

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
JUNE 27, 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 27, 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. Emily Plunk and she led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Recorder, Rosemary Golden, called the roll.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: - NONE -

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION: - NONE -

THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman McGee to accept the agenda as presented.

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mayor Knowis stated that any applicants for the Duck River Utility Commission Board seat may speak at this time as well as any other comments from citizens.

Ms. Christine Kimbril, 210 White Oak Street, stated she started the "B_Smart Foundation" in honor of her son Brandon McGee who lost his life on October 10, 2020, due to gun violence. She is selling T-shirts to raise awareness of gun homicides.

Mr. Steve Cope, 110 Courtside Lane, requested the support of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the open seat on the Duck River Utility Commission Board. He reviewed some of his credentials and said his resume begins on page 172 of tonight's agenda.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said there were 8 to 10 people in attendance on Thursday, June 16 at the Downtown Council meeting where they discussed the nursery beds, Halloween (trick or treating) and the lighting of the Christmas tree.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said the next meeting for the "Go Green" committee will be on the first Monday of August at 5:00 in this board room. She stated there will be more Compost sets given away at the July 18 Farmer's Market.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher said she was unavailable to attend the last Coffee County Consolidated Communications Commission meeting. She stated that the Tourism Council is currently not meeting. Ms. Amacher wanted to give her small business "shout out" to the City Sandwich Shop located on the square. She stated there is a heat advisory and people should stay hydrated and stay fire work safe.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated he had nothing to report.

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said she had nothing to report.

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated he attended a Duck River Utility Commission meeting. He said, "Shop Tullahoma" and stay hydrated in this heat.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended both an Airport Authority meeting and a Planning Commission meeting. He stated the "Think Tullahoma 2040 Comprehensive Plan" should be adopted at the special call Planning Commission meeting on July 7, 2022. Mayor Knowis stated the Dream Tullahoma Committee is still active.

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City. He stated Judge Vanessa Jackson retired and is being replaced by Bobby Carter.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Ms. Jennifer Moody thanked Jon Glass at the Airport for his hard work over the last several weeks with two big events (Bonnaroo and a Women’s Air race). She reported on June 14, the City had to do an emergency purchase of \$28,000 for the outdoor pool (sand filtration parts). She said the Tennessee Backroads Heritage foundation is hosting a public event (dinner) on Friday July 8, 2022, at the Bell Buckle Banquet Hall. Ms. Moody said the City is hosting an Independence Day Celebration on Sunday, July 3, 2022. She recognized Mr. Jordan Wilkins to give more details about this event.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 22-89 – MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2022, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AND THE JUNE 13, 2022, REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

ITEM NO. 22-90 – APPROVE THE JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR PROPERTY TAXES ADJUSTMENTS IN FY22

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

A motion was made by Alderman Berry 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. 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 third of three readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1578 and stated we have had the first and second readings already.

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

An amendment was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to accept the Tullahoma City Schools Budget that was added/included in this Ordinance since the last reading.

A discussion ensued.

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

An amendment was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blanks to add \$200,000 to the paving budget, out of reserves.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Aye(s): Amacher, Berry, Blackwell, Blanks, Dunn, McGee
Nay(s): Knowis

The results being six (6) Aye(s) and one (1) Nay(s); the motion passed and it was so ordered.

The Mayor then called the original motion as amended (by the two (2) passed amendments) to vote.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 1579 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1540 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, for passage on the first of three readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1578 and stated this is last year's budget.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve the FY2022 amended budget as presented on first of three readings.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1902 - A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN TO APPROVE A UDAG LOAN APPLICATION.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1902 and said the details can be found on page 124 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman McGee to approve the South Jackson Civic Center's refinancing of their 2020 loan to include an additional \$125,000 to provide for the new public bathrooms.

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

ITEM NO. 22-91 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE (RETAIL PACKAGE STORE) FOR A NEW OWNER, MR. JIGNESH R. PATEL, TENNESSEE LIQUOR, INC. LOCATED AT 307 EAST CARROLL STREET.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-91.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman McGee to approve the attached Certificate of Compliance form.

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

ITEM NO. 22-92 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH BENCHMARK MULCH COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$63,000 TO PERFORM BRUSH GRINDING AND DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICE.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-92.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve and award the bid to Benchmark for a one-year term not to exceed \$63,000 to perform brush grinding and debris removal services.

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

A discussion ensued.

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

ITEM NO. 22-93 - CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF STEVE COPE TO THE DUCK RIVER UTILITY COMMISSION, FOR A FULL THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2025.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-93 and he stated we heard his credentials earlier in the evening.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman McGee to approve the appointment of Mr. Steve Cope to a three-year term (beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025) onto the Duck River Utility Commission Board.

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 6:05p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR