

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

**OCTOBER 11, 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, October 11, 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 and Sernobia McGee. Alderman Jimmy Blanks and Alderman Robin Dunn were absent. There were five (5) Board Members 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:**

Mayor Ray Knowis introduced the Honorary Alderman, Ms. Katie Ellis. She is a senior at Tullahoma High School( THS). Ms. Ellis is involved with the following organizations at the school and community: Lifeguarding, THS Soccer Team, National Honor Society, THS Senior Class Secretary and the Mayor's Youth Council.

**PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Ray Knowis read a proclamation. He proclaimed October 18-22, 2021, as "Celebrate Babies Week" in Tullahoma. He encouraged all citizens to recognize the vision of the Association of Infant Mental Health in Tennessee (AIMHiTn) and the celebration of babies. Mayor Knowis then gave the Proclamation to Ms. Laurel Stone. She then recognized several organizations around the community that help with infants.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Mr. Piyush Patel, 340 Riley Ave, Smithville, said there has been a lot of miscommunications and misinformation on the certificate of compliance process. He wants to see an equal opportunity for all people who are interested in owning the 5<sup>th</sup> liquor store.

## **REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**ALDERMAN BLACKWELL** - Ms. Blackwell said she will be bringing information regarding the Downtown Council to the BMA shortly. She stated the Mayor's Youth Council has elected their officers and will begin meeting on a regular basis. Ms. Blackwell said she attended a Tullahoma Board of Education meeting. She said on Saturday, October 30 there will be a dedication ceremony at the Jefferson Street Park, to honor the Holmes family.

**ALDERMAN DUNN** - Ms. Dunn was absent.

**MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS** - Dr. Blanks was absent.

**ALDERMAN MCGEE** - Ms. McGee said both of her assigned committee/agencies meetings (the Coffee County Industrial Development Board and the Tullahoma Housing Authority meeting) are scheduled for next week. She said she is working with Mr. Claud Morris to get the "Wreath Across America" organization to have a ceremony on December 18, 2021, at 11:00am at the Evergreen Cemetery. Ms. McGee said that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

**ALDERMAN BERRY** - Mr. Berry said the Planning commission meets next week. He said he attended a Tullahoma Health, Educational and Housing Facility Board public meeting last week regarding the Tullahoma Village apartments. Mr. Berry said the Tullahoma Sports Council will be working on a project at the Cascade fields, more information will be coming soon.

**ALDERMAN AMACHER** - Ms. Amacher said since she is on the Tourism Council, she feels her small business shout outs are appropriate. She gave her "Small Business Shout-out" to Nails by Nicole, they are located next to the Little Caesar Pizza place on North Jackson Street. Their phone number is (931) 307-5253. Ms. Amacher said the Coffee County Consolidated Communications Commission will not meet again until October 20 at 6:00pm. She said the widening of Wilson Ave. is a state (TDOT) project, but if citizens have concerns then the city should be able to be an advocate for them. Ms. Amacher said the City Administrator's annual review is coming up and that the results need to be reported in an open meeting.

**HONORARY ALDERMAN MS. ELLIS** – Ms. Ellis said she plans on continuing her education and possibly attend either Washington University in St. Louis or Duke University. She wants to major in Environmental Science and possibly minor in English Literature. Ms. Ellis is very involved in numerous activities at the High School.

**MAYOR RAY KNOWIS** - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended a public meeting last week with the Tullahoma Health, Educational and Housing Facility Board regarding the Tullahoma Village apartments.

**CITY ATTORNEY** - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City. He also attended the Tullahoma Health, Educational and Housing Facility Board meeting regarding the Tullahoma Village apartments. He stated they approved to sell ten million dollars of bonds to purchase, rehabilitate and reconstruct this 89-unit facility.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR** – Ms. Jennifer Moody reported that several weeks ago herself and Mr. Thom Robinson sat in on a Retail Strategies meeting. There is a new program being offered to new business owners and she will investigate this program further. Ms. Moody addressed Alderman Amacher stating that herself and Mayor Knowis have been in contact and are staying in touch with people at TDOT regarding the Wilson Avenue project. TDOT is still in the Right of Way (R.O.W.), acquisition, and appraisal phase. The City has recently received notice that we need to remove some signs that have been in the right of way for years.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ITEM NO. 21-129 – MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2021, REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING.**

**ITEM NO. 21-130 – ANNOUNCE A VACANCY ON THE TULLAHOMA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING ON OCTOBER 26, 2026**

**ITEM NO. 21- 131 - AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND ACCEPT THE 2021 TENNESSEE AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (TAEP) GRANT AWARD OF \$5,000 WITH A LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED. THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR TREE PLANTINGS AT THE ARBORETUM AT EAST PARK, AND TO HELP WITH STORM WATER MITIGATION AT JOHNSON LANE RECREATIONAL AREA.**

**ITEM NO. 21- 132 - REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE CIVIC REC SOFTWARE AND APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CIVIC PLUS MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT. THE FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT ARE PROVIDED FOR IN THE FY 2022 PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET. THE SOFTWARE COST IS \$11,505 WITH AN ANNUAL RECURRING SERVICE FEE OF \$4,725.**

**ITEM NO. 21- 133 - AUGUST 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY - GENERAL FUND**

Mayor Knowis read the captions for the items on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and seconded by Alderman McGee 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:**

**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 the second and final reading.**

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1567. He stated there was a public hearing held at the last BMA meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Berry approve Ordinance No. 1567 on the second and final reading.

A discussion ensued.

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

**ITEM NO. 21-134 – CONDUCT A PUBLIC DRAWING OF NAMES TO DETERMINE WHICH APPLICANT WILL BE APPROVED FOR A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.**

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-134 and he gave some background information.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Berry to conduct a public drawing of a name to determine which applicant will be approved for a certificate of compliance.

A discussion ensued.

Alderman Berry withdrew his second and no one would 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman Blackwell's motion, so it failed for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and it was seconded by Alderman Berry to grant the certificate of compliance to the person who filed it first, whomever that may be.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Ayes: Amacher, Berry

Nays: Blackwell, Knowis, McGee

The vote was two (2) ayes and three (3) nays; therefore, the motion failed.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman McGee to rescind and reconsider this agenda item at the next regularly scheduled BMA meeting and ask staff to set up a study session prior to the BMA meeting.

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

**ITEM NO. 21-116 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR MR. JAIE M. DAMRON AT A NEW RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 622 WILSON AVE.**

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-116 and he suggest that we group several of the next agenda items together in one motion.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to postpone to the next BMA meeting the following items:

**ITEM NO. 21-116 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR MR. JAIE M. DAMRON AT A NEW RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 622 WILSON AVE.**

**ITEM NO. 21-135 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR MR. MAHENDRA PATEL AND MS. RITA PATEL AT A NEW RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 2200 NORTH JACKSON STREET.**

**ITEM NO. 21-136 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR MR. BONNY AND MS. AMIBEN PATEL AT A NEW RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 2230 NORTH JACKSON STREET.**

**ITEM NO. 21-137 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR MR. JAY KRISHNA K. PATEL AT A NEW RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 1102 SOUTH JEFFERSON STREET.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1568 - 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 AN APPROXIMATELY 0.58 ACRES PARCELS LOCATED AT 702 S. ATLANTIC STREET (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 127C, GROUP K, PARCEL 003.00 and 004.00) FROM C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-3, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT,** for passage on first of two readings.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1568 and he said the background information could be found starting on page 108 of tonight's agenda. He said there was a Public Hearing earlier in the evening on this issue.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Ordinance No. 1568 on the first of two readings.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 1886 - INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN MILLION (\$15,000,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE.**

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1886 and he said the background information could be found starting on page 123 of tonight's agenda. He said there was a Study session held last time the BMA met.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman McGee to approve Resolution No. 1886.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Amacher to post-pond this issue.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Ayes: Amacher, Berry  
Nays: Blackwell, Knowis, McGee

The vote was two (2) ayes and three (3) nays; therefore, the motion failed.

The original motion was called to vote.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Ayes: Berry, Blackwell, Knowis, McGee  
Nays: Amacher

The vote was four (4) ayes and one (1) nay(s); therefore, the motion passed and was so ordered.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1887 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS, ESTABLISHING THE TERMS THEREOF AND THE DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS THEREFROM; AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS.**

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1887 and he gave the background information.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman McGee to approve Resolution No. 1886.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Ayes: Blackwell, Knowis, McGee

Nays: Amacher, Berry

The vote was three (3) ayes and two (2) nay(s); therefore, the motion passed and was so ordered.

**ITEM NO. 21-138 - CONFIRM THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR.**

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-138.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administrator, gave the background information as to how this interview process was handled. She then stated Mr. Dave Anderson's qualifications, skills, and abilities.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Berry to confirm the Parks and Recreation Director appointment (Mr. Dave Anderson) as recommended by the City Administrator.

A long discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Ayes: Berry, Blackwell, Knowis, McGee

Nays: Amacher

The vote was four (4) ayes and one (1) nay(s); therefore, the motion passed and 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 7:07p.m.

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**CITY RECORDER**

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**MAYOR**

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**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 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, October 11, 2021, with Mayor Ray Knowis presiding and the following named members of the Board: Jenna Amacher, Daniel Berry, Rupa Blackwell and Sernobia McGee. Alderman Jimmy Blanks and Alderman Robin Dunn were absent. There were five (5) Board Members 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 26, 2021, on page 10A) for the following:

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There were no comments from citizens.

The public hearing for this evening was adjourned at 5:32p.m.

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**CITY RECORDER**

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**MAYOR**