

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (BMA)
MINUTES FOR
OCTOBER 12, 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, October 12, 2020 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 also present at the meeting.

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

COMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATES: - NONE -

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Ray Knowis recognized the City Administrator, Ms. Jennifer Moody. She gave the background information regarding the employee of the month program. Ms. Moody stated Ms. Shelia Rico of the Parks and Recreation department was nominated by a co-worker in another department, because of all the classes she teaches regarding CPR training and First Aid training. Mr. Kurt Glick, Director of the Recreation Department and Ms. Moody then presented Ms. Rico her certificate. Ms. Rico recognized several of her co-workers for all of the help that they have given to her over the years.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Dr. Bill Sanders, 1706 Ovoca Road, said he attended a Governor's Task Force meeting this morning in Winchester regarding COVID-19. He urged citizens to use Personal Protection Measures (PPM) to help stop the spread of this virus. He said we should all set an example and live by example and wear a face mask while in public.

REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

ALDERMAN BLACKWELL - Ms. Blackwell said she had taken a vacation. She stated tomorrow there is a meeting for the final look at the By-Laws that have been prepared for the Community Council for Diversity Inclusion Agency. Ms. Blackwell stated she held her "Coffee and Conversation" meeting last Thursday.

ALDERMAN DUNN - Ms. Dunn said she attended a "Go Green" meeting on October 5 and next month's meeting will be on the first Monday at 5:00, here in the board room. She is looking for grants to apply for money.

MAYOR PRO TEM BLANKS - Dr. Blanks stated he had attended a Duck River Utility Commission meeting and a Tullahoma Utility Authority meeting. He stated early voting starts this Wednesday at our CD Stamps facility. He encouraged everyone to go vote and to shop locally.

ALDERMAN MCGEE - Ms. McGee said she attended several meetings and events including: a Farmer's to Family event; a Tullahoma Area Economic Development Corporation meeting; a Tullahoma Industrial Development Board meeting and the Mayor's Planning and Coordinating meeting. She said the month of October is Breast Cancer awareness month and she encouraged women to get their yearly breast exam. Ms. McGee said she is planning a Halloween Trick or Treat event that will be held at the Jefferson Street Park on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 4:00 to 6:00.

ALDERMAN BERRY - Mr. Berry stated he sends his condolences to the Lonnie Norman family in Manchester. (The Mayor of Manchester passed away from COVID-19). Mr. Berry said he took a quick trip to Ohio to visit his family; his baby sister is pregnant. He encouraged people to take time to be with family. He said he was sad to hear of the news that Brandon McGee lost his life in a senseless act of violence. He sends his condolences to Alderman Sernobia McGee and her family. Mr. Berry wanted to make clear once again his coughing is not due to COVID-19, he has had this cough for over a year now. He also stated he has Tourette syndrome that occasionally causes a twitch or tic condition. Mr. Berry stated in honor of Breast Cancer awareness month; the Tullahoma Imaging facility is hosting an Open House on Thursday, October 15, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00. Mr. Berry said he will hold his "Town Hall" meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 6:30 and the topic will be creating neighborhood districts.

ALDERMAN AMACHER - Ms. Amacher said she attended the Mayor's Planning and Coordinating meeting. She said that she intends to open a non-profit Alcohol and Drug abuse treatment center in a building that her granddad / dad own. Ms. Amacher stated she wanted to add two (2) items to the agenda for tonight's meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Amacher and seconded by Alderman Berry to add two (2) agenda items to the meeting tonight (an extension of the special event permit to London's Bar and Grill and to approve a "Right of Occupancy" memorandum).

Alderman Blackwell made a motion to table this until the next BMA meeting.

On roll call all members present voted as follows:

Yeas: Blackwell, Blanks, Dunn, Knowis, McGee

Nays: Amacher, Berry

The vote being five (5) yeas and two (2) nays; the motion passed and was so ordered.

MAYOR RAY KNOWIS - Mr. Knowis stated he had attended several meetings and events including: an Airport Authority meeting; an Economic Development meeting in Summerset Kentucky and a COVID-19 task force meeting in Winchester. He stated he will be attending the Development Committee meeting on Wednesday morning at the D.W. Wilson Community center building. Mr. Knowis also said the Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Parade will be held the first Friday of December (December 4, 2020).

CITY ATTORNEY - Mr. Stephen M. Worsham stated he is working on several items for the City. He did attend the recent Planning and Coordinating meeting. Mr. Worsham said the Arbor Day Foundation is giving away one hundred free trees.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - Ms. Jennifer Moody reported that the Board will be voting on an item tonight to consider holding a Public meeting to review the guidelines for a Community Block Grant program. She stated that later this week she will be meeting with the school to help review their up-coming curriculum. Ms. Moody said the Chamber of Commerce changed their fall event from the "Taste of Tullahoma" to the "Gobble Wobble 5-K". It is a walk, run or wobble event scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEM NO. 20-100- MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

ITEM NO. 20-101 - FINANCIAL REPORT - AUGUST

ITEM NO. 20-102 - ANNOUNCE A PUBLIC MEETING FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH AT 3:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND SOLICIT INPUT FROM RESIDENTS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL USE OF FUNDS FOR AN APPLICATION TO THE 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM OF THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ITEM NO. 20-103 - APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO REPLACEMENT VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,328.50, AT STATE CONTRACT PRICING, FROM COLUMBIA DODGE FOR THE TULLAHOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

ITEM NO. 20-104 - APPROVE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR MITEL TELEPHONY SYSTEM AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,218 FROM IDEACOM NETWORKS UTILIZING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PRICING (SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #022719-MBS) FOR THE NEW TULLAHOMA POLICE BUILDING

ITEM NO. 20-105 - APPROVE A FIVE-YEAR SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH POWER DMS, A MOBILE-ACCESSIBLE POLICY AND TRAINING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

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

Alderman Amacher asked if she could pull the Agenda Item No. 20-106 off of consent and discuss it in the new business section of the meeting.

Alderman Berry and Alderman Blanks agreed to change their motion

A motion was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Blanks to approve the items listed on the consent agenda, except to pull and discuss Agenda Item No. 20-106 separately.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 1831 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID OF TULLAHOMA ARTS CENTER, INC.

Mayor Knowis read the caption for Resolution No. 1831.

A motion was made by Alderman Blanks and seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve Resolution No. 1831.

Alderman Blackwell said she wanted to abstain from voting since she used to be on their Board for numerous years.

Alderman Blanks gave the background information; stating several meetings back the Board voted to table consideration until such time as a representative could attend the Board meeting and make a presentation to address the Board's questions and concerns regarding their nonprofit status, financial and organizational stability and it's proposed use of appropriated funding.

Mr. Joshua Cole, President of the Tullahoma Arts Center, gave a presentation on the status of the ARTS center in regards to their audit, membership, committees and internal controls. He handed out papers to the Alderman, see attachments.

A discussion ensued.

On roll call all members present voted aye and it was so ordered. (Please note Alderman Blackwell abstained from voting, so the results were 6 to 0)

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM NO. 20-107 – APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH AMERICAN CONSTRUCTORS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,000 FOR ADDITIONAL PAVING TO BE COMPLETED ON W. GRUNDY STREET IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER PAVING AS PART OF THE TULLAHOMA POLICE BUILDING CAPITAL PROJECT

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption of Agenda Item No. 20-107.

Ms. Moody, the City Administrator, gave the background information and stated she handed out an amendment to the Agenda Item that shows the actual dollar amount figures.

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

A discussion ensued.

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

ITEM NO. 20-106 – APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT MOTOROLA RADIO REPEATER, COMPLIANT WITH FEDERAL MANDATES FOR DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,856.72, BELOW STATE CONTRACT PRICING, FROM COMMUNICATIONS EVOLUTIONS TO PRIMARILY SUPPORT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Ray Knowis read the caption of Agenda Item No. 20-106.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman Dunn to approve the agenda item.

A discussion ensued.

Fire Chief Shasteen spoke to the BMA in regards to the continuity of equipment and supplies within the city departments.

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 6:54pm.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR