

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

October 24, 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 24, 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 Jim Norman and he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: - NONE -

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized Mr. Dave Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director, and the Athletics Coordinator, Jeff Damron. They announced that on November 12, 2022, there will be a special Youth Baseball Clinic. They will have in attendance at least six (6) professional baseball players there to help assist interested youth. This is a free clinic and it will be from noon to 3 o'clock. So far 150 kids have signed up.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Ms. Susan Harris, 200 Lake Circle Drive, said she had sent an email last week to the BMA. She is requesting that they please reconsider the motion / vote that was taken on the 2040 Plan last meeting.

Mr. John Hershey, 165 Hermitage Drive, stated that he does not live in Tara Estates. He wanted to express his disappointment if the 2040 Comprehensive Plan is brought up again. He stated he had made several written comments/ suggestions during the 2040 Comprehensive Plan meetings but no one had responded to his comments, he wanted to know what happened to his comments.

Dr. Mike Chaney, 150 Hermitage Drive, said he also does not live in Tara Estates. He stated he has heard that all of the opposition (to this 2040 Comprehensive Plan) is coming from people who live in Tara Estates and this is not true. He feels the opposition is broad based, not just Tara Estates. He is in opposition to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Derrick Garner, 405 Albemarle Drive, said he appreciated the vote at the last meeting regarding the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. He said many of the terms in the plan are undefined or ambiguous terms. He stated the terms need to be defined more clearly.

Mr. Mike Barnes, 901 Twelve Oaks Road, thanked the BMA for the outcome of the vote last meeting regarding the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. He stated the BMA needs to take time to review the plan and to have a continued effort with the citizens and the Planning Commission. He stated the "Save Tullahoma" group is not an aggressive activist group. He said the group feels that the 2040 Comprehensive Plan is not in alignment with what they want Tullahoma to be like / look like in the future.

Mr. Marvin Sellers, 207 Tara Blvd., stated that Alderman Dunn had brought up a subject matter last meeting. It concerns citizens that have a residential home in an area that is zoned commercial or industrial. Many of these people have lived there for decades unaware that the land was /is zoned commercial/industrial. He said the City needs to rectify this issue and help those homeowners.

Ms. Mary Samaniego, Planning Director, wanted to give an update on the "Anderson Farm". She stated the new owner has applied for a re-zoning request from agriculture to R1. This item should go before the Planning commission on Monday, November 21 at 4:30.

THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

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

Alderman Amacher made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Mathis to add an item to the agenda **(AGENDA ITEM NO. 22-169) TO SET A SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTED MEMBER, MR. SYD HILL ON NOVEMBER 14, 2022.**

A discussion ensued.

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.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to vote on the original motion 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 - Ms. Amacher said the Housing Authority is still looking for an Executive Director since the current one is retiring. She gave her "Small Business Shout-out" to Ignite Nutrition & Energy located near Kroger. Ms. Amacher said she attended a Planning Commission meeting.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated he attended several meetings and events including the Oktoberfest event held at South Jackson Civic Center; the Bel-Aire Bee Walk-a-thon; a Planning Commission meeting; and a Board of Education meeting. He stated the High School outdoor Tennis Courts and Pickleball Courts should be completed by the end of this month. Alderman Berry stated the Grand Marshall of this year's Christmas Parade will be announced tomorrow by the Chamber of Commerce. He thanked the Employee of the Month, Mr. Mitchell Rickles, for doing an outstanding job.

ALDERMAN GLICK - Mr. Glick stated he is working with Mr. Winston Brooks (the City Staff Liaison) to revamp the downtown council, since currently there are no members.

MAYOR PRO TEM MATHIS - Mr. Mathis stated he had nothing to report.

ALDERMAN WILSON - Ms. Bobbie Wilson stated she had attended another Elected Official's Academy; she also attended an Arts Council meeting. She said the recent "Art's Crawl" was successful. There will be a play at the South Jackson Civic Center, "Always Patsy Cline" and it will run from November 10 to 13, 2022.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said she believes there was a "blanket rezoning" that was done in the 2011 Comprehensive Plan which has apparently caused an issue with several homes being "labeled" zoned in an industrial area. She is looking forward to the Great American Defense Community event that is being held in Phoenix soon.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended several meetings and events such as: an Airport Authority meeting, a Coffee County Leadership event; a Planning and Organizing Committee meeting and a Vanderbilt Hospital service worker's appreciation meeting. The Mayor stated the Housing Authority Board is looking for a resident to become a member of their board.

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Ms. Jennifer Moody reported she had attended several meetings and events such as: the noon Rotary, a professional training seminar at Motlow College. She said she will be attending the up coming Tennessee City Manager’s Association meeting in Gatlinburg this week.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 22-163 – MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2022, REGULAR MEETING AND MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2022, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING.

ITEM NO. 22-164 – APPROVE A REQUEST FOR SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT SIGNS IN THE PUBLIC WAYS AND A WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES FOR THE ANNUAL ELI GROW LEGACY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER AT TULLAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL.

ITEM NO. 22-165 – ANNOUNCE A VACANCY ON THE TULLAHOMA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING ON OCTOBER 26, 2025.

ITEM NO. 22-166 – ACCEPT A PARKS AND RECREATION PROFESSIONAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500 FROM THE TENNESSEE RECREATION AND PARKS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL TRAINING EXPENSES.

ITEM NO. 22-167 – SET A PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING, FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022, ON A REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY AT 2284 N. JACKSON STREET ON 5.47 ACRES FROM THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-2) TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-3).

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ITEM NO. 22-160 – CONSIDER APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BURRIS THOMPSON AND ASSOCIATES, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$15,705, FOR A FULL REVIEW OF WAGES AND BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA’S EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-160.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Burris Thompson and Associates for a full review of the City's Employee Compensation and Classification Plan including an employee benefit analysis.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administration, gave some specific details and stated the updated contract is in the agenda starting on page 58. She stated Mr. Thompson is in the audience tonight and is available for any further questions.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 1930 – A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL AND REPLACE RESOLUTION NO. 1898 ADOPTING A SPENDING PLAN FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2026.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1930 and he stated we had a study session last week on this topic. He stated the information can be found on page 62 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Mathis to adopt Resolution No. 1930.

Ms. Moody, City Administrator, gave some more specific details as to what was changed during the last study session.

A long discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and was seconded by Alderman Mathis to postpone voting on this Resolution.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

The vote being four (4) aye(s) and three (3) nay(s); passed and was so ordered. (The Resolution will come back at a later date.)

RESOLUTION NO. 1931 - A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE DRIVE TRAINING SAFETY GRANT FROM PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS FOR UP TO \$5,000 TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF LOSS PREVENTION ITEMS WITH A REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH OF \$5,000 UPON AWARD.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1931 and he stated the details could be found starting on page 66 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve Resolution No. 1931 and thus authorize the City to participate in the Driver Training Matching Grant Program of Public Entity Partners.

Ms. Moody, City Administrator, gave some more background details stating these funds will be used to purchase GPS tracking devices for the Public Works Vehicles.

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

ITEM NO. 22-168 - CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED DOWNTOWN PROPERTY, ADDRESSED AS 127 W. LINCOLN STREET, TO SWEET BAY ASSETS, AND SET AN OFFER TERMINATION DATE OF 45 DAYS FROM THE COMPLETION OF ALL PAPERWORK AND PAYMENT REQUIRED.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-168 and he said the background information can be found starting on page 68 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve and authorize the City Attorney to prepare all necessary documents to support the sale of city-owned, real property located at 127 West Lincoln Street, to Sweet Bay Asset, and set an offer termination date of 45 days from the completion of all paperwork and payment requires. In addition, upon successful completion of documents and acceptance of an offer, the BMA would be asked, as a future agenda item, to consider approval of the final sale agreement.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administrator, gave some detailed background information regarding the 127 West Lincoln property.

A discussion ensued.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22-169 - TO SET A SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTED MEMBER, MR. SYD HILL ON NOVEMBER 14, 2022, AT OUR BMA MEETING.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-169.

Alderman Amacher made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Glick to approve agenda item No. 22-169.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Aye(s): Amacher, Glick, Mathis, Wilson

Nay(s): Berry, Dunn, Knowis

The vote being four (4) aye(s) and three (3) nay(s); 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 7:01p.m.

CITY RECORDER

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