

## **BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)**

### **MINUTES FOR**

**MARCH 28, 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 rescheduled meeting on Monday, March 28, 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, Rupa Blackwell, Jimmy Blanks and Sernobia McGee . Alderman Robin Dunn was absent. There were six (6) Board Members present.

Jennifer Moody, City Administrator; Stephen M. Worsham, City Attorney and Rosemary Golden, City Recorder were present at the meeting.

Mayor Knowis called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was said by Rev. Emily Plunk and she led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Recorder, Rosemary Golden, called the roll.

### **COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES:**

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized the Honorary Alderman Ms. Annsley Vaughn. She is a senior at the Tullahoma High School (THS). Ms. Vaughn is involved with the cheerleading squad at THS and she recently was crowned Miss Tullahoma. She would like to attend the University of Tennessee Southern (in Pulaski) to study Business. She said she would like to open her own Gymnastic place as well as a hair boutique.

### **PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION: - NONE -**

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Mr. Paul Sirks, 201 George Lane, said he hoped the BMA would favorably consider expanding the pool of candidates for the Airport Authority Board (not just residents) but include people who have a “vested” interest in the airport.

**THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL, SEEING NO OBJECTION THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

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

**ALDERMAN BLACKWELL** - Ms. Blackwell said she attended a Tullahoma Board of Education meeting last week where they honored the Colemans. She stated the Downtown Council / merchants thanked the Rotary Club for their generous donation for the beautification of the downtown area. Ms. Blackwell handed out two brochures regarding what she has been teaching at the local middle schools concerning "Healthy Relationships".

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

**ALDERMAN MCGEE** - Ms. McGee said she was unable to attend the last Tullahoma Housing Authority meeting. She said the last Coffee County Industrial Development Board luncheon was cancelled. She recently spent some time in the hospital. Ms. McGee said her second annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 1:00 at the South Jackson Civic Center. This event is being sponsored by the Tullahoma Parks and Recreation Department as well as the South Jackson Civic Center. She stated the Glick and Woods Easter Egg Hunt will be the first weekend in April. The Hands-on-Science Center will also be having an Easter Egg Hunt.

**ALDERMAN BERRY** - Mr. Berry stated he attended a Planning Commission meeting. He said the Sports Council will be having an upcoming meeting on April 9, 2022.

**ALDERMAN AMACHER** - Ms. Amacher said she apologized for her lack of attendance at the Tourism Council meetings. They are normally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 1:00 and she has been busy with her concrete business. She stated the Coffee County Consolidated Communications Commission meeting will be next week. Ms. Amacher gave her small business "Shout Out" to the Definite Wellness shop located at 401 Wilson Avenue. She said their phone number is (931) 434-0439. Ms. Amacher stated the BMA's Study Session are currently not televised and she would like them to be, for transparency reasons.

**MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS** - Dr. Blanks stated he had attended both a Tullahoma Utility Authority meeting and a Duck River Utility Commission meeting. Alderman Blanks said, "Shop Tullahoma".

**HONORARY ALDERMAN VAUGHN** - Ms. Vaughn said the Tullahoma High School Prom will be this weekend. She said the THS Digital Arts program has been busy decorating the Gymnasium this week for this special event. She stated the THS seniors will be graduating on Friday, May 13, 2022. She thanked the Distinguished Young Women's organization for their support over the past year. She won that title last year.

**MAYOR RAY KNOWIS** - Mr. Knowis stated he had presented the DKI Restoration Company a certificate on behalf of the Tullahoma Pride Organization for the improvements they made to a building on Atlantic Street. Mayor Knowis said he attended both a Planning Commission meeting and a recent ceremony to promote several Tullahoma Fireman.

**CITY ATTORNEY** - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City. He said he recently attended a seminar for municipal attorneys in Brentwood and they discussed various topics.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR** - Ms. Jennifer Moody reported (our Resolution No. 1889) an amendment to our Charter regarding how our delinquent taxes are collected has been passed by our legislators however there is still another step that needs to be taken. She stated there has been a special call meeting set for the Tullahoma Health, Educational and Housing Facility Board on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 7:00 am at the D.W. Wilson Community Center to discuss a payment-in-lieu of tax lease request from the Tullahoma Village Community Partners, LP. Ms. Moody stated the opening day for the Tullahoma Farmer's Market will be Monday, April 3, 2022, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at the South Jackson Civic Center. They are scheduled to be there each Monday thereafter until the end of October. The City Employee service awards luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 11:30. Ms. Moody will be out of the office this Monday; she will be on an interview panel assisting MTAS with the recruitment of a new City Manager for Signal Mountain. Ms. Moody said both Jordan Wilkins and her will be out of the office attending the Tennessee City Managers seminar next week on Wednesday thru Friday.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ITEM NO. 22-39- MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2022, REGULAR MEETING.**

**ITEM NO. 22-40- RENEWAL OF A 5-YEAR LEASE FOR POSTAGE MACHINE WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR \$8,461.80.**

**ITEM NO. 22-41- APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH AVAZA TO PROVIDE INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION SERVICES UNDER THE STATE CONTRACT. AN INITIAL \$200 ONE-TIME REGISTRATION FEE IS REQUIRED AND THE COST FOR THE PROGRAM IS BASED ON USAGE**

**ITEM NO. 22-42- ANNOUNCE A VACANCY ON THE TULLAHOMA AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD AND TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM INTERESTED CITIZENS TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING FEBRUARY 27, 2026.**

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

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and seconded by Alderman Berry to approve the items listed above on the consent agenda.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE -**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE No. 1574- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE TO AMEND SECTION 2-106 (RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTEES) OF TITLE 2 (BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE TULLAHOMA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW CONSIDERATION OF NON-RESIDENTS HOLDING A VESTED INTEREST IN THE TULLAHOMA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AS APPOINTEES TO THE TULLAHOMA AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD,** for approval on the first of two readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1574 and he stated the information can be found starting on page 53 of tonight's agenda.

This item failed for a lack of a motion.

**ITEM NO. 22-43 ANNUAL FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH THE TULLAHOMA SWIM CLUB FOR THEIR USE OF THE DW WILSON COMMUNITY CENTER INDOOR POOL FOR PRACTICES AND SWIM MEETS.**

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-43 and stated the backup information can be found in tonight's agenda packet starting on page 58.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Berry to approve the attached annual Facility Use Agreement with the Tullahoma Swim Club for their use of the DW Wilson Community Center indoor pool for practice and swim meets.

Alderman Blanks had a question, so the City Administrator, Ms. Jennifer Moody, deferred to Mr. Dave Anderson, the Director of Parks and Recreation for further details.

A discussion ensued.

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

**ITEM NO. 22-44- REQUEST TO APPROVE A BRUSH GRINDING AND DEBRIS REMOVAL CONTRACT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,425, WITH BENCHMARK GRIND & MULCH COMPANY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LEWISBURG.**

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-44 and stated the backup information can be found in tonight's agenda packet starting on page 66.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman McGee to approve a cooperative purchasing agreement (attached) to use pricing from the City of Lewisburg's contract with Benchmark Grinding & Mulch Company in an amount not to exceed \$28,425 for the FY2022 budget year.

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 6:15 p.m.