

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
August 14, 2023**

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, August 14, 2023, 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, Kurt Glick, Jerry Mathis, Derick Mann and Bobbie Wilson.

Mr. Kenney Pearson, Interim City Administrator; Mr. Stephen M. Worsham, City Attorney, Mrs. Sue Wilson, Finance Director, and Mrs. Lori Ashley, City Recorder were present at the meeting.

Mayor Ray Knowis called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was said by Shebbie Shields, and she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Recorder Lori Ashley called the roll.

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: N/A

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION: N/A

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: N/A

THE AGENDA WAS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve the agenda.

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

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN GLICK – No report.

ALDERMAN BERRY – Attended “Bowling with Badges” event, it was well attended and good to see the interaction between the public and police officers.

ALDERMAN AMACHER – Enjoyed attending the TML Conference. Good fellowship and learned a lot.

ALDERMAN WILSON - Updated everyone on upcoming events at the Fine Arts Center, and the South Jackson Performing Arts Center.

ALDERMAN MANN – Attended the TML Conference and the Elected Officials Academy. Attended the TAEDC board meeting and the reception for Brian Carter, the new Housing Authority Director.

MAYOR PRO TEM MATHIS – No report.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis attended several meetings throughout the month. Arnold Community Council, Planning Commission, TML Conference, TUA Board meeting, and a Homes Grant meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY – Mr. Worsham stated that he attended the TML Attorneys Conference. The sale of the Old Rock Tenn Building has been completed. There is a new restaurant being developed at 127 W. Lincoln Street. Has walked the downtown with employees and volunteers to make a plan for revitalizing downtown.

INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Toured the facilities at South Jackson Performing Arts Center and attended South Jackson Goes Country. One HVAC unit has gone out at City Hall, an emergency purchase was made to replace the unit, we are still waiting on the unit to be installed. Will be looking at outsourcing our IT Security and put out for proposals. Met Brian Carter at the recent welcome reception held. A new organizational chart of the Parks & Recreation department was given to each board member prior to the meeting tonight. Happy to report the Parks & Recreation department is fully staffed at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item No. 23-129 – Minutes of the July 10, 2023, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.

Item No. 23-130 – Set a Public Hearing and First Reading for August 28, 2023, on a request to rezone the property in the 100 block of New Rock Creek Road on 2.85 acres from the General Commercial (C-2) zoning district to the Neighborhood Commercial (C-3) zoning district.

Item No. 23-131 – Announce a vacancy on the Tullahoma Utility Authorities (TUA) Board and to consider applications from interested citizens to serve a full term ending on August 31, 2028.

Item No. 23-132 – Request to authorize the Tullahoma Fire Department to apply for a Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant in the amount of \$29,800 with no local match.

Item No. 23-133 – Request to approve a Permit Request for Special Event Signs in the Public Way for a Community Prayer Walk on Saturday, September 23, 2023, an waive all permit fees.

Item No. 23-134 – Confirm the re-appointments of Melissa Shuran and Greg Gressel to the Tullahoma Arts Council to serve the remainder of unexpired terms ending on August 12, 2025.

Item No. 23-135 – Consider approval of the annual Appointments of the Organizational Representatives for the Tullahoma Arts Council.

Item No. 23-136 – Announce three vacancies on the Tullahoma Arts Council and to consider applications from interested citizens to serve the remainder of unexpired terms ending on August 12, 2024, and August 12, 2025.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann to approve the consent agenda.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No 1598 – 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 the properties at 1802, 1804 Old Estill Springs Road; 412, 420, 502, 603 E. Monroe Street; 509, 511, 513, 515 E. General Street; 611, 609 Division Street; 612, 616, 618, 620, 700, 702, 706, 710, 712, 716, 802, 806, 808 E. Decherd Street; 360, 200, 136 Flowertown Road; 212, 210, 208, 204, 200, 115, 212 S. Washington Street; 211, 305, 412, 414, 424, 428, 430, 432 E. Lauderdale Street; 111 S. Polk Street; 513, 501 E. Warren Street; 208, 210 W. Warren Street from the Restricted Manufacturing and Warehousing (I-1), General Commercial (C-2), and Central Commercial (C-1) zoning district to the Low Density Residential (R-1), Medium Density Residential (R-2), and Neighborhood Commercial (C-3) zoning district, for passage on the second and final reading.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1598.

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

Ordinance No. 1600 – An Ordinance of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee to amend Ordinance No. 1578 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.

A motion was made by Alderman Glick and seconded by Alderman Mann to approve Ordinance No. 1600.

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

Ordinance No. 1601 – An Ordinance to amend Section 5-501 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee, to change the percentages of “Hotel” Privilege Taxes collected as allocated herein, for passage on the second of three readings.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1601.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 1599 – An Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee by amending Title 1 (General Administration), Chapter 2 (Board of Mayor and Aldermen), Section 1-207 (Special Rules of Order), by substituting a new section 1-207 to consolidate the Rules and Procedures adopted by Resolution 1932 and the Special Rules of Order in the Municipal Code, for passage on the first of two readings.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1599.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and seconded by Alderman Berry to postpone Ordinance No. 1599 until a study session can be scheduled for further discussion.

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

Ordinance No. 1602 – An Ordinance of the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee to adopt by Reference State Traffic Offenses and Rules of the Road, for passage on the first of two readings.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Ordinance No. 1602.

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

Resolution No. 1945 – A Resolution to adopt the Technical Report for Westside Drive / Cedar Lane Corridor.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mann to approve Resolution No. 1945.

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

Resolution No. 1946 – A Resolution to Repeal and Replace Resolution No. 1930 Adopting a Spending Plan for American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026 (revised from 2/13/2023).

A motion was made by Alderman Berry seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Resolution No. 1946.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made to by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to call the question.

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

On roll call all members present voted to approve Resolution No. 1946 as follows;

Aye(s): Berry, Knowis, Glick, Mann, Mathis, Wilson
Nay(s): Amacher

The vote being six (6) aye(s), one (1) nay, the motion passed and it was so ordered.

Resolution No. 1947 – A Resolution to Amend the FY24 Operating Budget to formally Appropriate Planned Spending for the Debt Service Funds.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Glick to approve Resolution No. 1947.

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

Item No. 23-137 – Consider approval of street list for annual paving.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Mathis to approve Item No. 23-137.

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

Item No. 23-138 – Consider approval of selecting applicants for City Administrator to be interviewed by the Board of Mayor and Alderman.

Item No. 23-139 – Consider selecting a date to conduct interviews of the City Administer applicants.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Glick for each Alderman to write down the top five names they would like to interview for City Administrator.

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

Results from the Alderman top five picks were as follows;

Amacher: Pearson, Quick, Collins, Strahl, Wolz
Berry: Dorsey, Strahl, Meszoros, Pearson, Quick
Glick: Dorsey, Strahl, Meszoros, Pearson, Quick

Knowis: Marsh, Dorsey, Meszoros, Pearson, Smith
Mann: Collins, Pearson, Quick, Hough, Smith
Mathis: Marsh, Quick, Pearson, Strahl, Dorsey
Wilson: Pearson, Quick, Collins, Hough, Smith

After tallying the candidates for the interviews, the results are as follows;

Pearson – 7
Quick – 6
Dorsey – 4
Strahl – 4
Meszoros – 3
Smith – 3
Collins – 3
Marsh – 2
Hough – 2
Wolz – 1

Motion by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Glick to have the Mayor schedule interviews with the top four candidates to include a City / Department Tour, Q&A with Department Heads & Staff on August 22 – 23, 2023. Interview with the full board on August 24, 2023. Candidates to include Pearson, Quick, Dorsey and Strahl.

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 Alderman at this time, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR