

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
May 8, 2023**

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, May 8, 2023, 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, Kurt Glick, Jerry Mathis, Derick Mann and Bobbie Wilson.

Mr. Kenney Pearson, Interim City Administrator; Mr. Stephen M. Worsham, City Attorney, Mrs. Sue Wilson, Finance Director, and Mrs. Lori Ashley, City Recorder were present at the meeting.

Mayor Ray Knowis called the meeting to order.

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

City Recorder Lori Ashley called the roll.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: N/A

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Knowis proclaimed May 9 – 20, 2023 as National Police Week.

Mayor Knowis proclaimed May 4, 2023 as International Firefighters Day.

A special Budget Presentation was given by Tullahoma City Schools Superintendent Catherine Stephens and Director of Business Hank Jordan.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Keri McGary, 702 East Decherd Street, spoke to the board regarding the zoning on Decherd Street.

Jim Woodard, 2011 North Jackson Street, encouraged the Board of Mayor and Alderman to reinstate Ms. Casta Brice and to adopt the Revised 2011 Tullahoma Comprehensive Plan.

Ashli Shockley, 1104 Pickett Drive, she is concerned about agenda items not having backup stating that this was unfair to the citizens, and requested that the Board of Mayor and Alderman reinstate Casta Brice.

THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Mann and seconded by Alderman Amacher to amend agenda Item No. 23-83. To break that into the seven individual agenda items as submitted to be discussed by the full board and merit voted upon as separate matters. Requiring each Alderman in each matter to abstain from voting on items concerning themselves.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered to amend Item No. 23-83, and vote upon as separate matters.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and seconded by Alderman Mathis to remove Item No. 23-82.

On roll call all members present voted to remove Item No. 23-82 from the agenda as follows.

Aye(s): Amacher, Glick, Mann, Mathis, Wilson
Nay(s): Berry, Knowis

The vote being five (5) aye(s) and two (2) nay(s); the motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and seconded by Alderman Wilson to remove Resolution No. 1939.

On roll call all members present voted to remove Resolution No. 1939 from the agenda as follows.

Aye(s): Amacher, Glick, Mann, Mathis, Wilson
Nay(s): Berry, Knowis

The vote being five (5) aye(s) and two (2) nay(s); the motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Berry to change the word “rescinding” to “reconsider” in Item No. 23-84.

On roll call all members present voted aye to approve the amended agenda item and it was so ordered.

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REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN MANN – Mr. Mann attended the employee service awards, he stated that Interim HR Director, Lisa Shepherd, Assistant to the City Administrator, Jordan Wilkins, and Interim City Administrator, Kenny Pearson all did an outstanding job putting this together. He congratulated all the employees that were honored. He attended the Downtown Lions Club event at South Jackson. He acknowledged and congratulated Interim City Administrator Kenny Pearson on graduating from Treveca with his Masters

Degree in organizational leadership. He acknowledged Mayor Knowis for his unbiased leadership.

ALDERMAN WILSON – No report.

ALDERMAN AMACHER – Ms. Amacher attended the Employee Service Award luncheon and praised the employees for their dedication. Budget meetings were held last week and the city has to balance needs vs. wants. The Revised 2011 Comprehensive Plan is only to be a stop gap because there will be a new plan in 2025. The board is currently working on the land use issues so that they are addressed regardless of which plan is passed.

ALDERMAN BERRY – Mr. Berry attended the budget sessions held last week. He has attended baseball and soccer games in the area and went to the Purple Olympics. Attended the football clinics where they are expected to have 500-700 kids. Big shout out to our Tullahoma Housing Officer Ms. Kenya, her and several other officers put together a movie night at the High School for the residents of the housing authority.

ALDERMAN GLICK – Mr. Glick was informed by TUA that Verizon has reached out to TUA for a proposal to use the water towers in Tullahoma to install their equipment on. TUA has given that proposal to Verizon but has not heard back at this time.

MAYOR PRO TEM MATHIS – No report.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he attended the service awards for the employees and recognized what a worthwhile event it is. He attended the Arbor Day Celebration and the budget sessions last week. He thanked Ms. McGary for speaking tonight and assured her that the board was listening.

CITY ATTORNEY – Mr. Worsham informed the board that he has been working with Harton Properties regarding William Northern Blvd toward making a better intersection.

INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Pearson stated he attended the budget sessions. Thanked Alderman Mann and Alderman Amacher for attending the employee service awards where employees were recognized from five years of service all the way to forty years. He attended the Chamber Board meeting and the Chamber Coffee at TUA. Welcomed our new Parks & Recreation Director on May 1st, JP Kraft. Attended the Arbor Day Celebration. Looking into CD Stamps possibly being a Historical Landmark and what this would mean for the land. Recently lost our Farmers Market Manager, so we will be looking to fill that role.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item No. 23-75 – Minutes of the April 24, 2023, regular meeting.

Item No. 23-76 – Cancel the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Alderman scheduled for Monday, July 24, 2023, to allow the Board members to attend the Tennessee Municipal League Conference.

A motion was made by Alderman Mann and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve the item(s) on the Consent Agenda.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Item No. 23-73 – Consider approval of one of the proposals and authorize the City Attorney to prepare all necessary documents to support the sale of city-owned, real property located at 411 East Carroll Street, and set an offer termination date of 45 days from the completion of all paperwork and payment required.

Daniel and Erin Wallace, owners of CCR Industrial, gave their proposal.

Greg Driver, owner of Duane Stage, Lighting & Sound Company, gave his proposal.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and seconded by Alderman Glick to approve the Duane proposal.

A discussion ensued.

Alderman Mann disclosed that Mr. Driver owns APEX Restoration in Tullahoma, that has made purchases from his company, Minuteman Press, Alderman Mann stated he has no financial relationship with Mr. Driver or Duane and would have no financial benefit from Mr. Driver purchasing the building. Therefore, after discussing this matter with our City Attorney, it was his advice that after disclosing this, there is no conflict with Mr. Mann voting on this item.

On roll call all members present voted to award the sale of 411 East Carroll Street to Duane Stage, Lighting & Sound Company.

Aye(s): Amacher, Berry, Glick, Mann, Wilson
Nay(s): Knowis, Mathis

The vote being five (5) aye(s) and two (2) nay(s); the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 23-77 – Consider authorizing the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 pick-up truck for the Fire Department from Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram of Columbia in the amount of \$52,202.95.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Item No. 23-77 and stated the details could be found beginning on page 47 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Glick and seconded by Alderman Berry to approve Item No. 23-77.

On roll call all members present voted aye to approve Item No. 23-77 and it was so ordered.

Item No. 23-78 – Consider authorizing the purchase of equipment to up fit three 2023 Ford Interceptor Police SUVs from Trucker’s Lighthouse in the amount of \$24,106.10.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Item No. 23-78 and stated the details could be found beginning on page 51 of tonight’s agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann to approve Item No. 23-78.

On roll call all members present voted aye to approve Item No. 23-78 and it was so ordered.

Item No. 23-79 – Consider approval and authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services 3-year renewal Agreement with Municipal Inspection Partners, for an Administrative Hearing Officer.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Item No. 23-79 and stated the details could be found beginning on page 69 of tonight’s agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Item No. 23-79

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted aye to approve Item No. 23-79 and it was so ordered.

Item No. 23-80 – Consider approval and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with the State of Tennessee, Department of Safety and Homeland Security for use of TACN Radio System.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Item No. 23-80 and stated that details could be found beginning on page 79 of tonight’s agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Glick to approve Item No. 23-80.

On roll call all members present voted aye to approve Item No. 23-80 and it was so ordered.

Item No. 23-81 – Consider approval of the purchase of the TACN Radio System with Motorola in the amount of \$879,227.13 for the Tullahoma Police, Fire, and Public

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 23-81 and stated that details could be found beginning on page 88 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Glick to approve Item No. 23-81.

On roll call all members present voted aye to approve Item No. 23-81 and it was so ordered.

Item No. 23-83 – Consider approval Under the provisions of 1-710 (2)(a) of the Code of Ethics to determine if the ethics complaint filed against members of the Board of Mayor and Alderman has sufficient merit to warrant further investigation.

Item No 23-83-1 – Formal Complaint against Alderman Kurt Glick for violations of Section 3 & 4 of the Code of Ethics for participating in discussion and voting on agenda items that could affect his lawsuit against the City.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and seconded by Alderman Wilson that Item No. 23-83-1 does have merit to warrant further investigation.

On roll call all members present voted to the question does Item No. 23-83-1 have merit to warrant further investigation as follows.

Aye(s): Knowis, Berry
Nay(s): Amacher, Mann, Mathis, Wilson
Abstain: Glick

The vote being two (2) aye(s) and four (4) nay(s) and one (1) abstain(s); the motion failed to have merit to warrant further investigation.

Item No. 23-83-2 – Formal Complaint against Alderman Jenna Amacher for violations of Section 3 & 4 of the Code of Ethics for not disclosing she owned a firework stand when voting to expand the amount of days fireworks were sold to possibly profit further.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Mann and seconded by Alderman Wilson that Item No. 23-83-2 does have merit to warrant further investigation.

On roll call all members present voted to the question does Item No. 23-83-2 have merit to warrant further investigation as follows.

Nay(s): Berry, Glick, Knowis, Mann, Mathis, Wilson
Abstain: Amacher

The vote being six (6) nay(s) and one (1) abstain(s); the motion failed to have merit to warrant further investigation.

Item No. 23-83-3A – Formal Complaint against Alderman Kurt Glick for violations of Section 7 & 8 of the Code of Ethics for after being instructed not to rent a car on the city credit card and the balance has not been paid back.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Wilson that Item No. 23-83-3A does have merit to warrant further investigation.

On roll call all members present voted to the question does Item No. 23-83-3A have merit to warrant further investigation as follows;

Nay(s): Berry, Knowis, Mann, Mathis, Wilson
Abstain: Amacher, Glick

The vote being five (5) nay(s) and two (2) abstain(s); the motion failed to have merit to warrant further investigation.

Item No. 23-83-3B – Formal Complaint against Alderman Jenna Amacher for violations of Section 7 & 8 of the Code of Ethics for after being instructed not to rent a car on the city credit card and the balance has not been paid back.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis that Item No. 23-83-3B does have merit to warrant further investigation.

On roll call all members present voted to the question does Item No. 23-83-3B have merit to warrant further investigation as follows;

Aye(s): Berry, Knowis
Nay(s): Glick, Mann, Mathis, Wilson
Abstain: Amacher

The vote being two (2) aye(s) and four (4) nay(s) and one (1) abstain(s); the motion failed to have merit to warrant further investigation.

Item No. 23-83-4 – Formal Complaint against Alderman Jenna Amacher for violations of Section 7 & 8 of the Code of Ethics for using the city’s insurance company to represent her actions during February at City Hall.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann that Item No. 23-83-4 does have merit to warrant further investigation.

On roll call all members present voted to the question does Item No. 23-83-4 have merit to warrant further investigation as follows;

Nay(s): Berry, Glick, Knowis, Mann, Mathis, Wilson
Abstain: Amacher

The vote being six (6) nay(s) and one (1) abstain(s); the motion failed to have merit to warrant further investigation.

Item No. 23-83-5 – Formal Complaint against Alderman Bobbie Wilson for violations of Section 3 of the Code of Ethics for not disclosing her vested personal interest in the real estate market in Tullahoma during the discussion and vote on the 2040 plan.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann that Item No. 23-83-5 does have merit to warrant further investigation.

On roll call all members present voted to the question does Item No. 23-83-5 have merit to warrant further investigation as follows;

Nay(s): Amacher, Berry, Glick, Knowis, Mann, Mathis
Abstain: Wilson

The vote being six (6) nay(s) and one (1) abstain(s); the motion failed to have merit to warrant further investigation.

Item No. 23-83-6 – Formal Complaint against Alderman Jenna Amacher for violations of Section 8 of the Code of Ethics for attempts to secure privileges and exemptions for herself pertaining to the building of her home.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann that Item No. 23-83-6 does have merit to warrant further investigation.

On roll call all members present voted to the question does Item No. 23-83-6 have merit to warrant further investigation as follows;

Aye(s): Berry, Knowis
Nay(s): Glick, Mann, Mathis, Wilson
Abstain: Amacher

The vote being two (2) aye(s) and four (4) nay(s) and one (1) abstain(s); the motion failed to have merit to warrant further investigation.

Item No. 23-83-7 – Formal Complaint against Alderman Jenna Amacher for violations of oath of office

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis that Item No. 23-83-7 does have merit to warrant further investigation.

On roll call all members present voted to the question does Item No. 23-83-7 have merit to warrant further investigation as follows;

Aye(s): Berry
Nay(s): Glick, Knowis, Mann, Mathis, Wilson
Abstain: Amacher

The vote being one (1) aye(s) and five (5) nay(s) and one (1) abstain(s); the motion failed to have merit to warrant further investigation.

Item No. 23-84 – Reconsider the vote on ORDINANCE NO. 1593 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE REVISED 2011 TULLAHOMA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, for passage on the first of two readings.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Amacher to reconsider the vote on Ordinance No. 1593.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and seconded by Alderman Wilson to accept the CPDC Revised 2011 Comprehensive Plan, to include the Planning Commission recommendations that strike Appendix C – demographics from the plan that refers to the 2040 plan and to add Cedar Lane to the mixed-use area.

On roll call all members present voted aye to approve Item No. 23-84 and it was so ordered.

Item No. 23-85 – Consider declining the South Anderson Street Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Item No. 23-85.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Glick to postpone Item No. 23-85.

On roll call all members present voted aye to postpone Item No. 23-85 and it was so ordered.

Item No. 23-86 – Consider a discussion on actions of the Planning Commission, parameters of liability and policies that direct employees

and govern authority and setting expectations for our planning department as consistent with our policy.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Item No. 23-86.

A discussion ensued.

Resolution No. 1938 – A Resolution defining the term “removal” in our charter as referring to “cease to be a resident” and being consistent with TCA 2-2-122.

A motion was made by Alderman Mann and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve Resolution No. 1938.

A motion to amend was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to ask the City Attorney to draft a resolution defining the term “removal” in our charter as referring to “cease to be a resident” and being consistent with TCA 12-2-122, to send to State Legislature for consideration.

On roll call all members present voted to ask the City Attorney to draft the resolution as follows;

Aye(s): Berry, Glick, Knowis, Mann, Mathis, Wilson
Abstain: Amacher

The vote being six (6) aye(s) and one (1) abstain(s); the motion passed and is so ordered.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Alderman at this time, the Board Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR