

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)  
MINUTES FOR  
FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

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, February 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. with the Mayor Pro Tem Blanks presiding and the following named members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen: Daniel Berry, Rupa Blackwell, Robin Dunn, Ray Knowis and Jerry Mathis. Mayor Lane Curlee was absent. There were six (6) Board Members present.

Jennifer Moody, City Administrator; Stephen M. Worsham, City Attorney and Rosemary Golden, City Recorder; were also present at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Blanks.

The invocation was said by Rev. Tim McGehee and he led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: - NONE -**

**PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Pro Tem Blanks recognized Ms. Ariana Newson and she gave a Youth Empowerment Presentation. Ms. Newson gave a three page handout to the Board of Mayor and Alderman (see attached sheets).

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Mr. Greg Sandlin, 112 Thomaswood Chase, stated he has stepped down from the Coffee County Building Authority Board and they are still in search of someone to replace him. Mr. Sandlin asked the BMA to consider (as the budget time approaches) reducing the Tullahoma property taxes by ten cents.

**REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**ALDERMAN KNOWIS** - Mr. Knowis stated he had met recently with several people from the City of Franklin with the Heritage Foundation. They encouraged him by saying our downtown area improvements will not be a "quick fix but a journey". Mr. Knowis encouraged people to view the video of the Tullahoma Sports Council Hall of Fame award/celebration evening.

**ALDERMAN DUNN** - Ms. Dunn said the “Go Green” committee will be in need of volunteers for their upcoming event at East Lincoln Elementary School for their “Rain Garden”. Ms. Dunn said she attended a Tullahoma Housing Authority meeting.

**ALDERMAN BLACKWELL** - Ms. Blackwell said she arranged for some of the Hickerson Elementary School students and some home school students to tour City Hall. She spoke to one of the Kiwanis Clubs about the Coffee County Anti-Drug Task force and she will speak with 7<sup>th</sup> graders at both East and West Middle schools. Alderman Blackwell attended both a Tourism Council meeting and a Tullahoma Board of Education meeting. She wished Erin McCullough, from the Tullahoma Newspaper, a Happy Birthday.

**ALDERMAN BERRY** - Mr. Berry thanked Police Lt. Jason Ferrell for reaching his 31 years of service mark with the City and he thanked Patrolman Jimmy Coleman for reaching his second year anniversary with the City. He welcomed aboard Patrolmen Robert Zachary Weaver and Justin Blackburn. He thanked the Fire Department staff with recently helping to save the WISCO Envelope Building. Mr. Berry said he recently spoke at the noon Rotary Club meeting regarding the upcoming Census. Mr. Berry said his “town hall” meetings are a way for him to listen to citizens and they recently discussed youth sports.

**ALDERMAN MATHIS** - Mr. Mathis said the Tullahoma High School men’s basketball team won districts and will be hosting the regional tournament this week.

**MAYOR CURLEE** - Mayor Lane Curlee was absent

**MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS** - Dr. Blanks stated he had attended several meetings including: a Duck River Utility Commission meeting; a Tullahoma Utility Authority meeting and an Arts Council meeting. He said early voting ends tomorrow otherwise the Primary Election is Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

**CITY ATTORNEY** - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City. He said Alderman Berry did a great job speaking at the noon Rotary last Friday. Saturday night he attended the Tullahoma Sports Council Hall of Fame event/dinner, thank you to Kurt Glick and his staff. He said on the agenda tonight there is a Resolution to consider approving the purchase of real property downtown. Mr. Worsham said he is getting ready to file law suits on the delinquent 2018 property taxes; to avoid this suit pay your delinquent taxes.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR** – Ms. Jennifer Moody asked if they BMA would consider appointing a liaison to the Chamber Board. She urged citizens to complete and mail back the Census papers that will soon be coming in the mail. Ms. Moody said ground has been broken for the new Tullahoma Police Department Building and she hopes to have a photo opportunity on March 9, 2020. Ms. Moody said staff is now entering into the annual budget preparation period. She said the Tullahoma Farmer’s Market season is coming up, it will be from April 1, 2020 through October 2020.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ITEM NO. 20-19 – MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2020 REGULAR MEETING**

**ITEM NO. 20-20 – JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

**ITEM NO. 20-21 – APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL ADVISOR AGREEMENT WITH STEPHENS INC.**

**ITEM NO. 20-22 – APPROVE A REQUEST TO DISPLAY TEMPORARY SIGNAGE PROMOTING THE TULLAHOMA FARMERS MARKET EACH MONDAY DURING THE MARKET SEASON FROM APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER 2020**

Mayor Pro Tem Blanks read the captions for the items on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Knowis and seconded by Alderman Blackwell to approve the items listed on the consent agenda.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1533 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE BY REPEALING AND REPLACING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 3 (BEER), SECTION 8-326 (PROHIBITED CONDUCT OR ACTIVITIES BY BEER PERMIT HOLDERS) OF TITLE 8 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES),** adopt on the second and final of two readings.

Mayor Pro Tem Blanks read the caption for Ordinance No. 1533.

A motion was made by Blackwell and seconded by Alderman Dunn to adopt Ordinance No. 1533 on the second and final of two readings.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 1534 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE BY REPEALING AND REPLACING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 2 (INTOXICATING LIQUORS), SECTION 8-223 (VISIBLE OPEN CONTAINERS ON STREETS, ETC., PROHIBITED) OF TITLE 8 (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES),** adopt on the second and final of two readings.

Mayor Pro Tem Blanks read the caption for Ordinance No. 1534.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and seconded by Alderman Blackwell to adopt Ordinance No. 1534 on the second and final of two readings.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM NO. 20-23 - RATIFY APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 114 SW ATLANTIC STREET AND 108 S. ATLANTIC STREET IN DOWNTOWN TULLAHOMA THE AMOUNT OF \$152,000**

Mayor Pro Tem Blanks read the caption for Agenda Item No. 20-23.

A motion was made by Alderman Knowis and seconded by Alderman Blackwell to ratify approval of the Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$152,000 for the acquisition of real property at 114 SW Atlantic Street and 108 S. Atlantic Street in downtown Tullahoma.

Alderman Berry asked how this item came about and a discussion ensued.

Ms. Jennifer Moody gave the background information.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Ayes: Blanks, Blackwell, Dunn, Knowis, Mathis

Nays: Berry

The vote being five (5) ayes and one (1) nay, the motion passed and was so ordered.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1822 – APPROVE A URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT (UDAG) LOAN APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 TO THE TULLAHOMA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO SUPPORT ACQUISITION OF DOWNTOWN PROPERTY**

Mayor Pro Tem Blanks read the whole Resolution No. 1822.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve a UDAG loan in the amount of \$75,000 to the Tullahoma Industrial Development Board to support acquisition of downtown property.

Ms. Jennifer Moody gave the background information.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Blackwell to amend Resolution No. 1822 by striking out the words “and parking fees” in the fourth whereas paragraph.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Ayes: Berry, Blackwell, Dunn, Knowis, Mathis

Nays: Blanks

The vote being five (5) ayes and one (1) nay, the motion to amend passed and was so ordered.

Resolution No. 1822 as amended was called to vote.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Ayes: Blanks, Blackwell, Dunn, Knowis, Mathis

Nays: Berry

The vote being five (5) ayes and one (1) nay, the Resolution as amended passed and was so ordered

**ORDINANCE 1535 - 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 TWO PARCELS ADDRESSED AS 330 BROADRICK STREET (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 124E, GROUP J, PARCEL 005.02) AND ANN STREET (COFFEE COUNTY TAX MAP 124E, GROUP J, PARCEL 005.01), FROM C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO I-1, RESTRICTED MANUFACTURING & WAREHOUSING DISTRICT, set a Public Hearing for Monday, April 13, 2020 and adopt on the first of two readings.**

Mayor Pro Tem Blanks read the caption for Ordinance No. 1535.

A motion was made by Alderman Knowis and seconded by Alderman Blackwell to set a Public Hearing for Monday, April 13, 2020 and adopt Ordinance No. 1535 on the first of two readings.

Ms. Jennifer Moody gave the background information and asked that we correct the typo regarding the parcel number from 005.00 to 005.01 on the second and final reading.

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 6:43 p.m.

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**CITY RECORDER**

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**MAYOR**