

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)  
MINUTES FOR  
MAY 10, 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, May 10, 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. Martin Nutter and he led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES:**

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized Ms. Jennifer Moody the City Administrator. Ms. Moody gave the background information regarding the employee of the month program. Ms. Moody then recognized, Sgt. Rana Pawlowski, from the Police Department. She was nominated by a co-worker. Ms. Moody and Police Chief Jason Williams then presented Ms. Pawlowski with her Employee of the Month Certificate.

**PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Ray Knowis by the virtue of the authority vested in him, did hereby proclaim that May 2021 is National Military Appreciation Month in the City of Tullahoma and encourage all to join him in this special observation. He then presented a proclamation to Col. Beverly Lee.

Mayor Ray Knowis by the virtue of the authority vested in him, did hereby proclaim May 9-15, 2021 as Police Week in Tullahoma and May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Mayor Knowis then read a proclamation and presented it to Police Chief Jason Williams.

Mayor Ray Knowis then recognized Dr. Catherine Stephens. She gave the annual Tullahoma City School's update/report. She stated the school system will not be requesting any additional funding this budget year (see attached two-page handout).

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: - NONE -**

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

**ALDERMAN BLACKWELL** - Ms. Blackwell said she plans on helping with a voter registration drive, to be held at the THS on the day seniors are to pickup their cap and gowns. She thanked those who attended her “Coffee and Conversation” last week. She attended the City of Tullahoma’s Employee Service Award Banquet. Ms. Blackwell volunteered at the Tullahoma High School career day. Her training for the “Body Project” has been completed. She attended a Domestic Violence Task Force meeting. Ms. Blackwell thanked Winston Brooks for his work with the Boy Scout award/fund raising event. She said the “Big Payback Day” recently happened and our local non-profits should be receiving some money soon.

**ALDERMAN DUNN** - Ms. Dunn said she attended the Soap Box Derby this past Saturday and she thanked the followings departments for their support: Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and the Fire Department. She said on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at sundown on the lawn of the South Jackson Civic Center there will be a movie regarding “re-greening” the desert. Ms. Dunn said at the next Farmer’s Market (Monday, May 17, 2021) the Interlocal Solid Waste organization will be giving away Composters. Ms. Dunn thanked the Vanderbilt Hospital for their assistance in getting the “Idle Free Zones” established at our local schools.

**ALDERMAN AMACHER** - Ms. Amacher said someone resigned from the Tree Board, this leaves an open board seat. She gave her small business “shout out” to the Christian Roofing and Exteriors company located on Kings Lane, she said their phone number is (931) 952-1506. Ms. Amacher thanked Winston Brooks for his work with the Boy Scout award/fund raising luncheon. She attended the TUA chamber coffee event. Ms. Amacher said she will help with the voter registration drive at the high school. She said she attended the City of Tullahoma’s Employee Service Award Banquet.

**ALDERMAN BERRY** - Mr. Berry stated he attended the Soap Box Derby event and it was amazing. He then turned in (to the Mayor) a hand-written list of activities that he had attended since our last meeting.

**ALDERMAN MCGEE** - Ms. McGee said she had attended several meetings including: the Boy Scouts of America banquet that Winston Brooks coordinated; the City of Tullahoma’s Employee Service Award Banquet; a Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation meeting; an Alzheimer’s awareness day (Purple Olympics) fund raising event and she volunteered at “Career Day” at the Tullahoma High School for mock interviews. Ms. McGee thanked the Tullahoma Fire Department for the Challenge Coin she received.

**MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS** - Dr. Blanks said do not throw trash out your car window, it makes Tennessee look trashy. Please help keep our City clean. He said the purple and blue streetlights up and down Jackson Street were a Tullahoma Utility Authority purchasing error; they will be replaced soon. He said congratulations to those who will be graduating soon. Dr Blanks said, “Shop Tullahoma”.

**MAYOR RAY KNOWIS** - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended several meetings including: the Soap Box Derby; the Purple Olympics and the City of Tullahoma’s Employee Service Awards Banquet. He thanked Winston Brooks for raising over \$25,000.00 during the Boy Scouts of America banquet.

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

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR** – Ms. Jennifer Moody reported the Governor did sign our proposed charter change on April 30<sup>th</sup>; however, it will come back to this Board of Mayor and Alderman for a final vote. She stated Dr. English has accepted the position of Director of Virtual Learning at THS. There is a 5-K race scheduled on the greenway and they are looking for volunteers. The base is looking to have an October fest celebration. On Saturday, June 26 from 12:00 to 4:00 the Arnold Base will have driving tours scheduled. Ms. Moody said following the Planning Commission’s regular meeting on Monday, May 17 there will be a Storm Water presentation at the THS auditorium. Ms. Moody said on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> the Tullahoma City School students will be dismissed for the summer. This is the same day our Parks and Recreation department’s Splash Island Pool will be opening for the summer.

Ms. Jennifer Moody recognized Ms. Dot Watson from the Book-Shelf Organization located at 114 SW Atlantic Street. Ms. Watson stated their organization has a Mural Project that she would like for the BMA to consider. There is a local artist who wants to paint a mural on the outside of the building. The mural will have something to do with books. Ms. Watson thanked the BMA for the use of this office building/space for their organization.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ITEM NO. 21-63– MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 2021 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING**

**ITEM NO. 21-64 – ANNOUNCE A VACANCY ON THE TULLAHOMA AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TAEDC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ITEM NO. 21-65 - ANNOUNCE A VACANCY ON THE TULLAHOMA TREE BOARD**

**ITEM NO. 21-66 - APPROVE AN ANNUAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE TENNESSEE CORRECTION ACADEMY TO PERMIT USE OF COMMUNITY CENTERS AS TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTERS**

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

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and seconded by Alderman Blackwell 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. 1552 - 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 2.91 ACRES PARCEL LOCATED IN THE 1600 BLOCK OF CEDAR LANE (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 124, PARCEL 06.13) FROM R-3, HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, adopt on the second of two readings.**

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1552.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to adopt Ordinance No. 1552 on the second and final reading.

A discussion ensued.

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

**ORDINANCE No. 1555 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE BY AMENDING TITLE 20 (MISCELLANEOUS), CHAPTER 5 (TREE ORDINANCE), SECTION 505, PART 4 (JURISDICTION - OVERSIGHT OF ACTIVITIES AND PRACTICES) BY DELETING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 505, PART 4 REGARDING TREE PRUNING, adopt on the second of two readings.**

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1555.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to adopt Ordinance No. 1555 on the second and final reading.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE No. 1554 - 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 51.70 ACRES PARCEL LOCATED AT 330 LEDFORD MILL ROAD (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 108, PARCEL 093.00) FROM A, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, TO R-1, LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, adopt on the first of two readings.**

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1554 and he gave the background information stating there was a public hearing on this issue earlier tonight.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman McGee to adopt Ordinance No. 1554 on the first of two readings.

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

**ITEM NO. 21-67 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS WITH OPTUMHEALTH FOR A NEW FITNESS BENEFIT PROGRAM AT TULLAHOMA'S COMMUNITY CENTERS**

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-67 and said the background information could be found on page 68 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Blanks to approve Agenda Item No. 21-67 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreements with OptumHealth.

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

**ITEM NO. 21-68 – CONSIDER APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WALKER COLLABORATIVE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ON THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,480.**

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-68 and said the background information could be found on page 76 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve Agenda Item No. 21-68 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreements with the Walker Collaborative for preparation of Tullahoma's new Comprehensive Development Plan.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Ayes: Berry, Blackwell, Blanks, Dunn, Knowis and McGee

Nay: Amacher

The result being six (6) Ayes and one (1) Nay; the motion passed and was so ordered.

**ITEM NO. 21-69 – CONSIDER CANCELLATION OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021**

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-69 and said the background information could be found on page 92 of the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve the cancellation of the regular board meeting on Monday, July 12, 201.

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 6:59pm.

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