

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR**

AUGUST 30, 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 rescheduled meeting on Monday, August 30, 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.

Mayor Ray Knowis called the meeting to order.

City Recorder Rosemary Golden called the roll.

The Invocation was said by Rev. Tim McGehee and he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

City Attorney, Stephen M. Worsham, read the Certification of the Election Results for the City of Tullahoma from the County Election Commission.

The administration of the Oath of Office was performed by the Honorable Stephen M. Worsham in place of Judge James F. Conley. The following members were sworn in for the Tullahoma City School Board of Education: the Honorable School Board Member-Elect Ms. Teresa Armstrong Lawson. (the Honorable School Board Member-Elect Mr. Andy Whitt was unable to attend tonight's meeting so he was previously sworn in by the Honorable Judge James F. Conley).

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES:

Mayor Ray Knowis gave a Certificate of Recognition to Amy Pham, 2022 Tennessee Distinguished Young Woman and 2022 Cumberland Valley Distinguished Young Woman.

Mayor Ray Knowis also gave a Certificate of Recognition to Ansley Vaughn, 2022 Tullahoma Distinguished Young Woman.

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized Dr. Catherine Stephens, Tullahoma Director of Schools and Mr. Jason Ray, Tullahoma City Schools Director of Business. They gave a brief presentation of the site review findings of all seven (7) school facilities. They suggested that Farrar Elementary school needs to be replaced or updated. A long discussion ensued and it was suggested that a study session be planned with the details of the site review findings to be provided prior to the session.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: - NONE -

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said she attended several meetings and events including: a Tullahoma Board of Education meeting; a 2040 Comprehensive Development Planning meeting and a Planning Commission / Board of Zoning and Appeals meeting. She thanked JP Kraft for all of his work and effort at the Jefferson Street Park. She stated the Mayor's Youth meeting will have their kick-off meeting tonight.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said she attended several meetings and events including: a 2040 Comprehensive Development Planning meeting and an Interlocal Solid Waste meeting. She stated the "Go Green" organization will not be meeting at the beginning of September in observation of the Labor Day weekend. Ms. Dunn thanked the TVA for their contributions towards the free rain barrels this past year.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher said she attended several meetings and events including: a 2040 Comprehensive Development Planning meeting and a Walking Horse Celebration event in Shelbyville. She gave a small business "Shout out" to DJ Boggs who is the owner of a company much like Airbnb but for boats, their website is www.GoLakeHop.com. Alderman Amacher asked if she could add an agenda item to the meeting tonight, to make JP Kraft a permanent department head. She thanked Robert "Butch" Taylor for his quick response to a Codes issue.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated he had attended two of the 2040 Comprehensive Development Planning meetings. He thanked Mr. Winston Brooks for all of his efforts in this project. He said the "Get Walking Tullahoma" organization has community driven events, currently they are meeting on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 in the Cascade parking lot. Mr. Barry said the recent "clean-up" days had to be rescheduled due to rain, they are currently set for September 4, 2021, and October 16, 2021.

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said she attended a 2040 Comprehensive Development Planning meeting and a Tullahoma Housing Authority meeting. She intends to have another "Trunk or Treat" event this year and it may be on October 30, 2021. She congratulated the two young ladies that received their Certificates of Recognition during tonight's meeting. She also congratulated the THS football team for their win last Friday night and being able to keep the "Coffee Pot" trophy another year. Ms. McGee thanked the Fire Department and the Tullahoma Citizens for the donations collected and to be given to the flood victims of Waverly, Tennessee.

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated he had attended several meetings and events including: a Tullahoma Utility Authority meeting; a Duck River Utility Commission meeting; an Arts Council meeting and a 2040 Comprehensive Development Planning meeting. Dr. Blanks stated there should be a lot of tourism happening over the next several weeks with both Bonnaroo and the Shelbyville Horse show occurring near us.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended several of the 2040 Comprehensive Development Planning meetings. He thanked Mr. Winston Brooks, the Parks and Recreation Department and the School system for all working together during these meetings. Mr. Knowis stated he had made his assignments of the Alderman to the various Committees, Boards and Agencies (see attached sheet).

Mayor Knowis stated it was time to elect a Mayor Pro Tem and an Aldermanic Representative to the Planning Commission. He then opened the floor for nominations.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM:

Alderman Berry nominated Alderman Blanks.
Alderman Blackwell nominated Alderman Dunn.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Blanks: Amacher, Berry, Blanks, Knowis, McGee
Dunn: Blackwell, Dunn

The vote being five (5) for Alderman Blanks and two (2) for Alderman Dunn;
Mr. Jimmy Blanks will continue to serve as the Mayor Pro Tem.

ELECTION OF ALDERMANIC REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mayor Ray Knowis stated he will serve as the Mayoral Appointment to the Planning Commission. In addition, he said there needs to be an election for an Aldermanic Representative to the Planning Commission. He then opened the floor for nominations.

Alderman Blanks nominated Alderman Berry.

Since there were no other nominations, Alderman Berry was elected by acclamation and will serve as the Aldermanic Representative on the Planning Commission Board.

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City. He did attend a 2040 Comprehensive Development Planning meeting. He is working on easements for the sidewalk near Ovoca Road. In addition, the Tullahoma Utility Authority is asking for an easement to install new sewer lines near the High School property.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - Ms. Jennifer Moody thanked the citizens for their input for the 2040 Comprehensive Development Planning project. She stated the City of Tullahoma has now officially reached over the 20,000-population mark, with 20,339 citizens. Both the Tennessee Municipal League seminar and the City Managers seminar are coming up soon. Civic Plus is currently training staff for the upcoming new website. All supervisors and managers and department heads are currently enrolled in a Municipal Management Academy training classes that will last approximately eight weeks. Ms. Moody thanked all of those who were involved in getting the traffic light repaired at the Jackson and Carroll Street main intersection.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 21-110- ACCEPT THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MR. ANDREW RICE TO AN UNEXPIRED TERM, EXPIRING ON OCTOBER 26, 2024, ON THE TULLAHOMA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ITEM NO. 21-111- SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 ON A REQUEST TO REZONE 510 AND 512 S. WASHINGTON STREET FROM RESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL AND WAREHOUSING DISTRICT (I-1) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-2).

ITEM NO. 21-112- AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT (MOE) AGREEMENT FOR THE COFFEE COUNTY LIBRARY.

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. 1565 - 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, 2020, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021, for passage on the third and final reading.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1565 and he gave some background information.

Finance Director, Susan Wilson spoke and said there needs to be a motion and a second to approve Ordinance No. 1565 amending the FY2021 on third reading. Then a motion and a second would then be needed to amend the ordinance to accept the budget and attachments as presented on third reading. A vote will need to be taken for the amendment, Then the Board would need to vote to accept the ordinance as amended

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and it was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve Ordinance No. 1565 for passage on the third and final reading.

An amendment was made by Alderman Blackwell and seconded by Alderman Amacher to accept the budget and attachments as presented with the addition of the Tullahoma City Schools budgets on third reading.

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

The original motion as amended was then called to vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1566 - 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 0.46 ACRES PARCEL LOCATED AT 200 S. ANDERSON STREET (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 124N, GROUP C, PARCEL 004.00) FROM C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TO C3, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, for passage on second and final reading

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Ordinance No. 1566.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman McGee to approve Ordinance No. 1566 for passage on the second and final reading.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.1884- A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE JEFFERSON STREET BASKETBALL COURTS AS THE NANIVA AND TENNYSON HOLMES MEMORIAL COURTS

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1884.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Blanks to approve the attached Resolution No. 1884.

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

Mayor Knowis then gave a copy of the Resolution to a family member of Naniva and Tennyson Holmes.

RESOLUTION NO 1885- A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA TO AMEND THE PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1885 and he stated the details are outlined on page 123 of tonight's agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it was seconded by Alderman Blanks to approve the attached Resolution No. 1885.

A discussion ensued. The alderman thought they could get better prices on items if the small businesses did not have to bid them, but just provide quotes.

An amendment was made by Alderman Dunn and seconded by Alderman Blanks to change bullet point # 6 to read, "Purchases over \$20,000 will require bids except as indicated".

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

The original motion as amended was called to vote.

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

ITEM NO. 21-113- AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FROM TULLAHOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY FOR THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT IN ORDER TO INSTALL NEW SEWER LINES.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-113.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and it was seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve the attached agenda item.

A discussion ensued and Mr. Young from the Tullahoma Utility Authority gave a brief presentation as to the current situation of the sewer lines.

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

ITEM NO. 21-114-REQUEST TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR MR. KRISHNA PATEL AT CARROLL STREET LIQUOR.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Agenda Item No. 21-114.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and it 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

There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at this time, the Board Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR

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