

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
August 28, 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, August 28, 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 Shebbie Shields, and she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Recorder Lori Ashley called the roll.

Mayor Knowis recognized the applicants for the vacancy on the Tullahoma Utility Authorities (TUA) Board, Steve Cope, Patricia Dean, and Scott Shasteen. All spoke to the board and asked for their support and vote as a member of TUA.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: N/A

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION: N/A

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Greg Gressel, 316 Oak Park Drive, spoke to the board about the appropriations for South Jackson Performing Arts Center.

Mike Barnes, 901 Twelve Oaks Road, spoke to the board about his concerns regarding the Planning Commission meeting held on August 21st.

Ashli Shockley, 1104 Pickett Drive, spoke in favor of Christopher Dorsey as City Administrator.

Teri Pflieger, 308 Tara Blvd., spoke to the board about her concerns regarding the Planning Commission.

Cindy Watson, 803 Twelve Oaks Road, spoke to the board about her concerns regarding the Planning Commission meeting held on August 21st and impact fees.

THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Amacher to add an item to the agenda as the first item under new business. To consider a date for a study session to discuss a moratorium.

On roll call all members present voted to add this item to the agenda as follows;

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

The vote being six (6) aye(s), one (1) nay, the motion passed and it was so ordered.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann to have a discussion to bring resolution to the Casta Brice matter.

On roll call all members present voted to add this item to the agenda as follows;

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

The vote being four (4) aye(s), and three (3) nay(s), the motion passed and it was so ordered.

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

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

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN AMACHER – Held interviews last week with Dorsey, Pearson and Quick, all great candidates that brought good ideas and energy to the table. One hundred percent support the SRO program and want them to have everything they need to do their job. Asked that the Mayor appoint her to the Airport Authority Board, and the School Board.

ALDERMAN BERRY – Attended the Planning Commission Meeting, study sessions are being planned to discuss impact fees and cost study.

ALDERMAN GLICK – Will save comments for discussion on a moratorium.

MAYOR PRO TEM MATHIS – Does not feel that looking at a resume alone is the best way to decide on a City Administrator. Seeing the person eye to eye and see how they handle the pressure in the interview means more than the resume. All three candidates handled the pressure in the interview very well.

ALDERMAN WILSON – Attended the interviews for the City Administrator. The resumes were important in the process, we also had a scoring system in place that helped, the interviews really went a long way. All the candidates did a great job, and she looks forward to seeing how the vote turns out. There are also great candidates for the TUA vacancy.

ALDERMAN MANN – The Charter revision will begin soon, once revised it will be brought to the board for approval. Attended the City Administrator interviews, we have three great candidates to choose from, with great qualifications and leadership ability.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis attended the Planning Commission meeting, TUA meeting, and the Dream Tullahoma meetings throughout the month.

CITY ATTORNEY – Mr. Worsham met with Ralph Graham and he has the designs ready for Revitalizing Downtown. The Tullahoma Noon Rotary Club has committed to \$15,000 toward that project.

INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Recognized Leon Williams as employee of the month. Mr. Williams was nominated by a citizen, very appreciative of him and our great employees. Attended the 41A Festival Meeting, which will be held September 29 – 30th in the downtown area. Spoke at Sunrise Rotary Club Meeting. Closed on the Little Angels Daycare Grant that has been in the works for two years.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item No. 23-140 – Minutes of the August 7, 2023, Special Called Meeting.

Item No. 23-141 – Minutes of the August 14, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Item No. 23-142 – Set a Public Hearing and First Reading for September 11, 2023, on a request to rezone the property at 409 E Warren Street from the General Commercial zoning districts (C-2) to the Neighborhood Commercial zoning district (C-3).

Item No. 23-143 – Set a Public Hearing and First Reading for September 11, 2023, on a request to rezone the property at E Lauderdale Street (Coffee County 124N, Group C, Parcel 014.00) from the General Commercial zoning district (C-2) to the Neighborhood Commercial zoning district (C-3).

Item No. 23-144 – Set a Public Hearing and First Reading for September 11, 2023, on a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for Home Occupation.

Item No. 23-145 – Announce three vacancies on the Tullahoma Arts Council and to consider applications from interested citizens to serve the

remainder of unexpired terms ending on August 12, 2024, and August 12, 2025.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 1600 – An Ordinance of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee to amend Ordinance No. 1578 adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, for passage on the third and final reading.

A motion was made by Alderman Mann and seconded by Alderman Berry to approve Ordinance No. 1600.

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

Ordinance No. 1601 – An Ordinance to amend Section 5-501 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee, to change the percentages of “Hotel” Privilege Taxes collected as allocated herein, for passage on the third and final reading.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Glick to approve Ordinance No. 1601.

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

Ordinance No. 1602 – An Ordinance of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee to adopt by Reference State Traffic Offenses and Rules of the Road, for passage on the second and final reading.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1602.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Item No. 23-153 – Consider a date for a study session to discuss a moratorium.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Amacher to have a joint study session with BOMA and the Planning Commission within the next thirty (30) days.

On roll call all members present voted to add this item to the agenda as follows;

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

The vote being six (6) aye(s), one (1) nay, the motion passed and it was so ordered.

Ordinance No. 1603 – 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 re-zone parcels located at 100 Block of New Rock Creek Road on 2.85 acres from General Commercial (C-2), to Neighborhood Commercial (C-3) zoning district, for passage on the first of two readings.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1603.

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

Resolution No. 1949 – A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce.

Resolution No. 1950 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Hands-On Science Center.

Resolution No. 1951 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Historic Preservation Society.

Resolution No. 1952 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of South Jackson Civic Center.

Resolution No. 1953 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Tennessee's Backroads Heritage.

Resolution No. 1954 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Tullahoma Fine Arts Center, Inc.

Resolution No. 1955 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Civil Air Patrol.

Resolution No. 1956 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Coffee County Lannom Library.

Resolution No. 1957 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Coffee County Senior Citizens, Inc. – Tullahoma Center.

Resolution No. 1958 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Coffee County Humane Society.

Resolution No. 1959 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Skills Development Services.

Resolution No. 1960 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Tennessee Rehabilitation Center.

Resolution No. 1961 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Tullahoma Day Care Center.

Resolution No. 1962 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of South-Central Human Resource Agency.

Resolution No. 1963 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Tullahoma Sports Council, Inc.

Resolution No. 1964 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of CASA Works, Inc.

Resolution No. 1965 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Horse Play, Inc.

Resolution No. 1966 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Imagination Library of Coffee County.

Resolution No. 1967 - A Resolution authorizing appropriations for financial aid of Tullahoma Community Pride Foundation.

A motion was made by Alderman Mathis and seconded by Alderman Berry to approve Resolution No.'s 1949 – 1967 authorizing appropriations for non-profit funding.

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

Resolution No. 1948 - A Resolution to amend the Table of Organization for the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann to approve Resolution No. 1948.

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

Item No. 23-146 – Consider approval of a Musical Performance Agreement with Morse Productions, LLC valued at \$8,500 for The Tullahoma Parks and Recreation Department Rock Creek Concert Series.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Item No. 23-146.

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

Item No. 23-147 – Consider approval of a Production Agreement with Myers Concert Productions valued at \$9,150 for the Tullahoma Parks and Recreation Department Rock Creek Concert Series.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Glick to approve Item No. 23-147.

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

Item No. 23-148 – Consider approval of a grant award of \$5,000 from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry for tree plantings at the arboretum at East Park and to help with some water mitigation and shade planting at Johnson Lane Recreational Area.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Glick to approve Item No. 23-148.

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

Item No. 23-149 – Consider approval of the purchase of a 2023 New Way Cobra Freightliner (Rear Loading Garbage Truck) from Municipal Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$208,279 and declare surplus a V #256, 2000 Model International (Rear Loading Garbage Truck).

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann to approve Item No. 23-149.

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

Item No. 23-150 – Consider approval of the purchase of 40 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) from Safe Industries in the amount of \$416,370 for the Tullahoma Fire Department.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Glick to approve Item No. 23-150.

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

Item No. 23-151 – Consider Nominations and Appoint an applicant to fill the vacancy on the Tullahoma Utility Authorities (TUA) Board to serve a full term ending on August 31, 2028.

There were three candidates interested in the vacancy on the Tullahoma Utility Authorities Board (TUA). Steve Cope, Patricia Dean, and Scott Shasteen. Each Alderman voted for one candidate.

Results from the Alderman votes are as follows;

Amacher: Patricia Dean
Berry: Patricia Dean
Glick: Patricia Dean
Knowis: Steve Cope
Mann: Patricia Dean
Mathis: Steve Cope
Wilson: Patricia Dean

The vote being five (5) votes for Patricia Dean and two (2) votes for Steve Cope, Patricia Dean is appointed to fill the vacancy on the TUA Board.

Item No. 23-152 – Consider Nominations for selecting an applicant and extending a job offer to be City Administrator of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee, effective October 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann to consider nominations for selecting an applicant for City Administrator.

A nomination was made by Alderman Mathis to nominate Jason Quick.
A nomination was made by Mayor Knowis to nominate Kenneth Pearson.

Results from the Alderman votes are as follows;

Amacher: Jason Quick
Berry: Kenneth Pearson
Glick: Jason Quick
Knowis: Kenneth Pearson
Mann: Jason Quick
Mathis: Jason Quick
Wilson: Jason Quick

The vote being five (5) votes for Jason Quick and two (2) votes for Kenneth Pearson, Jason Quick is the candidate chosen as City Administrator.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and seconded by Alderman Berry to reconsider the vote for Jason Quick as City Administrator.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Glick and seconded by Alderman Mathis to accept the nomination of Jason Quick as the City Administrator.

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

Item No. 23-154 – To have a discussion to bring resolution to the Casta Brice matter.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann to have a discussion to bring resolution to the Casta Brice matter.

A long discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and seconded by Alderman Wilson to petition the court with outside council to get documents back, leaving Brice on paid leave.

On roll call all members present voted as follows;

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

The vote being five (5) aye(s), two (2) nay(s), the motion passed and it was so ordered.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Alderman at this time, the Board Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR