

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
June 13, 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 Board meeting on Monday, June 13, 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, 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.

Mayor Knowis called the meeting to order.

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

City Recorder, Rosemary Golden, called the roll.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES:

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized two (2) local State Champions in the 800 Meter Run. Ms. Brindley Duncan achieved this award for the Tullahoma Middle School Girl's track and field team and Ms. Lily Storey achieved this award for the Tullahoma High School Girl's track team.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Ray Knowis read a proclamation. He proclaimed June as "Men's Health Month in Tullahoma" and encouraged all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts throughout the year. He stated he would present this remotely to Washington, D.C.

THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to accept the agenda as presented, however, to move the Beer Board Agenda up to just prior to the regular Consent Agenda items.

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: - NONE -

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said she attended a Tullahoma Board of Education meeting. She stated the Downtown Council will have a meeting this Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 5:30, fifteen people already said they will be in attendance.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said she will be attending a Juneteenth celebration coming up on June 19th. She said next Friday, June 24 there will be a Wastewater plant tour and if anyone is interested to please contact her.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher said she missed the BMA meeting last week when the budget was discussed, but she is up to date.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated he attended a Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation meeting. He missed the Sports Council meeting, but they discussed the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. He said he went to a Friday night outdoor concert series at the South Jackson Civic Center grounds.

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said she had no report since both the Coffee County Industrial Development Board and the Tullahoma Housing Authority Board will be meeting this upcoming week.

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated we are having a heat wave and to keep your animals in the shaded areas and to have plenty of water for them. He said, "Shop Tullahoma".

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis gave his annual "State of the City and Budget address". (See attached copy).

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City including working with the new Coffee County attorney, Mr. Craig Johnson, on delinquent taxes.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - Ms. Jennifer Moody reported the City has advertised bids on two construction projects one for the Waggoner Street Bridge repairs and the other for the guardrail project on Short Springs Road. She had a pre-planning meeting with the Pyro show company and city Staff (getting ready for our Independence Day Celebration). Ms. Moody stated she will be meeting with TDOT this week to discuss the Cedar Lane widening project.

Earlier in the evening the Board decided to move the Beer Board Agenda up to this spot in tonight's agenda since the potential to have a long BMA meeting was likely and there was only one Beer permit request. (See attached Beer Board meeting agenda).

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 22-82- MINUTES OF THE MAY 23, 2022, REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

ITEM NO. 22-83 - APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SHADE STRUCTURE COVERINGS WITH CUNNINGHAM RECREATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,905.39, TO IMPROVE THE TULLAHOMA BARK PARK DOG PARK WITH FUNDS FROM THE BOYD FOUNDATION GRANT.

ITEM NO. 22-84 - APPROVE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) TO PERMIT THE TENNESSEE CORRECTION ACADEMY TO USE THE TULLAHOMA'S COMMUNITY CENTERS AS A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTER.

ITEM NO. 22-85 - ANNOUNCE A VACANCY ON THE DUCK RIVER UTILITY COMMISSION FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and seconded by Alderman Dunn 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. 1577 - 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 2.07 ACRES PARCEL LOCATED AT THE 200 BLOCK OF LEDFORD MILL ROAD (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 108, PARCEL 091.02) FROM C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO R-3, HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, for passage on second and final reading.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1575.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and was seconded by Alderman Berry to adopt Ordinance No. 1577 as presented in the agenda on the second and final reading.

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

ORDINANCE No. 1578 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, for passage on the second of three readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1578 and stated we had the first reading on June 6, 2022.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to adopt Ordinance No. 1578 on the second and final reading.

An amendment was made by Alderman Dunn and was seconded by Alderman Blanks to adopt a one-time bonus (per the memo from the City Administrator) with full time employees receiving \$1,500 and part-time employees receiving \$750.00.

A discussion ensued.

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

An amendment was made by Alderman Amacher to increase the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) from 5% to 7% (in addition to this one-time bonus). No one made a second, therefore the amendment failed for a lack of a second.

An amendment was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Blanks to include the Capital projects that have been listed/added in this Ordinance since the last reading.

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

The Mayor then called the original motion as amended (by the two passed amendments) to vote.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM NO. 22-86 – CONSIDER APPROVAL TO USE INSURANCE FUNDS TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL 3 NETTING SYSTEMS, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$24,244, FOR JOHNSON LANE SOFTBALL COMPLEX, WITH WARNER’S ATHLETIC COMPANY.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-86.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve the utilization of insurance funds to purchase and install three (3) netting systems for the Johnson Lane Softball complex.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administrator, gave some details.

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

ITEM NO. 22-87– CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF JOHN WEST AND ERIC PIERCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO THE INTERLOCAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY (ISWA) BOARD.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-87.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve the appointments of John West and Eric Pierce to the Interlocal Solid Waste Authority Board.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administrator, gave some details and stated an updated/revised agenda item sheet was handed out to more clearly identify the positions and terms that were being filled.

A discussion ensued.

An amendment was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Dunn (to clearly state the terms and appointments) to appoint Mr. Eric Pierce, Superintendent of Public Works, as the voting representative and Regional Planning Board member, for a new 6-year term expiring July 2028. In addition, appoint Mr. John West, Deputy Director of Public Works, to fulfill the remainder of the term expiring in July 2023.

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

Mayor Knowis called the original motion as amended for a vote.

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

ITEM NO. 22-88– CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF A PLANNING DIRECTOR AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-88.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve the appointment of a Planning Director as recommended by the City Administrator.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administrator, gave some details of Ms. Mary Samaniego's qualifications, experience, and background.

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 6:36 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR