

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

October 10, 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, October 10, 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. (Alderman Dunn arrived at 5:40pm) All Board Members were present.

Jennifer Moody, City Administrator; Mike Giffin, Acting 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 Jim Woodard and he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES:

A certificate of recognition was presented by Mayor Knowis to Colonel Randel J. Gordan, commander at Arnold Engineering Development Complex (AEDC).

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized Mr. Winston Brooks, the director of the Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation (TAEDC). He then presented an award to the Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation for Excellence in Economic Development for the Williamson Aviation Redevelopment of Tullahoma Airport's World War II hanger.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Ms. Reba Walters, 1908 Sears Roebuck Road, stated she was asking the BMA to adopt Resolution No. 1928 regarding a grant application for the Tullahoma Day Care Center.

Mr. Craig Northcutt stated he was here tonight in the capacity of being the District Attorney. He said he received a formal complaint signed by 270 citizens regarding the legal residency of Alderman Amacher. He requested that Ms. Amacher resign from her seat as Alderman, otherwise he will have to file a lawsuit to have her removed.

THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Knowis stated if there were no objections, we would accept the agenda as presented. There were no objections.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN WILSON – Ms. Bobbie Wilson stated she attended both an Arts Council meeting and a "Go Green" meeting.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said she attended her last "Go Green" meeting. She stated she also attended a Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation meeting.

MAYOR PRO TEM MATHIS - Mr. Mathis stated he had attended a "Parliamentary Procedure" training session.

ALDERMAN GLICK - Mr. Glick stated he did not attend any formal meetings but he spoke with Mr. Winston Brooks about the Downtown Council committee being re-activated and trying to get businesses to join. He stated he took a tour of the TUA facilities with Alderman Wilson.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated the tour of the Wastewater / TUA facilities is definitely worth taking. He had his first meeting with the Board of Education. He attended the "National Night Out" and it was a great event.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher said she attended a Housing Authority meeting. The director will be retiring soon. In addition, one of their board members will be leaving and they will need to be replaced. This board seat has to be filled by a residence of the housing authority facility. Ms. Amacher stated the Tourism Council currently is lacking membership, they may have to look for a regional summit.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended the “National Day Out” event as well as the Parliamentary Procedure training. He requested that the BMA try to keep the discussion of agenda items to 15 minutes per topic.

ACTING CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Mike Giffin stated he had no report. He said, “Go VOLS”.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Ms. Jennifer Moody reported that the recreation department’s “Tullahoma Tea” fall / winter publication or guide has been printed and is available. She said the Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce is having a “shop local event” starting on November 1 to December 15, details can be found at the Chamber office. Ms. Moody stated there will be a Special Call BMA meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 17, 2022, to discuss in detail the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. She stated that this past Friday the City heard from TDOT that we have been awarded a \$1,000,000 grant that we had applied for over a year ago. This money shall be used for transportation needs and more details will follow shortly.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 22-155– MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, REGULAR MEETING.

ITEM NO. 22-156– MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING.

ITEM NO. 22-157– ANNOUNCE A VACANCY ON THE TULLAHOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD AND TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM INTERESTED CITIZENS FOR THE OPEN RESIDENT MEMBER POSITION TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2026.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Dunn 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. 22-158 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SHORT SPRINGS ROAD GUARDRAIL PROJECT TO EXTEND THE TERM BY ONE YEAR TO A NEW PROJECT END DATE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-158 and he said the background information can be found starting on page 18 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a final contract amendment, which will extend the project term, by one year, to end on or before September 30, 2023.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administrator, gave some background information.

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

ITEM NO. 22-159 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF FERTILIZER AND SEED FROM DICKENS TURF AND LANDSCAPE SUPPLY FOR THE TULLAHOMA PARKS AND RECREATION ATHLETIC FIELDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,275.00.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-159.

A motion was made by Alderman Mathis and it was seconded by Alderman Berry to accept the quote of \$17,275 for starter fertilizer and perennial ryegrass seed from Dickens Turf and Landscape Supply.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administrator, gave some more background information.

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

ITEM NO. 22-160 – CONSIDER APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BURRIS THOMPSON AND ASSOCIATIONS, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$14,145, FOR A FULL REVIEW OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA'S EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-160 and he said the background information can be found starting on page 29 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Burriss Thompson and Associates, in the total amount of \$14,145, for a full review of the City of Tullahoma's Employee Compensation and Classification Plan.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administrator, gave some more background information and deferred to the Human Resources Director, Ms. Casta Brice, for any further questions. Mr. Steve Thompson also answered some questions from the BMA in regard to reviewing and analyzing our total benefit package.

A long discussion ensued.

Alderman Berry withdrew his motion.

Alderman Amacher made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Wilson to postpone voting on this agenda item until staff has had time to re-evaluate the scope of work to be requested.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1928 - A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A CDBG CHILD CARE EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM FOR TULLAHOMA DAY CARE WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1928.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve the Resolution No. 1928 to support the CDBG-CV Childcare Grant Expansion Program and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administrator, gave some detailed background information.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1929 - A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2023.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1929 and he gave some detailed background information.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Glick to adopt Resolution No. 1929.

A discussion ensued.

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.

ITEM NO. 22-161 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SCHEDULING BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN STUDY SESSIONS FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2022, AND DECEMBER 5, 2022, BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM IN THE TULLAHOMA MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-161 and he gave the details.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Agenda Item No. 22-161.

A discussion ensued.

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 7:10p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR