dedication and service for over 35 years to the City. Mayor Knowis stated Mr. Kurt Glick will be retiring the first week of May 2021.

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized Mr. Jon Glass from the Tullahoma Airport Authority. Mr. Glass gave his annual update and report (see attached slide presentation).

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized Mr. Thom Robinson from the Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation (TAEDC). Mr. Robinson gave his annual update and report (see attached slide presentation).

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: - NONE -

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said the City/BMA should pay attention to our revenue funding sources. She attended the Police building dedication/ceremony. Ms. Blackwell also attended a benefit concert (Pink is the Color of Hope) at the South Jackson Civic Center. She will host a “Queso and Conversation” on this Tuesday from 5:00pm to 6:30pm at the Camino Real Restaurant and then a “Coffee and Conversation” this Thursday from 8:30am to 9:30am at the Celtic Cup.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn asked if a citizen wanted to rent out the whole CD Stamps facility could they get the fee waived or the fee discounted? Ms. Moody responded by saying they must put in an application first.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher said she wanted to give her “small business shout out” to the EnV Embroidery shop located on Atlantic Street in the Downtown Avenues. She stated the Tree Board has decided to meet once a month now (the first Thursday of each month) instead of once a quarter. Ms. Amacher thanked Thom Robinson for his efforts with the five (5) year strategic plan for the City.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry wanted to thank Mr. Kurt Glick for his years of dedicated service to the City and wished him well on his up-coming retirement.

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said she attended a Tullahoma Housing Authority meeting. She said Earth Day was celebrated last week, however the Tullahoma Clean-up day has been postponed until this Saturday, May 1, 2021.

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated he had attended a Duck River Utility Commission meeting. He said the local school students will be testing this week so be sure to get the kids to bed early and to feed them a good breakfast. Dr. Blanks attended the dedication/ceremony of the new Tullahoma Police Department’s building. He said, “Shop Tullahoma”.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended both an Airport Authority meeting and a Planning Commission meeting. He also attended the Open House ceremony for the Police Department's new building. He thanked the Board for attending this ceremony.

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City. He also stated there was an executive session held just prior to tonight's BMA meeting and there is an item that needs attention.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and seconded by Alderman Blanks to approve the mutual mediation settlement agreement and release all claims with Brindley and Sons Construction Company regarding the Animal Control Building Project.

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - Ms. Jennifer Moody said the annual Tullahoma Clean-up Day was postponed due to rain. The new date set is Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 8:00 to 11:00. Volunteers can go to the Public Works Building located at 942 Maplewood Ave to pick up supplies. She reported a tree fell on a light pole at the Jefferson Street park and an emergency repair of \$8,000 had to be done. Ms. Moody thanked Mr. Kurt Glick, Recreation Director, for his numerous dedicated years of service to the City. He is currently the longest serving Tullahoma Department head. She listed several of his accomplishments, awards, and certifications that he received throughout the years. She wished him well on his up-coming retirement.

Ms. Jennifer Moody recognized Ms. Linda Bean from the firm of Housholder Artman, PLLC. Ms. Bean had previously presented the audit to the BMA. She stated there were no major finds in any department or agency. Ms. Bean was available for any questions from the BMA.

Ms. Moody recognized Mr. Lyle Russell, the Parks and Recreation Program manager. Mr. Russell gave a presentation on the upcoming summer tutoring program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 21-49- MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 22, 2021 AND MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

ITEM NO. 21-50 - FINANCIAL REPORT - MARCH

ITEM NO. 21-51 - ACCEPT DELIVERY OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 AUDIT REPORTS

ITEM NO. 21-52 - APPROVE THE ONE-YEAR RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HOUSHOLDER ARTMAN, PLLC TO PERFORM AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TULLAHOMA CITY SCHOOLS, TULLAHOMA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD, TULLAHOMA AIRPORT AUTHORITY, AND TULLAHOMA AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$45,000, FOR FY 2021

ITEM NO. 21-53 - SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 10, 2021 ON A REQUEST TO RE-ZONE PROPERTY AT 330 LEDFORD MILL ROAD FROM A, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, TO R-1, LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

ITEM NO. 21-54 - APPROVE A VEHICLE PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,765, AT STATE CONTRACT PRICING, FROM FORD OF MURFREESBORO, FOR THE TULLAHOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT

ITEM NO. 21-55 - APPROVE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WALMART COMMUNITY GRANT FOR ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY FOR \$5,000, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, TO SUPPORT THE TULLAHOMA GO GREEN COMMITTEE RAIN BARREL PROJECT

ITEM NO. 21-56 - APPROVE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE RANDY BOYD FOUNDATION FOR A DOG PARK DASH GRANT OF \$25,000 TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PET VILLAGE DOG PARK AT TULLAHOMA'S WAGGONER PARK

ITEM NO. 21-57 - APPROVE A PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH SIXWIRE FOR A CONCERT TO BE HELD AS PART OF THE ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

ITEM NO. 21-58 - APPROVE A PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH VINYL RADIO FOR A CONCERT TO BE HELD AS PART OF THE ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

ITEM NO. 21-59 - APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH PYRO SHOWS FOR A PROFESSIONAL FIREWORK DISPLAY AT THE ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

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

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 1553 - AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE SALARIES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN, EFFECTIVE UPON THE ELECTION OF NEW OFFICIALS, IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNTS OF \$15,000 FOR MAYOR AND \$7,500 FOR ALDERMAN, adopt on the second and final of two readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1553 and he gave the background information.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and was seconded by Alderman Berry to adopt Ordinance No. 1553 on the second and final reading.

A discussion ensued.

An amendment was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Amacher to add another clause that stated after the election year of 2032 the Mayor's salary would increase to \$20,000 and the Aldermen's salary would increase to \$12,000.

On roll call all members present voted on the amendment as follows:

Ayes: Amacher, Blackwell, Blanks, Berry, McGee

Nay: Dunn, Knowis

The result being five (5) Ayes and two (2) Nays; the motion passed and was so ordered.

The original motion as amended was called to vote. The results were as follows:

Ayes: Amacher, Blackwell, Blanks, Berry, Knowis, McGee

Nay: Dunn

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

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE No. 1552 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, AS SET FORTH IN THE TULLAHOMA MUNICIPAL CODE, WHICH IS ORDINANCE NO. 1392, TO REZONE AN APPROXIMATELY 2.91 ACRES PARCEL LOCATED IN THE 1600 BLOCK OF CEDAR LANE (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 124, PARCEL 06.13) FROM R-3, HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, adopt on the first of two readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1552 and he gave the background information stating there was a public hearing on this issue earlier this evening.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to adopt Ordinance No. 1552 on the first of two readings.

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

ORDINANCE No. 1555 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE BY AMENDING TITLE 20 (MISCELLANEOUS), CHAPTER 5 (TREE ORDINANCE), SECTION 505, PART 4 (JURISDICTION - OVERSIGHT OF ACTIVITIES AND PRACTICES) BY DELETEDING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 505, PART 4 REGARDING TREE PRUNING, adopt on the first of two readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1555 and he gave the background information and stated the information can be found on page 129 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman McGee to adopt Ordinance No. 1555 on the first of two readings.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1858 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE IN-LIEU OF TAX PAYMENT FOR THE TULLAHOMA UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1858 and said the background information could be found on page 139 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Resolution No. 1858.

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

ITEM NO. 21-60 – CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BILL AND CRISSY HASLAM FOUNDATION AND THE TULLAHOMA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR A SUMMER TUTORING PROGRAM TO ADDRESS SUMMER LEARNING LOSS FOR RISING FIRST GRADERS THROUGH RISING FOURTH GRADERS IN TULLAHOMA.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-60. He said Mr. Lyle Russell had given a presentation to the BMA earlier in the evening regarding this agenda item.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve Agenda Item No. 21-60.

A discussion ensued.

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

ITEM NO. 21-61 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TDOT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT PAVING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,483 FOR PAVING OF A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 130 SOUTH WITH THE STATE’S CONTRACTOR TINSLEY ASPHALT, UTILIZING STATE CONTRACT PRICING FOR MATERIALS.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-61 and said the background information could be found starting on page 155 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Agenda Item No. 21-61.

A discussion ensued.

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

ITEM NO. 21-62 – CONSIDER APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE ROADWAY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT BETWEEN TDOT AND THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA (CONTRACT # CMA 2254) FOR THE FY 2022 (JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED A MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT OF \$121,592.10.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-62 and said the background information could be found starting on page 157 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Agenda Item No. 21-62.

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 7:08pm.

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