

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 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 rescheduled meeting on Monday, September 27, 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.

Mayor Ray Knowis called the meeting to order.

City Recorder Rosemary Golden called the roll.

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

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: - NONE -

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Ray Knowis designated October 3-9 as a week-long celebration of the Tullahoma Utilities Authority's year-round service to Tullahoma. The annual public celebration will be Thursday, September 30, 2021, from 3:00 to 5:00pm on the TUA grounds. Mayor Knowis then presented a proclamation to Mr. Allan Potter of the Tullahoma Utility Authority.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mr. Paul Schwer, 1913 Bel-Aire Drive, said he was representing the Boy Scout Pack # 143 and that First Christian Church was their sponsor. He thanked Alderman Dunn for her help with water conservation and teaching the boy scouts about City government.

Mr. Bryan Hayes, 2106 Ovoca Road, said the City needs to have more civil engineering services and specifically for storm water management.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said she attended a Coffee County Industrial Development Board meeting. She was unable to attend the scheduled Tullahoma Housing Authority meeting due to a funeral. She thanked the Tullahoma Police and Fire for the parade given to the Health Care workers at their shift change last week. The 2nd annual trunk or treat is scheduled at Jefferson Street park for Saturday, October 30 starting at 3:00.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated he attended both the Elected Officials Academy and the TML Conference last week. He suggested that the citizens read the departmental reports that appear in the agenda each month at the second BMA meeting.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher gave her small business “Shout Out” to the Fully Armored Christian Store located at 205 West Cook Street. She stated the Coffee County Consolidated Communications Commission meeting has been rescheduled to October 20, 2021, and the Tourism Council meeting was cancelled but has not been rescheduled yet. Alderman Amacher said she attended both the Elected Officials Academy and the TML Conference last week.

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said she attended the Tullahoma Board of Education meeting and has communicated with several of the business’ downtown to try and set a Downtown Council meeting soon. The suicide awareness fund raising event /walk raised over \$30,000 for their organization.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn thanked the Tennessee Valley Authority for their donations of the rain barrel kits. She said the Tullahoma Villages apartments are not part of the Tullahoma Housing Authority. If the tenants of the Tullahoma Village Apartments have any issues, they need to call legal aid at 454-7000.

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated he had attended both a Tullahoma Utility Authority meeting and a Duck River Utility Commission Meeting. He said the Arts Council needs volunteers to serve on their board. The Kiwanis’ 41A Music festival was this past weekend. Dr. Blanks stated the Tullahoma High School Football team is currently 5-0.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended several events and meetings including: an Economic Development meeting; a Suicide Prevention fund-raising walk in Manchester; an Airport Authority meeting and a parade for the local Vanderbilt Hospital workers. He stated last week he presented the Morning Pointe facility a proclamation.

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City including the collection of delinquent taxes; and having the Tree Board look for grants to help with drainage issues in the City limits. He stated the Tullahoma Health, Education and Housing Facility Board has set a meeting for Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 5:30.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Ms. Jennifer Moody thanked City Staff and the Highland Rim Kiwanis Club for a successful free event that was held at the Grider Stadium area this weekend. She said she attended the TML conference this past week. Ms. Moody said a lot of good points were made regarding our stormwater issues. There will be more study sessions in the future so we can get educated on these issues.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 21-122 – MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, REGULAR MEETING.

ITEM NO. 21-123 - AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE GRANT RECEIVED BY THE TULLAHOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ITEM NO. 21-124 - SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 11, 2021, ON A REQUEST TO REZONE 702 S. ATLANTIC STREET FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-2) TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-3).

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: - NONE -

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 1567- 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 0.98 ACRES PARCEL LOCATED AT 510 AND 512 S. WASHINGTON STREET (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 127C, GROUP D, PARCEL 006.00) FROM I-1, RESTRICTED MANUFACTURING AND WAREHOUSING DISTRICT TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, for passage on first of two readings.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1567 and he said the background information could be found on page 54 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Berry to approve Ordinance No. 1567 on the first of two readings.

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

ITEM NO. 21-125 - CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-125.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and it was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to confirm the appointment of Kenneth Pearson as Fire Chief.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administrator, gave the background information as to how any interview process is handled for a department head position. She then stated Mr. Kenneth Pearson's qualifications, skills and abilities.

A discussion ensued.

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

ITEM NO. 21-126- REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TEN TURNOUT GEAR SETS FROM NAFECO FOR THE TULLAHOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-126.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and it was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve the attached agenda item.

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

ITEM NO. 21-127- CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SELECTION METHOD AS PRESENTED FOR ISSUANCE OF ONE RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA AND SET THE DATE AND TIME OF THE PUBLIC DRAWING AS MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021, AT 5:30 P.M., AND TO APPROPRIATELY ADVERTISE AND NOTICE THE SAME AS AN OPEN, PUBLIC MEETING.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-1276 and he gave the background information.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and it was seconded by Alderman Dunn to direct staff the job of eliminating one of the Patel's (either Mahendra and wife Rita Patel or their son Bonny and his wife Amiben Patel) name from the drawing that is to take place at the next BMA meeting on Monday, October 11, 2021.

A discussion ensued.

Alderman Blackwell made a motion to keep all three applicant's names (Jaie Damron, Mahendra and wife Rita Patel and Bonny and his wife Amiben Patel) in the hat/drawing. This motion failed for a lack of a second.

A long discussion ensued.

Alderman Blackwell made a motion to change to ordinance to read that one liquor store be available for every 3,000 citizens. This motion failed for a lack of a second.

A discussion ensued.

The original motion was called to vote.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Ayes: Blackwell, Blanks, Dunn, Knowis, McGee

Nays: Amacher, Berry

The vote was five (5) ayes and two (2) nays; therefore, the motion passed and was so ordered.

ITEM NO. 21-128- REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF (6) 2021 FORD TRUCKS FROM FORD OF MURFREESBORO, (1) F-350 DUMP TRUCK FROM BOB FREELAND FORD OF NASHVILLE, AND SURPLUS THE LISTED VEHICLES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS DEPARTMENTS.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-128 and said the background information can be found starting on page 103 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve the attached agenda item.

A discussion ensued.

Public Works Director, Robert “Butch” Taylor, gave some more background information stating that these are very reasonable prices. The low supply of computer chips that go into vehicles are driving the supply of vehicles down and the cost of vehicles up.

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 7:21p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Tullahoma, Coffee and Franklin Counties, Tennessee met in a Public Hearing at the Municipal Building, in Tullahoma, on Monday, September 27, 2021, with Mayor Ray Knowis presiding and the following named members of the Board: 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 also present at the meeting.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing and read the notice (advertised in the Tullahoma Newspaper on Sunday, September 5, 2021, on page 8A) for the following:

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There were no comments from citizens.

The public hearing for this evening was adjourned at 5:31p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR