

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
JULY 11, 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, July 11, 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. Rick Wade and he 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 Blanks 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:

An email was sent to Alderman Blackwell and was read aloud by Ms. Rosemary Golden, City Recorder. Ms. Patricia Ann Sawyer, 230 Reeves Street, said as she was turning into her son's driveway, a car came around her speeding tremendously. If she had turned into her son's driveway which is 316 Druid Lane, we would have both have been killed. This desperately needs to be addressed. Thank you very much. She does not know what else to do. There is still speeding down her street, which is Reeves Street, where Morning Pointe is located.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said her two assigned committees (the Coffee County Industrial Development Board and the Tullahoma Housing Authority Board) will be meeting next week July 20th and July 21st. She said early voting starts next week, come out and vote. Best of luck to all of those running for office.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated the Planning Commission held their special call meeting last week and voted on the Tullahoma 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher said she wanted to give her small business "Shout Out" to Mr. Josh Morris, with the Josh Morris Construction Company. Ms. Amacher stated she thought the Planning Commission's vote on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan was pre-mature. They should have addressed the citizens concerns/comments/complaints prior to voting. She said Good luck to those running for office, there is a "Meet and Greet" scheduled at the Sundrop Shoppe at 6:00 this Saturday.

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said she would not take time to campaign at this time, this is not the venue. She stated there will be a Downtown Council meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2022. Ms. Blackwell said next Tuesday the Tullahoma Board of Education will meet.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said she had no report.

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated he had attended the Independence Day Celebration and that the Recreation Department did a great job. He stated the Tullahoma Utility Authority is updating their polices. He said, "Shop Tullahoma".

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis thanked the Tullahoma Parks and Recreation Department for their work and effort in putting on the Independence Day Celebration. He stated the Think Tullahoma 2040 Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Planning Commission last week. He attended a 95th Birthday Celebration for Mr. Arthur Hargrove last week.

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City. He stated the Habitat for Humanity organization is seeking a parcel from the City. Alderman Amacher asked for an executive session to be scheduled (with our outside attorneys) to update the Aldermen on all of the current lawsuits involving the city.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Ms. Jennifer Moody reported that TDOT is finally moving forward with their plans for Cedar Lane/ Westside Drive improvements. Ms. Moody sends her condolences to Ms. Susan Wilson , Finance Director, as she lost her Dad last week. Ms. Moody said she will be out of the office from July 18, 2022, through July 28, 2022, and Ms. Susan Wilson will act as the City Administrator in her absence.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 22- 94– MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2022, REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING.

ITEM NO. 22- 95– SET A PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING FOR JULY 25, 2022, ON THE ADOPTION OF THE THINK TULLAHOMA 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

ITEM NO. 22- 96– SET A PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING FOR JULY 25, 2022, ON A REQUEST TO REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 95 OVOCA LAKE ROAD FROM THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT COFFEE COUNTY UGB (RS-1) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT (R-1).

ITEM NO. 22- 97– SET A PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING FOR JULY 25, 2022, ON A REQUEST TO REZONE THE PROPERTY AT 701 E. GRIZZARD STREET AD 406 N. COLLEGE STREET FROM THE MEDIUM RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT (R-2) TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT (R-3).

ITEM NO. 22- 98– SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 25, 2022, ON A REQUEST FOR THE CITY TO DESIGNATE AS SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY TO SALE, AN AREA 50' WIDE AND 810' IN LENGTH (40,500 SQUARE FEET) INSIDE OF THE E. DECHERD STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO 343 S. ANDERSON STREET, 403 S. ANDERSON STREET, 407 E. DECHERD STREET, 409 E. DECHERD STREET, AND 415 E. DECHERD STREET.

ITEM NO. 22- 99– SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 25, 2022, ON A REQUEST FOR THE CITY TO DESIGNATE AS SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY TO SALE, 127 W. LINCOLN STREET.

ITEM NO. 22- 100– SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 25, 2022, ON A REQUEST FOR THE CITY TO DESIGNATE AS SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY TO SALE, 411 E. CARROLL STREET.

ITEM NO. 22- 101– REQUEST TO RENEW THE ANNUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION HARDWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT & CITY-WIDE FINANCIAL SOFTWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,728.16 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and seconded by Alderman Berry 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. 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 second of three readings.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1578 and stated this is last year's budget and we have already passed it on first reading.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 1583 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE BY AMENDING TITLE 1 (GENERAL ADMINISTRATION), CHAPTER 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), SECTION 1-111 (ELECTIONS; VOTING PRECINCTS) BY DELETING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 1-111, for passage on the first of two readings

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1583 and he said the details can be found starting on page 55 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to adopt Ordinance No. 1583, to revise the language in the Code of Ordinances to amend the voting precincts.

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

A discussion ensued.

Alderman Amacher made an amendment and it was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to delete the names of the “centers/buildings” but keep the precinct numbers (allowing the Election Commissions to yearly set the physical locations).

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blanks to post pond voting on this Ordinance until the wording can be adjusted.

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

Mayor Ray Knowis then read the captions for Resolutions No. 1903 through Resolution No. 1923 (Except for Resolution No. 1909 was pulled and voted on separately).

RESOLUTION NO. 1903 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA FINE ARTS CENTER, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 1904 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TENNESSEE’S BACKROADS HERITAGE.

RESOLUTION NO. 1905 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF CASA WORKS, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 1906 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

RESOLUTION NO. 1907 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF CIVIL AIR PATROL.

RESOLUTION NO. 1908 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF COFFEE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1910 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, TULLAHOMA HEALTH CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1911 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1912 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF HORSE PLAY, INC.

RESOLUTION NO. 1913 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF HANDS-ON SCIENCE CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1914 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF IMAGINATION LIBRARY OF COFFEE COUNTY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1915 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF COFFEE COUNTY LANNOM LIBRARY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1916 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF SOUTH-CENTRAL HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1917 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

RESOLUTION NO. 1918 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF SOUTH JACKSON CIVIC CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1919 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF COFFEE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS, INC. - TULLAHOMA CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1920 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TENNESSEE REHABILITATION CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1921 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TRINITY CARE CENTER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1922 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA COMMUNITY PRIDE FOUNDATION.

RESOLUTION NO. 1923 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA SPORTS COUNCIL, INC.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and was seconded by Alderman Berry to approve Resolution No. 1903 through Resolution No. 1923 (Except for Resolution No. 1909, that was pulled and voted on separately) as presented in the agenda.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

The vote being six (6) Aye(s) and one (1) Nay(s), the motion passed and was so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 1909 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA DAY CARE CENTER.

Mayor Ray Knowis then read the caption for Resolutions No. 1909.

Alderman Blanks made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Berry to adopt Resolution No. 1909.

Aldermen Blackwell and McGee stated they currently sit on the Board of Directors for the Tullahoma Day Care and they would be recusing themselves from the vote.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

The vote being five (5) Aye(s) and zero (0) Nay(s) two (2) Abstaining, the motion passed and was so ordered.

ITEM NO. 22-102 - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A 2022 PETERBILT 520 CHASSIS/SIDEWINDER AUTOMATED RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$299,986 WITH MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT, INC.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-102 and said the details can be found starting on page 80 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman McGee and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve the purchase of the 2022 Peterbilt 520 Chassis/Sidewinder Automated residential garbage truck in the amount of \$299,986, utilizing competitive pricing from Sourcewell Contract # 091219-NWY.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, City Administrator gave the background information and she stated these funds would come from the American Rescue Funds Act.

Mr. Robert “Butch” Taylor, Public Works Director, gave more details.

A discussion ensued.

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

ITEM NO. 22-103 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RAGAN-SMITH, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$207,500, FOR THE NORTH JACKSON STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-103 and said the details start on page 84 of tonight’s agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Ragan-Smith, in the lump sum amount of \$207,500 for the North Jackson streetscape improvement project.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, the City Administrator, and she stated these funds would come from the American Rescue Funds Act.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

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

Nay(s): Amacher

The vote being six (6) Aye(s) and one (1) Nay(s), the motion passed and was so ordered.

ITEM NO. 22-104 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH ST JOHN ENGINEERING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$88,500 FOR DESIGN AND SURVEY FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PARKING AND A RESTROOM AND CONCESSIONS BUILDING AT JOHNSON LANE SPORTS COMPLEX.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-104.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman McGee to approve St John Engineering to begin design and survey work for the Johnson Lane Expansion Project in an amount not to exceed \$88,500.

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

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

ITEM NO. 22- 105- CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, WITH 50 PERCENT LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 22-105 and said the details can be found starting on page 97 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to accept the grant award in the amount of \$100,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission and authorize the Mayor to sign related documents

A discussion ensued.

Ms. Jennifer Moody, the City Administrator, gave more details.

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 6:24p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR