

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR**

September 26, 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 meeting on Monday, September 26, 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, Robin Dunn, Kurt Glick, Jerry Mathis, and Bobbie Wilson. 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 Ray Knowis called the meeting to order.

City Recorder Rosemary Golden called the roll.

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

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: - NONE -

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Ray Knowis read a proclamation recognizing Public Power Week, October 2-8, 2022: A week-long celebration of Tullahoma Utilities Authority's year-round service to Tullahoma. Mr. George Allen from the Tullahoma Utility Authority stated they will be having their event this Thursday, September 29, 2022, on their property located at South Jackson Street.

Mayor Ray Knowis then read a proclamation recognizing the month of October 2022, as National Arts and Humanities Month. He presented it to Mr. Greg Gressel, Director of the Fine Arts Center.

Mayor Ray Knowis read a proclamation recognizing the week of October 9-15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week. Fire Chief Kenny Pearson and Melissa Allen received the proclamation from Mayor Knowis. They were joined by Police Lt. Phil Henderson, the Safety Pup and the Fire Pup. Police Lt. Henderson stated our local "National Night Out" will be held on Tuesday night October 4, 2022, at Frazier McEwen Park.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mr. Mike Stanton, 311 Heights Ave., stated he was present for supporting Ms. Moody. He suggested the BMA go on a retreat for a team building event.

Ms. Nancy Chaney, 150 Hermitage Drive, wanted to know what has happened to all the questions and input that was given for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. She stated the city needs to take care of all the current infrastructure (streets and ditches) before it should consider any more growth. She stated she is in support of Kurt Glick and what he has done for the city.

Ms. Fran Marcum, 504 North Jackson, stated she was in support of Ms. Moody.

Mr. Jim Woodard, 2011 North Jackson Street, stated he was a cheerleader and promoter in support of Ms. Moody.

Mr. David Cooley, 200 Swift Lane, stated his neighbor has continued to drive through his yard and the city is not doing anything to protect his property.

Mr. Chuck Deen, 419 Albemarle Drive, quoted Mr. Steve Worsham from a previous meeting stating that elected officials need to be careful what they post on social media concerning city business. He stated, to date, all but one Alderman has observed Mr. Worsham's warning.

Mr. Jonathan Carroll, 117 Hamilton Lane, was concerned as to how the city is going to spend their ARPA money. He stated he has a petition with 230 signatures. He wants to see an increase in transparency. He thanked the recreation leaders (Dave Anderson, Jeff Damron, Tom Foster and Ian Anderson) for all of their hard work.

Ms. Beverly Lee, 114 Fairways North, spoke on behalf of the TAEDC Board and said our future looks good. She supports the re-appointment of two board members (John McCord and Dr. Lynn Seabourn) and hopes the BMA will vote them in, later on tonight's agenda. Ms. Lee said she is in support of Ms. Moody.

Mr. Josh Amacher, 522 Noblett Lane, voiced his displeasure with this Board concerning fiscal responsibility and management. He stated that several meetings ago an agenda item for a grant application was voted down, however the grant request was still applied for. He wants to know how this is possible. He also mentioned the CD Stamps floor item (approval for work) that was on last meeting's agenda.

Mr. Mike Barnes 901 Twelve Oaks Road yielded his time to Mr. John Peres, 95 Blue Sky Court. Mr. Peres wanted to first thank the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, City Administrator, Director of Planning, the Planning Commission and most importantly the people who call Tullahoma home, for the opportunity to speak tonight. He stated he was here tonight in support of the City Administrator, Ms. Moody. He stated he was disappointed in what appears to be a very contentious relationship among certain Board Members and City Employees. Mr. Peres read a passage from a Scottish philosopher's (Mr. David Hume) book. Regarding the 2040 Growth Plan, he feels it was designed with good intentions but he is concerned that the City's actions might deviate from their intentions.

Mr. Brad Holt, 101 South Garland Crest Drive, stated he wants to see controlled growth for Tullahoma and not to grow like Murfreesboro. He suggested choosing a different town as a benchmark, like Germantown. He wants to see the BMA work together as a team and to stop discussing personal issues/matters in the public.

Mr. Bob Bates, 501 Marbury Lane, stated he has no argument that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen have a legal right to fire or discuss the City Administrator's employment, however he stated that Alderman Glick must recuse himself from all official Alderman activity related to the City Administrator's employment or performance evaluation due to his current lawsuit against the city. He stated it was a conflict of interest and if Alderman Glick does not recuse himself, Mr. Bates will interrupt the meeting and go to jail if he must.

Ms. Amanda Watkins, 119 Elise Circle, had sent an email to the MBA, regarding recent Board meetings and the way our Alderman are acting. She asked for her email to be included in the minutes, a copy is attached.

Mr. Bryan and Christy Hayes, 2106 Ovoca Road, sent an email to the MBA, regarding ARPA project list. They asked for their email to be included in the minutes, a copy is attached.

THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Knowis said he was going to step down for a moment and hand the meeting over to Mayor Pro-tem Mathis so that he could make a motion to remove an item from the agenda tonight.

An amendment was made by the Mayor and it was seconded by Alderman Berry to remove an agenda item under New Business. **AGENDA ITEM NO. 22-154 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SECTION 9 PART B OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATORS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.**

A long discussion ensued.

The question was called by Alderman Dunn. (Shall we stop discussing?)

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

The vote being four (4) aye(s) and three (3) nay(s); failed because a 2/3 majority was needed (5) votes.

The discussion continued.

The amendment was called for a vote.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

The vote being four (4) aye(s) and three (3) nay(s); passed and was so ordered. (This item will be removed from tonight's agenda.)

A second amendment was made by Alderman Amacher and seconded by Alderman Wilson to invoke and enforce the BMA rules and to allow a Study Session to be held tonight.

A discussion ensued.

The question was called by Alderman Berry. (Shall we stop discussing?)

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

The vote being four (6) aye(s) and one (1) nay(s); passed and was so ordered. (The discussion ended).

The amendment was called for a vote.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

The vote being three (3) aye(s) and four (4) nay(s); failed and therefore a study session will not be held tonight.

Alderman Wilson tried to add an Agenda Item to discuss the Arnold Tennis Court situation. However, Mayor Knowis stated she could not add it to tonight's agenda since we did not have the backup information in our packets.

A third amendment was made by Alderman Dunn and seconded by Alderman Berry to remove a Study Session item **"THE NOVEMBER 14, 2022, DISCUSSION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR,** from an up-coming Study Session.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

The vote being four (4) aye(s) and three (3) nay(s); passed and was so ordered. (This item will be removed from tonight's agenda.)

at 7:25p.m.

Alderman Berry made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Dunn to extend the time to allow for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to finish the business that is listed on tonight's agenda.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

The vote being six (6) aye(s) and one (1) nay(s); passed and was so ordered.

A fourth amendment was made by Alderman Glick and seconded by Alderman Amacher to add an agenda item **TO DISCUSS THE TULLAHOMA BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S CURRENT RULES AND PROCEDURES.**

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

The vote being three (3) aye(s) and four (4) nay(s); failed and was so ordered. (Therefore, this item will not be added to the agenda tonight.)

Seeing no further amendments, Alderman Berry made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Mathis to accept the agenda as amended by the two passed amendments.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

The vote being five (5) aye(s) and two (2) nay(s); passed and was so ordered.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

These reports were skipped tonight.

ALDERMAN AMACHER

ALDERMAN BERRY

ALDERMAN GLICK

MAYOR PRO TEM MATHIS

ALDERMAN WILSON

ALDERMAN DUNN

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS

CITY ATTORNEY

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 22-150 – MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Knowis read the caption(s) for the Consent Agenda item(s).

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE -

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM NO. 22-151 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DR. LYNN SEBOURN AND MR. JOHN MCCORD TO THE TULLAHOMA AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TAEDC), FOR A TERM ENDING ON AUGUST 22, 2028.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-151 and he said that Ms. Beverly Lee gave her support for these two gentlemen earlier in the evening.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and it was seconded by Alderman Mathis to re-appoint Mr. Seabourn and Mr. McCord to the TAEDC Board.

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

ITEM NO. 22-152 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THREE HVAC UNITS LOCATED AT STATION ONE AND STATION TWO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,932 FOR THE TULLAHOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-152 and he said the details can be found starting on page 57 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and it was seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve the replacement of three (3) HVAC units located at station one and station two in the amount of \$23,932.00.

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

ITEM NO. 22-153 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASING THREE NEW PATROL VEHICLES FOR TULLAHOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, TOTALING \$114,258, FROM FORD OF MURFREESBORO, UTILIZING STATE CONTRACT PRICING.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-153 and he said the details can be found starting on page 65 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and it was seconded by Alderman Berry to authorize the purchase of three (3) new Ford Interceptors SUV's at State Contract pricing from the Ford of Murfreesboro.

A discussion ensued.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administrator, gave the background information and deferred to Police Lt. Phil Henderson for some more detailed information regarding previous vehicles ordered.

Another discussion ensued.

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

ITEM NO. 22-154 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SECTION 9 PART B OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATORS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

Mayor Knowis stated this was removed from the agenda earlier this evening.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at this time, the Board Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR