

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
JANUARY 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 rescheduled meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Ray Knowis presiding and the following named members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen: Daniel Berry, Jimmy Blanks and Sernobia McGee. Aldermen Jenna Amacher, Rupa Blackwell and Robin Dunn were absent. There were four (4) 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.

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

City Recorder Rosemary Golden called the roll.

The agenda was presented for approval and since there were no objections, the agenda was adopted as presented.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES:

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized the Honorary Alderman Ms. Aubrey Lawson. She is a senior at Tullahoma High School (THS). She is involved in many activities and organizations at THS including but not limited to the following: Student Council, Mayor Youth Council, Co-Captain of the Women's Tennis Team, THS Band member, National Honor Society, THS Mid-State Choir and a member of the Distinguished Young Women organization.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION: - NONE -

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Ms. Hope Sartain-Nunley, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that their annual membership banquet is set for Friday, February 4, 2022. The social starts at 5:30 at the Coffee County Convention Center. Tickets are available at the Chamber office.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher was absent.

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said both the Coffee County Industrial Development Board and the Tullahoma Housing Authority board will not meet until the third week of this month. Ms. McGee said she was proud of Tullahoma for “rallying around” Ms. Tabitha Vines and supporting her during the loss of her home due to a recent fire. She said the local “Wreaths Across America” program was a success.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated he was unable to attend the most recent Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation meeting and the most recent Planning Commission meeting. He stated the Tullahoma Sports Council will be meeting this Tuesday. They are still planning their “Hall of Fame Banquet” which is scheduled for Saturday, February 12, 2022. There are a limited number of tickets still available.

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell was absent.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn was absent.

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, “Shop Tullahoma”.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended a closing for the School Bond refinancing; a Tennessee Municipal League zoom meeting; the local Wreaths Across America ceremony and a Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce event. He said there is a Legislative Breakfast scheduled for this Friday at the Lakewood Country Club.

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham did not report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Ms. Jennifer Moody did not report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 22-01- MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2021, REGULAR MEETING.

ITEM NO. 22-02- ACKNOWLEDGE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,666.67, FROM THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA LEE TO BENEFIT THE TULLAHOMA ANIMAL SHELTER.

ITEM NO. 22-03- SET A MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE ON AUGUST 4, 2022, THE FIRST THURSDAY IN AUGUST, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NOTIFY THE COFFEE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE.

ITEM NO. 22-04- APPROVE THE TPD AND TFD PARTICIPATION IN A 2022 CALENDAR PROGRAM WITH CAYWOOD PUBLICATIONS.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 1569 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6 (FIREWORKS) OF TITLE 7 (FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS) TO EXPAND THE TIME PERIOD FOR PERMITTED SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS TO INCLUDE CELEBRATION OF A NEW FEDERAL HOLIDAY KNOWN AS JUNE 19TH OR JUNETEENTH, for passage on second and final reading.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1569 and he stated the background information can be found starting on page 17 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and it was seconded by Alderman Blanks to approve Ordinance No. 1569 on the second and final reading.

A discussion ensued.

Alderman Berry then made a motion to postpone this item until the next regular scheduled meeting. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

The original motion was called for a vote.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Aye(s): Berry, McGee

Nay(s): Blanks, Knowis

The vote being two (2) Aye(s) and two (2) Nay(s), the motion failed on second and final reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM NO. 22-05 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LIGHTING AND EQUIPMENT PACKAGES FOR THREE NEW POLICE VEHICLES FROM CDJR OF COLUMBIA. THE TOTAL COST IS \$29,992.77 FOR THREE VEHICLES.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-05 and he stated the background information can be found starting on page 22 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman McGee to approve Agenda Item No. 22-05.

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

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 5:54p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR