

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
March 22, 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 meeting on Monday, March 22, 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, Jimmy Blanks, Robin Dunn and Sernobia McGee. All Board Members were present.

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

The invocation was said by Rev. Don Dixon and he led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES:

Mayor Ray Knowis introduced the Honorary Alderman, Ms. Aubrey Shearin. She is a senior at Tullahoma High School (THS). Ms. Shearin is involved with the following organizations at the school and community: THS Band Captain; FBLA, Student Council President and she is a volunteer at Blue Monarch. She plans on attending Duke University in North Carolina or NOVA (Southeastern) in Florida to study Legal studies.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION: - NONE -

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mr. Karl Smithson, 302 Westwood Street, said the former Mayor Lane Curlee did a lot for the city and served many years as an Alderman and as a Mayor. He said he thought the BMA should honor him and name this Municipal Building after him.

Ms. Hazel Fannin, Coffee County Humane Society, said she did not see her organization listed on the agenda tonight and was wondering if she could have an opportunity to speak. She was told that it was an oversight and yes, she would be given an opportunity to present her information later on in the evening at the Study session.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher said she wanted to give her small business “Shout Out” to the T-Town Smoothie Café located at 1956 North Jackson Street. She said they have a “Pay it Forward Board” for those who would like to donate a drink, smoothie or a meal to anyone who might need it. She said she visited the animal shelter.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated he attended a Coffee County Consolidated Communications Commission meeting and they are working with the County Technical Advisory Service (CTAS) to try and fill the director’s position. He said a celebration of thanks to honor Vietnam Veterans will be held on Monday, March 29, 2021 at the South Jackson Civic Center.

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said she attended a Tullahoma Housing Authority meeting; a Tullahoma Fine Arts Center exhibit and a visitation ceremony for Mr. Tommy Williams (a long time Tullahoma employee that recently passed away). She thanked the Tullahoma Fine Arts center for donating some eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt that will take place on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 2:00pm on the South Jackson Civic Center lawn. Ms. McGee said she has a list of services for those who might be in need of assistance.

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated he had attended a Duck River Utility Commission meeting. He said, “Shop Tullahoma”.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said at the up-coming Farmers Market on April 5th the ISWA group will be giving away compost containers and at the April 19th Farmers Market the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) will be giving away rain barrels. Tullahoma Clean-up Day/ Earth Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021. Volunteers are to meet at Public Works parking lot at 8:00am. Vanderbilt Hospital and the local school systems are trying to implement an idle-free zone while picking up student from school.

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said she attended several meetings and events including: the literacy council move-in on Friday; a TML Zoom seminar; the Tullahoma Fine Arts exhibit; a Planning Commission meeting and she will not be able to attend a Tullahoma Board of Education meeting tomorrow. She had her Coffee and Queso meetings last week. Ms. Blackwell said she is working with the 7th and 8th grade students regarding what “healthy” relationships should look like. She said she is working with Dr. Catherine Stephens, Director of Schools, to prepare a “body project/seminar” for the 11th and 12th grade female students.

HONORARY ALDERMAN SHEARIN - Ms. Aubrey Shearin said she is busy at Tullahoma High School taking AP Calculus and AP Literature as well as being in the THS Band.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended several meetings and events including: a Planning Commission meeting; an Airport Authority meeting; a Legislative zoom call; a TML zoom meeting; interviewing (via zoom) the consultants for the Comprehensive Planning project and a Tree Board meeting. He read a (Thank You) note that Ms. Watson with the Book Shelf/Literacy Council sent regarding all of the help/volunteers they received moving from one location to another location. They also thanked the City for allowing them to utilize the building downtown.

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City, but nothing specific to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Ms. Jennifer Moody reported that a long time City Employee (Tommy Williams) had passed away. She said budget meetings with each of the departments will start this week to build the City Budget. Ms. Moody said she is working on getting cost estimates to repair the building at 127 West Lincoln Street. She said she is working with the Planning and Codes department to develop a quarterly coffee time to discuss the growth plans of the City with developers, real estate agents, builders and architects. The Police Department’s Grand Opening is scheduled for the morning of Friday, April 16th. Ms. Moody said there are several training programs that the City Employees will be going through over the next sixteen weeks. She said the Planning Commission reported that an annexation request has been withdrawn. Ms. Moody was proud to announce that the Farmers Market will be open each Monday night starting on April 5th through the last Monday in October from 3:00pm to 7:00pm on the South Jackson Civic Center grounds.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 21-39– MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

ITEM NO. 21-40 – APPROVE THE TULLAHOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT’S 33RD YEAR OF PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRE PUP SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM

ITEM NO. 21-41 – APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE (UTV), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,875 FROM TRI-GREEN EQUIPMENT, FOR THE TULLAHOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY RESCUES

ITEM NO. 21-42 – APPROVE BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACTS FOR MOWING, LANDSCAPING, AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

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: - NONE -

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 1548 – 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 1.58 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 200 FLOWERTOWN ROAD (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 108E, GROUP A, PARCEL 019.01) FROM R-4, MOBILE HOME PARK/HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1548.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve Ordinance No. 1548 on the first of two readings.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1549 – 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 0.28 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 300 S. ATLANTIC STREET (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 124N, GROUP J, PARCEL 004.00) FROM C-1, CENTRAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TO C-3, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1549.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Ordinance No. 1549 on the first of two readings.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1550 – 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 5.39 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 200 BLOCK OF FLOWERTOWN ROAD (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 108, PARCEL 022.02) FROM R-1, LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1550.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve Ordinance No. 1550 on the first of two readings.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1551 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, WHICH IS ORDINANCE NO. 1392, BY AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, NONCONFORMING PROVISIONS AND ARTICLE IV SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS, AND REPLACING SECTION 804, NONCONFORMING LOTS OF RECORD WITH A NEW SECTION 804, NONCONFORMING LOTS OF RECORD AND ADDING LANGUAGE TO TABLE TZ-1

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1551 and said the background information could be found starting on page 90 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve Ordinance No. 1551 on the first of two readings.

Alderman Daniel Berry thanked Senior Planner, Ms. Mary Samaniego, for all of her hard work and effort.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1856 – A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) IMMINENT THREAT PROGRAM FOR A PROJECT ON WAGGONER STREET IN THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1856 and said the background information could be found starting on page 95 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Resolution No. 1856.

A discussion ensued.

Alderman Dunn and Alderman Amacher stated they would like to have a Storm water/Drainage Study Session in the very near future to discuss these types of issues.

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 6:11pm.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR